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The Remoron Bugs came at Paytowin and Joe from every direction. Paytowin paid no heed to those bugs. He continued stabbing his riflespear while firing. He summoned Brave King to help Joe deal with the bugs.

Joe and Brave King put themselves between Paytowin and the bugs. They positioned themselves on opposite sides. But since they were only two, they couldn't block the bugs from the other sides. That soon changed.

Joe used the first spell of Eldritch Knight. The spell was called Spectral Squad. It was the same as Spectral Projection, but while Spectral Projection created one copy of himself, Spectral Squad created ten! Each projection could use Joe's spells but shared the same cooldown.

Added with Mage Knight's spectral projection, twelve Joes stood in a circle around Paytowin. They formed a protective wall preventing the Remoron Bugs from disturbing Paytowin.

Joe left the damage-dealing to Paytowin because Paytowin's fallen apostle's weapon had better penetrative power. As for him, he was better at dealing with multiple enemies.

Each of his spectral projections started casting spells. When they were completed, different kinds of spells took effect. Magic Bombs, Lightning Strike, Flame Wrath, Ice Fall, Immolation, Black Hole, and many more.

Master acquired many spells because of his in-depth knowledge of this world. Wilted was the same. She had also gathered many technique books. She couldn't learn them because the spells were incompatible with her class. She kept them to give to her followers whom she deemed worthy. When Joe acquired the Eldritch Knight class and gained the ability to learn Archmage and Elementalist's non-standard spells, she passed these technique books to him.

Various spells battered the Remoron Bugs. The spells kept them from approaching. Joe's spectral projection then divided themselves into two teams. Six stayed at the back while continuing to cast spells. The remaining six engaged the bugs in melee combat.

Among the offensive spells he used was the level 80 spell from Eldritch Knight, Spectral Storm. The spell was an AOE spell that covered a very large area. Every enemy within this area received random elemental damage, including soul and chaos elements.

His spells always hit the ground. Considering the devil was the ground they stepped on, all the offensive spells he cast also damaged Leviathan. Leviathan roared in anger at these intruders. However, he was busy tussling with the Omega Battle Mech supported by Anotherday.

When Joe ran out of non-standard spells, the six positioned at the back changed to shooting range attacks. Another passive ability from Eldritch Knight granted Joe a standard ranged attack. He could fire energy blasts from his hand. It was like a permanent Spectral Discharge. If he cast Spectral Discharge, the damage value was added.

The Remoron Bugs' levels ranged from level 60 to 80. Their grades consisted of elites, special elites, and a few rare elites. They were not Joe's opponents. The bugs were slain one by one without being able to get past Joe or Brave King. However, the bugs also had ranged attacks. They could shoot energy needles from the limbs with the suction cups. Joe and Brave King couldn't stop all these energy needles. Some got past and hit Paytowin.

Paytowin wasn't bothered, though. Around his body was a translucent barrier. This barrier was a passive ability from Heavenly Mech Warrior, a permanent shield that acted like his second HP bar. All the damage he received needed to deplete this shield bar before they drained his HP bar. If he didn't suffer any damage within one minute, this shield bar started to regenerate. Its regeneration speed was five times the speed of normal HP recovery.

The value of this shield bar was half of his HP bar. But when he was in Alpha Techno Suit, the shield bar's value equaled his HP bar. In this way, he could be said to have double HP. However, the shield bar wasn't affected by defense or resistance. All attacks that hit Paytowin's barrier were considered as ignoring his defense. His barrier would always suffer full damage. Hence, it would always deplete faster than his HP bar. That was enough against the Remoron Bugs. This additional layer of protection let Paytowin ignore the few attacks that bypassed Joe.

While the two were having a party dishing out damage from Leviathan's back, Leviathan dished out fierce assaults on the Omega Battle Mech. The mech retaliated fiercely, but it was clear from the clash that Leviathan was still stronger. The battle mech continued to get pushed back.

Anotherday circled the two and stole attacks whenever he could. He had also activated Demonize Weapon. He kept a certain distance so he could flee when Leviathan decided to turn on him, but he was still caught off-guard one time.

This happened after Leviathan sent the Omega Battle Mech back with another tail slam. When Anotherday expected Leviathan to lunge at the battle mech for follow-up attacks, the devil turned to him instead. Leviathan cast a spell, and five pillars of raging tornados came at him.

He quickly flew away to dodge, but the pillars encompassed large areas. They were all around him and narrowed into his position. Unable to find an escape path, he was engulfed by the tornado.

When all five tornado pillars converged, a turbulent explosion occurred. Raging wind wrecked everything within the blast radius.

Leviathan sneered. He expected this one spell to kill the outworlder. But when the raging wind subsided, Anotherday was still alive. Not only that, but his HP bar was still around seventy percent.

"What...?!" Leviathan couldn't help but be shocked. He knew outworlders had an HP weakness. Two years had not yet passed since outworlders came into this world. Their age was not enough to have an HP comparable to natives. His spell should have slain the outworlder. Not only that did not happen, but the outworlder still had more than half his HP.

Leviathan then noticed a thin energy line coming out of Anotherday. He traced the energy line and found the other end was attached to the Omega Battle Mech. The mech's HP bar was also around seventy percent, the same as Anotherday.

That energy line was a soul link. While the Soul Link cast by a Reaver only affected the caster and the target, Wilted's Grim Reaper had a different version of the spell. It was the class' beginning spell, Generate Soul Link. This spell linked the HP bar between two targets, keeping their HP at the same percentage. Wilted cast it on Anotherday and the Omega Battle Mech when she saw Anotherday was in danger.

Wilted herself was just back from helping Meratis tend the Caelum Whale. Her Grim Reaper received a passive ability where she no longer needed to be the one who dealt damage to fill up her soul orb. All enemies and allies who lost their HP within her range would have those HP absorbed by her soul orb. The capacity of Grim Reaper's soul orb was much higher than regular Reaver's soul orb, at 1000% of Wilted's HP.

Both the damage suffered by Leviathan and the Omega Battle Mech quickly filled up her soul orb. She used that soul orb to heal the Caelum Whale. The Caelum Whale's HP was massive, so even with such a high capacity, she only healed a little of its HP. She was now back to aid the others, just in time to rescue Anotherday from a certain death.

Mazin was by her side. She sent her techno golem to engage Leviathan with the others. She used her Mech Master's skill, Limiter Off. Hot steam came out all over Mazin's body as its power increased.

Wilted then used her Mech Master's level 80 skill, Gigantify Golem. Mazin's metallic body enlarged as it advanced. It continued to grow until it was the size of a large-sized monster. It was dwarfed by the Omega Battle Mech, but it was large enough to join the

battle between titans. Mazin cooperated with the Omega Battle Mech and fought against Leviathan.

Anotherday also returned. With his HP bar linked with the Omega Battle Mech, he was not afraid of losing HP. He continued to throw one throwing weapon after another. He used Veiled Demon Slayer's level 70 skill, Chaos Net. One hundred needles flew out of his hand. They flew in zig-zag patterns. Their flight routes were untraceable. Enemies targeted by these needles would have a very hard time dodging. Not like it mattered, though. Leviathan was too big to miss, anyway.

The needles flew through the small gaps between Leviathan's armor plates and struck the skin behind those armor. These needles dealt chaos-element damage.

Leviathan tried to catch Anotherday a few more times. But after almost dying, Anotherday was more careful now. Additionally, with Mazin and the Omega Battle Mech together, Leviathan couldn't move as easily as before, even when he was still stronger than the two.

"Very good, pests," Leviathan uttered. "I applaud you all for pushing me this far. It is an insult to use this, but I can't just let you think you have a chance to win."

After he was done talking, a powerful shockwave erupted from his body.

"Joe! Paytowin! He is using it. Leave right now!!" Wilted warned the two.

The two were prepared. They flew away as fast as possible from Leviathan's body. Brave King followed them.

As they fled, a transformation happened to Leviathan. All the armor plates on his body were lifted. They became upright. They became like thorns all over his body, making him look like a porcupinefish. The eight fins by his sides shot out of his body. These fins became long tentacles. He now looked like an octopus.

"Hehe. Ready for round two?" Leviathan asked.

## **Chapter 1902. Pilot Mode**

Wilted and the others already knew Leviathan could change into this form. Despite their knowledge, they still creased their foreheads. Like Jeanny's team when they saw Mammon's transformation, Wilted's team also couldn't help but feel anxious due to the suffocating aura exuded by Leviathan. The devil had become much stronger after the transformation.

Paytowin and Joe could no longer stay on Leviathan's body. They could approach to land melee attacks, but they couldn't stay for long. This was because the mists around Leviathan's body had turned into a radioactive field. All within melee range would suffer

damage. This damage increased the longer they stayed within melee range. Only the Remoron Bugs were immune to this radioactive field. They now returned to hide inside Leviathan's armors.

"Well, ready or not. Here I come!" Leviathan exclaimed. He opened his jaws, and a bright bluish-white beam shot out.

Paytowin had landed back on the Omega Battle Mech's shoulder. The Omega Battle Mech advanced while everyone else retreated. This was to lure Leviathan into attacking the battle mech first.

Wilted had informed everyone about the danger of Leviathan's radioactive breath. It dealt massive soul damage.

Paytowin was ready. He had his hand on the battle mech's neck. "Boson Shield!" He exclaimed. The surface where his hand touched glowed with electric currents.

An oval translucent shield appeared in front of the Omega Battle Mech. The radioactive breath slammed into this shield. The shield trembled heavily under the pressure, and so did the Omega Battle Mech. Paytowin had to use two hands to grab the battle mech's shoulder plate to keep himself steady.

The Boson Shield lasted a while but ultimately dimmed before dispersing altogether. The radioactive beam crashed into the Omega Battle Mech. The battle mech used two arms to block the blast but was pushed a long way back. Damage numbers incessantly popped up above its head.

Luckily, the Boson Shield had reduced more than half of the radioactive breath's power. Even so, the Omega Battle Mech lost almost twenty percent of its HP.

"The mech's HP is below fifty percent now. Do it, George!" Wilted called.

"Let me use my other two skills first!" Paytowin exclaimed

His level 70 skill was Delta Station. The skill summoned a hovering battle station at a static location. He placed this delta station near Leviathan. Upon appearing, the delta station applied a trap effect in a large area around it. Every enemy within its AOE lost mobility for a few seconds. The station itself was equipped with energy guns and cannons that bombarded nearby enemies.

Allies with ranged attacks could enter this delta station and attack from inside. The station had a barrier that prevented hostile attacks from entering, similar to the barrier protecting the mobile fortress. Allies who entered the station received a boost to their attack range.

Another day and Joe planned to enter this delta station, but Paytowin placed it too close to Leviathan. So, they stayed away for now. They sent ranged attacks from a safe distance.

The delta station's guns and cannons opened fire at Leviathan, who was still under the trap effect from the station. Normal enemies would need five seconds to recover from the mobility-neutralization effects, but Leviathan could move again after only two seconds.

Leviathan looked at the delta station. He swung his tail and slammed it into the station. The barrier protecting the station flickered. Leviathan's eight tentacles grabbed the station. They wrapped around the station and tightened. The barrier flashed brightly as it resisted the tentacles' pressure.

While Leviathan wrestled with the delta station, another huge object descended from the sky. Those who had seen Paytowin use Mothership Bombardment would think he was using that skill now. The spaceship that appeared might look the same as the one from that skill. However, this was a different skill. While Mothership Bombardment was an offensive skill, this was a summoning skill.

The spaceship that appeared was from Heavenly Mech Warrior's level 80 skill, Mothership Sigma. The spaceship was not here to deliver only a few rounds of attacks like Mothership Bombardment. It stayed. If it was not destroyed, it would last for an hour.

Mothership Sigma began its assault by firing its main cannon, which it never used when Paytowin used Mothership Bombardment. The main cannon discharged a bright beam laced with blue lightning. This beam slammed into Leviathan's titanic body and pushed him away.

Leviathan ignored the assault. He didn't let go of the Delta Station. The station in his tentacles' grip was dragged away following him.

Mothership Sigma continued its assault by firing a volley of missiles and a barrage of gunshots from the various arsenals all over its body. It also had multiple cannons that fired intense plasma rays.

Leviathan suffered damage from all these attacks, but not that much. After the transformation, his defense, which was already superb, had improved further. He continued applying pressure on the Delta Station, which now showed many cracks in its walls. Its barrier had weakened to the lowest point.

With a violent outburst, Leviathan bit the Delta Station. This was the final straw. The Delta Station finally gave in. It snapped. Leviathan's eight tentacles split the station by pulling it apart in eight different directions.

Anotherday and Joe, who saw the scene, were glad they didn't enter the Delta Station. They stayed near the mothership and used it as cover while they continued sending ranged attacks. Wilted did the same. She also had standard ranged attacks, even if not as strong as the others.

The mothership released another of its weapons as Leviathan turned his attention to it. Multiple triangle-shaped interceptors flew out of the mothership and started flying around Leviathan at high speed while shooting at him. Leviathan's tentacles slapped around to catch these interceptors. One was destroyed with a slap. The others swerved around in evasive maneuvers. They were as if flies flying around the devil.

While Leviathan was busy, Paytowin went to the front of the Omega Battle Mech's chest. He touched the center of the chest, which looked like a power core. That power core opened up and showed what looked like a cockpit. He entered that cockpit.

Either one of two conditions was needed before this cockpit could be accessed. The first was if the Omega Battle Mech reached the last hour of its three-hour duration. The second was if the Omega Battle Mech's HP decreased to half.

After Paytowin entered the cockpit, the chest closed again. Afterward, a color transformation happened to the Omega Battle Mech. Before, its color was dominated by dark blue. Now, it had become pure white. There was even a soft glow all over the mech's surface as if it was emitting light.

The battle mech's power output increased once it entered this pilot mode. Paytowin had full control over this mech now. The ring of light on its back flared even brighter as it burst and sent the mech charging forward.

The Omega Battle Mech had several skills, but it needed Paytowin's access before it could use these skills. That's why previously, Paytowin had to touch the mech before it used the Electron Blades and the Boson Shield. Paytowin was now using another of its skills while it charged forward, the Hadron Launchers.

The Omega Battle Mech's shoulder pads opened, revealing rows of launchers. Countless missiles were fired from these launchers. The fired missiles were coated with blue light. They left traces of light as they flew in random patterns.

The missiles from the Hadron Launchers evaded the interceptors buzzing around Leviathan. They exploded after hitting Leviathan's body. The devil was soon covered by unending explosions as each missile detonated.

A roar of anger resounded from inside the explosion. Leviathan didn't expect his transformation to not only fail to surprise his opponents, but they could still cause him trouble.

The Omega Battle Mech arrived then. It punched with its fist equipped with the electron blade. The power of the punch boosted by the charge sent Leviathan reeling back. Paytowin didn't let up. He punched repeatedly to keep Leviathan at bay while the others, his mothership, and the interceptors continued sending barrages of range attacks.

"Insolent fool!" Leviathan roared. His tentacles slapped into the Omega Battle Mech and stopped its assault. He lunged forward to take a bite using his enormous mouth, but the Boson Shield appeared in his path. He crashed into the energy shield.

The shield couldn't stop attacks from all directions, though. Two of Leviathan's tentacles slipped in from the side and caught the battle mech's arms. They wrapped around those arms and refused to let go. The other tentacles came. Leviathan was trying to repeat what he did to the Delta Station. He wanted to tear the Omega Battle Mech apart.

The Omega Battle Mech started glowing. Leviathan felt the mana built up within the battle mech but refused to let go. He was confident his improved defense could tank whatever assault the battle mech threw at him. His eight tentacles tightened around the battle mech's body.

The glow grew until the light engulfed both the Omega Battle Mech and Leviathan, and then everything turned white.

### **Chapter 1903. Eat Me!**

Wilted and the others started moving away once the Omega Battle Mech glowed. The Mothership Sigma did the same. The interceptors returned to the mothership.

The energy from the Omega Battle Mech reached a critical mass and erupted. The Mothership Sigma shielded Wilted and the others from the shockwave. Even after moving quite a distance, the shockwave was still strong. Even Meratis, who was watching from further away, felt the blow. She still found it hard to believe these four outworlders could fight Leviathan to such an extent.

When Wilted and the others looked back, what they saw was a giant white ball in the sky. The nearby clouds were blown away by the eruption. It was a clear blue sky where the white ball was. Not a single cloud was seen.

The white ball finally receded. Two titanic figures returned to sight, the Omega Battle Mech and Leviathan. The Omega Battle Mech was fine. Leviathan, however, lost his eight tentacles. Those tentacles had been severed by the explosion.

Leviathan was silent. He just stared at the Omega Battle Mech. Some armor plates on his body had visible cracks. His HP bar was down to almost seventy percent.

Leviathan had ridiculously high HP. Among the six devils, no one could beat him in the matter of endurance. Due to his tremendous HP, his natural HP recovery was also high. Since the war started, there had never been an instance where his HP dropped below ninety percent.

Paytowin didn't stay still for long. If he didn't resume attacking, Leviathan's high HP recovery would render all their efforts meaningless. Leviathan's natural HP recovery was even more potent than the regular healing spells because of his insane HP.

The skill Paytowin used just now was Omega Battle Mech's ultimate move, but it could only be used once per summon. Unlike normal skills, the Omega Battle Mech didn't use a cooldown system for its skills. Instead, it used ammo and energy. The ultimate skill just now was the Photon Neutralizer. This skill had only one ammo. The Hadron Launchers it used before had five ammo, so it could use the skill another four times.

As for its other skills, they consumed energy. The Electron Blades consumed 5 energies for one minute of activation. The Boson Shield consumed 30 energies. The Omega Battle Mech had 300 energies. Its energy recovery was 1 energy per minute under normal conditions. When it was in pilot mode, the energy recovery was 3 energy per minute.

Paytowin was now using its last available skill, the Neutron Gun. A turret came out from the mech's glove compartment. It then fired a bright white beam. This Neutron Gun consumed 3 energies for each shot.

The white beam hit Leviathan, who just stayed still in the air. He didn't budge when the beam hit him. His eyes remained fixated on the battle mech. He was as if not even feel the beam when it hit him.

The statue-like treatment sent a chill down Paytowin's spine. He stopped after firing the Neutron Gun.

Leviathan finally spoke, "Bravo, outworlder. I didn't expect one with such a power to exist in this upperworld. I kept on being the one who was surprised even after I showed my true form. Let's change that, shall we?"

Finished speaking, all his severed tentacles grew back in an instant. They were as good as new.

"Instant regeneration?!" Wilted uttered after seeing from afar.

"You never told us he has that skill...," Joe said.

"That must be one of his randomly acquired skills," Wilted said. "Damn! I didn't expect him to possess the same skill as the primordial hydra. After our plan of using the omega battle mech's ultimate weapon to take out those tentacles, it has been wasted..."

The Photon Neutralizer wasn't exactly wasted since it took out a chunk of Leviathan's HP. Even so, their main targets were those tentacles. Cutting off those tentacles was akin to cutting off Leviathan's limbs. Without the tentacles, Leviathan would have to resort to only using body slams and bites to deal with his opponents, similar to before his transformation.

After those tentacles regrew, they all spit out Soul Lasso. Paytowin was still shocked by Leviathan's instant regeneration. His reaction was slow. The Soul Lasso was also very quick and sudden. The silver rope hit multiple parts of the Omega Battle Mech and coiled around them.

Paytowin reacted by firing another round of Hadron Launchers. The missiles swirled in all directions before they converged upon Leviathan.

Leviathan was ready this time. He didn't have things buzzing around him. He cast Solitary Wind World before the missiles arrived. A sphere of raging winds surrounded his body. The missiles hit the sphere and exploded without hitting his body. The fierce wind even prevented the energy from the explosion from reaching him.

While Paytowin watched his missiles explode without harming their targets, he felt a violent yank. The ring of light behind the Omega Battle Mech flared brightly as it increased its power output to resist the pull, but it was losing in strength.

Leviathan lunged forward before the explosions receded. Paytowin reactivated Electron Blades and punched at the incoming Leviathan. The punch stopped the devil for half a second, but Leviathan forced himself forward again. His enormous jaws chomped the battle mech's shoulder. All eight tentacles wrapped themselves around the mech's different body parts.

Paytowin didn't stay still. While Leviathan's strength had increased after his transformation, the Omega Battle Mech was also stronger in pilot mode. He never stopped punching Leviathan from close range. The electron blades stabbed into the devil's body repeatedly. The neutron gun on its glove also never stopped firing. Paytowin didn't think about preserving the energy. If he couldn't get the mech out of this grapple, all the remaining energies were useless anyway.

The Hadron Launchers fired another round of missiles. The missiles flew forward before making a sharp turn and hitting Leviathan on his back. Leviathan ignored all that. He focused on applying pressure on the Omega Battle Mech. Cracks started appearing all over.

"System failure... System failure..." Paytowin heard the warning from inside the cockpit.

The Mothership Sigma had returned. It sent out its interceptors again. It also fired all its available arsenal at Leviathan. Joe, Anotherday, Brave King, and Mazin joined in on the attack.

Leviathan ignored all that. He had cast another spell before lunging out to attack the Omega Battle Mech. A layer of wind blew around his body, reducing the damage from all the attacks hitting him. The spell was Wind Armor.

As the pressure on the Omega Battle Mech increased, Leviathan's tentacles and jaws flared silver. Leviathan's strength suddenly intensified. It was a short boost skill that affected only one attack, Soul Devastator.

The Omega Battle Mech's armor finally couldn't endure that last attack. Its armor shattered. Its parts that were entangled by Leviathan's tentacles broke to pieces. Its HP bar was directly zeroed. It fizzled out of existence, leaving Paytowin directly in front of the devil.

"Oh, shit!" Paytowin cursed.

Before he could react, Leviathan opened his mouth and swallowed Paytowin whole.

"No!" Wilted cried. Did they lose their first member before even reducing Leviathan's HP to half?

"I will save him!" Joe exclaimed. His body exploded with a foggy blue aura. This was Eldritch Knight's level 60 skill, Spectral Empowerment. It was a buff skill that reduced all received damage and increased all spectral skills. It also added soul-element damage to all his attacks.

"What are you going to do?" Wilted asked.

"Don't worry about me. Just continue attacking Leviathan!" Joe said before flying forward. His flight speed increased under the Spectral Empowerment.

Although Joe told her not to worry, Wilted still did. The guy was heading toward a devil who just chomped the shit out of a giant robot, after all. Wilted cast Generate Soul Link again.

The Generate Soul Link was unlike other spells with a cooldown. She could maintain it indefinitely but could only have one active at the first level. Her current max level let her maintain three soul links. She had deactivated the soul link between Anotherday and the Omega Battle Mech when she saw Leviathan use Soul Devastator. Otherwise, Anotherday would have died as well.

She was now applying one of the three slots of Generate Soul Link between Joe and Mothership Sigma. Another one she used to link Anotherday with Mazin. The third one she kept for reserve.

While Leviathan was busy with Anotherday, Mazin, Brave King, and the interceptors, Joe flew directly to the devil's head. He glanced at Brave King, who was still there. 'Good,' he said in his mind. That meant Paytowin was still alive.

Joe made his presence known by casting a lightning strike that struck Leviathan's head. The devil turned to him with an expression that said, 'What does this clown think he is doing?'

Joe returned the stare and shouted, "You, ugly piece of an oversized eyesore! If you have the guts, eat me too!"

Leviathan responded by opening his mouth and clamping it down with Joe inside. He then swallowed. Now, two of the troublesome outworlders were out of the picture.

"This is the first time I heard such a request, weird fool," Leviathan muttered. He then turned his attention back to the others.

## **Chapter 1904. Escaping from Within the Devil**

Violent wind raged inside Leviathan's mouth. Before Joe knew it, a strong suction force pulled him deeper into the darkness that was Leviathan's throat.

The raging wind continued to assail his body, causing damage each second. Even with his Spectral Empowerment, he would have trouble staying alive for long. He realized then that he had overestimated his survivability. Luckily, Wilted had placed a soul link between him and Mothership Sigma. The soul link was still active even after he was swallowed by Leviathan.

He continued to plummet deeper into the devil's body. He only stopped after coming out into a large chamber. The chamber was filled with the same raging winds that eat at his HP. At the bottom of the chamber was a lake filled with silver liquid. This silver liquid was sizzling like lava. He didn't doubt his HP bar would decrease even faster if he touched this silver lava.

The worst thing was that some sort of powerful gravity was pulling him down toward the silver lava. The wings from his wing tool flapped rapidly to fight the pulling force, but he was losing altitude with each second.

While he tried his best not to get pulled down, he heard a call. "Joe? You are also swallowed by Leviathan?"

Joe turned and saw Paytowin. His body was glowing. Paytowin had used Unyielding Hope. The divine skill gave him a short invulnerability when activated. It was followed by a 90% damage reduction for half a minute, then a 50% damage reduction in the next five minutes, and finally, a 20% damage reduction for one hour. His natural recovery also doubled at this time.

That's how he survived this long while being inside Leviathan's stomach. The current effect of his Unyielding Hope was a 50% damage reduction. When that ended, the 20% damage reduction wouldn't be able to keep his HP up. Furthermore, he was close to touching the silver lava.

"I'm not swallowed. I'm here to save you," Joe uttered.

"Okay. Good job, man," Paytowin said with a sarcastic tone.

"Hey! Is that the way you talk to your savior?" Joe asked.

"How about you save me first, savior? Then, I will change my tone," Paytowin returned.

"You of little faith, I will show you!" Joe exclaimed and used his Eldritch Knight's level 70 skill. A circular portal appeared under him. At the same time, a similar portal emerged next to Paytowin.

"Oh, right! You have this skill," Paytowin uttered.

"Now, do you believe me?" Joe asked and stopped resisting the augmented gravity. He fell into the portal below him and came out next to Paytowin.

He grabbed Paytowin's arm. As he did, the two portals disappeared. However, another soon reappeared under them, and another one a distance away near the entrance to this chamber where they came in from. The two let themselves fall into the portal. They reappeared at the portal near the chamber's entrance.

The portals were from Joe's skill, Spectral Doors. This skill created two portals that teleported everything that went in from one portal to the other. At the first level, the maximum distance between the two portals was twenty meters. At Joe's max level, the maximum distance was fifty meters.

This portal was not a one-time cast spell. It was a maintained spell. As long as it was still within the spell's active duration, Joe could adjust the portals' positions and use them repeatedly. Spectral Doors at its first level lasted one minute. At max level, it lasted three minutes.

Joe repeatedly used the portals during the spell's duration. He went in one and went out another, all the while progressively placing the portals in the direction back to Leviathan's mouth.

"Can't you just place the portal directly outside?" Paytowin asked.

"I don't know how thick Leviathan's meat is. My maximum limit is fifty meters. We can be stuck inside his body if we come out where there is no cavity to move," Joe answered.  
"This is the safest path. We will exit the way we entered."

"Your spell's duration is enough for the task, right?" Paytowin asked.

Their progress was slow. The raging wind continued to blow them back into Leviathan's stomach. Joe had to always put their entry portal right behind them so the wind blew them back into the portal. This meant they always lost a little progress every time they advanced. Joe also had to be quick in adjusting the portals' positions, so they lost as little progress as possible.

"I hope so..." Joe answered. "Now stop talking to me. I need to concentrate."

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Outside, the battle continued. Wilted cast Grim Reaper's level 60 spell, Soul Trap. This spell created a link that tethered an enemy to a target location. Wilted's max-leveled spell could tether a maximum of ten enemies. But currently, they only fought Leviathan, so only the devil was tethered.

Tethered enemies affected by this spell couldn't go further than thirty meters from the tethered location, which Wilted placed at one spot in the sky. At max level, the furthest distance the enemies could move was only ten meters away from the tethered location.

This ultimately anchored Leviathan to a spot. Additionally, all the damage suffered by the tethered enemies would fill the caster's soul orb, even if said caster was far away. This soul trap lasted one minute at its first level and five minutes at its maximum level.

Leviathan was angry for getting anchored. He pulled to release himself. But despite his overwhelming strength, the link refused to let go. It was getting thinner, though, due to the pressure from Leviathan's pull. A normal enemy might be trapped for the spell's full duration, but that was unlikely to happen against a powerful being such as Leviathan. Even one minute was already a stretch.

Leviathan was frustrated when the soul trap didn't let go immediately when he heaved. In his fury, he used another of his special skills. Countless things started to fly out of his body. Those things were the Remoron Bugs. Leviathan shared his mana to give these bugs the ability to fly and leave his body for a period.

These bugs scattered to engage the enemies.

Wilted and the others were aware Leviathan had this ability. They were prepared. Anotherday used Veiled Demon Slayer's level 50 skill, Protective Chakrams. Five chakrams flew out and revolved around his body. They dealt damage and knocked all hostiles that came into the user's melee range. He followed up with Concealed Needle, which struck all the Remoron Bugs in his vicinity.

Wilted used her buff spell, which was Grim Reaper's level 70 spell, Presence of the Reaper. This spell absorbed HP from all hostiles while healing all allies within range. It

was similar to Reaver's Haunting Ground spell but covered a much larger area. It also lasted longer and followed the caster around.

She then cast Grim Reaper's level 80 spell, Conversion of Souls. This spell dealt 500% soul damage to a target area. This area was marked for the remainder of the battle. Anyone who suffered damage within this area contributed to the caster's soul orb, even if the caster was far away. Caster could also heal allies within this area even when these allies were not within the soul orb's range, providing she could see them, of course.

Wilted placed this spell where it also touched Leviathan, so the devil received the soul damage. With all the damage from her spells, her soul orbs quickly filled. She used them to heal Anotherday, Brave King, and Mazin, who were surrounded by the Remoron Bugs.

While Leviathan was immobilized, Wilted cast Grim Reaper's level 90 spell, Reaper's Touch. The spell dealt 2500% soul damage to a target. It had a 30% chance of an instant-kill effect. This instant-kill effect was useless against Leviathan. Even so, the devil received a debuff, the same as any target who survived the instant kill. The debuff caused the target's stats and defenses to reduce by 10% for the remainder of the battle. This debuff effect was not stackable. If Leviathan was hit again by Reaper's Touch, its stats and defenses would not reduce any further.

In the case that the target was killed by Reaper's Touch, the caster received a second fully-filled soul orb. This second soul orb lasted five minutes, similar to Reaver's Soul Annihilation, which Wilted also cast on Leviathan to add to the damage.

Leviathan was furious at being a punching bag while unable to move. He discharged wind blades to strike all the opponents, particularly Wilted. Wilted was standing on Mothership Sigma. The mothership had a barrier similar to Paytowin's. One had to deplete its shield bar before it received damage to its HP. This barrier shielded Wilted from Leviathan's wind blades.

Suddenly, a circular portal materialized beside Leviathan's mouth. Out of this portal, Paytowin and Joe emerged.

"What...?!" Leviathan couldn't believe what he saw.

Before Leviathan registered the situation, the two hurriedly fled to a safe distance.

"Graahhh...!!!" Leviathan roared in anger. He didn't believe he got played like this. His anger augmented his strength. Wilted's Soul Trap couldn't hold the devil any longer. It finally fizzled. Leviathan was free.

He opened his mouth, and a Soul Lasso shot out. It was not the thin version shot from his tentacles but the thick one that could drag even the Omega Battle Mech. Leviathan

originally planned to use this Soul Lasso to catch Mothership Sigma, but he instead aimed this skill at the two fleeing outworlders. It was a waste to use this skill on them, but he was too pissed to care right now.

Luckily, the duration of Spectral Doors was not yet over. Joe hurriedly placed a portal behind them once he saw Leviathan open his mouth in their direction. The Soul Lasso shot into this portal. The other portal was placed right next to Leviathan's head. The soul lasso came out of that portal and slapped Leviathan's own head.

Leviathan growled. He almost couldn't contain his anger. Getting played twice, he had to tear those two outworlders to pieces to assuage his fury. But before he could chase the two, a massive torrent of water washed over him. A huge shadow within the water slammed into him and caused him to reel.

"Meratis!" Wilted called. The one who had butted in was Meratis and the Caelum Whale.

"The Caelum Whale is not fully healed yet, but I see you can use the help," Meratis replied.

## **Chapter 1905. Hot-headed Lunatic**

At the Southern Aurebor Front, the Verremor army held the defensive line fearlessly. The orcs were a race with unusual battle lust. They were not easily intimidated, even when the enemies outnumbered or outpowered them. Additionally, they were reinforced by their national treasure, the Totem Banner.

Water Lily was in charge of the Totem Banner, while the ten war banners that received the Totem Banner's effects were entrusted to the field commanders who spread out on the battlefield. Water Lily herself was working on the war table, organizing the army for an effective defense.

She was so focused on what she was doing, and everyone had been running around the place all the time, that she didn't sense someone coming behind her.

"How's the battle going?"

Water Lily was startled by the question. She turned and saw Four Winds. Leavemealone, Arthur Bagrat, and Blackhole stood behind Four Winds. The bodyguards protecting Water Lily and the war table let them pass since Four Winds was the Grand Chief.

"Grand Chief!" Umeza Giantkiller called. He was in charge of the security around Water Lily. He was fighting a demon who tried to get to the war table. He gave the demon a roundhouse kick that sent the demon away. He ordered his pet, the three-headed wolf, to deal with the demon while he came to Four Winds.

"It's about time you come," Water Lily said to Four Winds. She talked while returning her attention to the war table. "Want to take over? I honestly don't know how to turn things around. I might need to issue a retreat if the situation doesn't change."

"I can't. You need to keep steering the army. I have to deal with another thing," Four Winds answered.

"Other things like what?" Water Lily asked.

"Like defeating Asmodeus," Four Winds answered. He was observing the map above the war table. It was easy to identify Asmodeus' position on that map. The devil was represented by the largest red dot.

"My regiment and I will follow you to battle the devil," Umeza declared.

"No. Your regiment stays here and protects this place," Four Winds ordered. To Water Lily, he said, "I need you to rearrange the troops to keep the other demons away from Asmodeus. I want to focus on Asmodeus without interruption."

"That will be difficult. Despite his size, that devil is very fast," Water Lily answered. "Plus, the other sides of this defensive line will weaken if I retask the troops to focus on the area around Asmodeus. We might end up having to retreat earlier."

"We won't be retreating anymore," Four Winds announced.

Water Lily turned to Four Winds again. She was trying to check if he was joking. Four Winds was displaying his regular serious face.

Four Winds saw the skepticism in Water Lily's expression. He added, "We will be making our stand here. There will be no more retreat. We will defeat the devil. It's time to go all out!"

"Grand Chief, maybe that is too hasty?" Umeza said. "Please don't underestimate Asmodeus. You haven't seen the devil in action. He is not an opponent who can be defeated simply by using more troops. We have lost a lot of good orc warriors who tried to do that. The ones who can face Asmodeus are the hi-ranked members from the Council of Hybris. Even they lost quite many members already. Currently, they simply tried to keep him at bay instead of trying to defeat him."

"I'm not fighting him using more troops," Four Winds said. "The troops' task is to deal with the nearby demons. I will fight Asmodeus with my three friends."

"Three?" Umeza asked.

"Yes, three. These are...," Four Winds was about to introduce the three that came with him but found that only Arthur and Blackhole were behind him.

"Where did Haon go?" Four Winds asked.

Arthur and Blackhole looked back. Leavemealone stood at the rearmost. They were also not aware that Leavemealone was gone.

"That kid's mana concealment had reached this stage. Impressive," Arthur said. "The youngsters these days are truly something else."

After learning Jack had mastered mana concealment, Leavemealone asked Domon to teach him. At that time, Wong was already Domon's good friend. Wong, who was more experienced in mana concealment, volunteered to aid in the training. With Leavemealone's determination and talent, he successfully learned the ability.

"Uh... I think he is heading to Asmodeus," Water Lily said. She pointed at a green dot on the map. That green dot was moving at a high speed to the big red dot representing Asmodeus.

"He must have left after learning Asmodeus' location from that map," Blackhole said.

"Damned that hot-headed lunatic..." Four Winds cursed.

"We can't let him fight the devil alone," Arthur said. He used his wings tool and flew toward where Asmodeus was.

Blackhole went after Arthur without saying anything.

"Some troublesome teammates you have there. Are you going to be okay, boss?" Water Lily asked.

Four Winds put a hand on his temple and shook his head. "Sigh... I guess I will have to be the one adjusting to their rhythm."

"Grand Chief, are you sure you don't need my regiment's aid?" Umeza asked again.

"Don't worry. Despite how they act, they are capable combatants. We will not lose. Let me repeat, we will not retreat again."

Four Winds used his wings tool and floated up. As he did, he pumped mana manipulation into his voice. His words reverberated throughout the battlefield, "Verremor warriors! This is your grand chief speaking! We will defeat the devil and drive back the demons on this battlefield. From now on, there will be no retreat. We will only advance! Steel yourself, my warriors! For victory is at hand! For the glory of Verremor...!!!"

The orcish soldiers who heard the rally responded with valorous cries. Their battle cry echoed throughout the battlefield.

Water Lily, who was watching the projection over the war table, was impressed to see the army morale which had fallen to almost 50, rose back to above 70. She smiled after seeing the number.

'That's our guild leader for you,' she thought.

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Asmodeus' man-head turned in the direction where the mana-empowered voice was coming from. He snickered after hearing the declaration. "No longer retreating? Such a boastful statement," He muttered.

He then turned his attention back to the four natives battling him. All of them were members of the Council of Hybris. They had lost countless members during this war. They had even lost one of their leaders just two days ago. Balrd had fallen. Only Petunia was left.

The radiant peafowl also almost died earlier. Petunia forced it to retreat to heal its wound first. It was unwilling but finally yielded to Petunia's demand and retreated. As for Quetzalcoatl, he was helping the other side of the battlefield. Most of his skills were lightning-based. They were very ineffective against Asmodeus.

After Balrd's demise, Petunia wished to halt Asmodeus' advance all by herself due to her pride, but a squad of high-level members of the Council of Hybris came to her aid. These members weren't going to lose both their leaders, even if it meant leaving the other parts of the battlefield weakened.

That squad was now down to only four, including Petunia. Two of the four were level 85 mythical grades. These two had their HPs at critical already. The remaining one specialized in healing spells. She tried to heal her two comrades, but Asmodeus cast Interrupt, and her casting failed.

Asmodeus' bird claws went in a flash and stomped one of the mythical combatants. That stomp was using a skill. It caused a localized earthquake. The combatant died after the stomp.

The other one received splash damage but not that bad since he successfully dodged from getting a direct stomping. His accomplishment didn't last long, though. Asmodeus' serpent tail shot a lightning bolt that pierced him. He lost his life after that assault.

Petunia never stopped firing using her bowgun, but Asmodeus ignored her attacks. Asmodeus had a magic shield empowered by lightning that blocked her attacks. Normally, Magic Shield only reduced damage, but Asmodeus' Lightning Shield had runic symbols reinforcing it. This Lightning Shield blocked Petunia's shots completely. None of her arrows hit the devil.

"Aneid, get back!" Petunia told her healer comrade. She was casting a spell while firing her bowgun. The spell was now completed. A black hole appeared near Asmodeus. While a black hole was inherently dark, this one had darkness-element infused to it. This dark black hole pulled at Asmodeus while causing dark-element damage.

Asmodeus didn't appear perturbed by the spell. He shoved one of his bird claws into the black hole. He then squeezed. The black hole distorted until eventually, it was ripped apart.

Petunia was taken aback. She couldn't believe Asmodeus could end her spell by force.

"Without your partner, you are nothing," Asmodeus mocked. "Perhaps it's time I end this game and send you to reunite with him."

Petunia's HP was also not well. She was below 30% HP. Aneid tried her best to heal Petunia, but her healings were not fast enough.

When Asmodeus was preparing three spells simultaneously to make good on his threat, a high-pitched screech was heard. He turned to the source and saw something that looked like a firebird coming at him at high speed.

"Hmph! Another plaything?" Asmodeus snorted. He changed one of his spells back into the lightning shield to block this newcomer.

The firebird crashed into the runic-empowered lightning shield. While the lightning shield seemed to hold, Asmodeus sensed a sudden spike of mana. Something that looked like a dark drill pierced through his lightning shield. A raging flame burst through the hole caused by this dark drill. That flame transformed into a flaming tiger head.

This flaming tiger head slammed into Asmodeus' man-head. As it did, Asmodeus felt like he had been punched by a giant fist. His head reeled back from the punch. His two other spells ended mid-casting, and he was forced a couple of steps back from the impact.

## **Chapter 1906. Facing the Devil Alone**

The one who had landed a punch on Asmodeus' face was none other than Leavemealone. He used the Nine-Yin Abyssal Finger to pierce Asmodeus' lightning shield, before using Tiger Punch to land the hit.

He was in white tiger emperor form. The form was buffed with both white tiger claws and white tiger rage. Flames enshrouded his body. On his back was a pair of flaming wings. This was not the wings from a wings tool. Both the flames covering his body and the wings were Suzaki's flames.

Leavemealone didn't waste the opportunity when Asmodeus was still dazed by the attack. His body spun at high speed as he performed another martial art he learned from Domon, the Whirlwind Kick. Suzuki's flames followed his movement, creating a flaming hurricane that both empowered the martial art's power and increased the damage it inflicted. Asmodeus had to take another step back as his heads received repeated kicks.

"Enough!" Asmodeus hollered. A shockwave erupted from him. The force repelled Leavemealone, stopping his assault.

Asmodeus' bird foreleg came up in the attempt to catch Leavemealone, but Leavemealone's reaction was fast enough. Leavemealone activated Illusive Form. He left myriad afterimages as he moved away. Asmodeus' claw only caught his illusion.

Leavemealone stopped a distance away. Petunia and Aneid were stunned by Leavemealone's sudden intrusion into the fight. They just stood there and watched.

"An outworlder..." Asmodeus massaged his man-head with his claw. "Do you have a death wish?"

Leavemealone answered by using Ki Bullet. The energy ball he fired was coated in thick fire. It made the Ki Bullet look like a giant fireball.

"Audacious! Since you wish to die so much, let me fulfill your wish!" Asmodeus rushed forward. A swing of his foreleg destroyed the fire-shrouded ki bullet, but Leavemealone was already gone when Asmodeus arrived.

Asmodeus sensed Leavemealone circling behind him. His dragon hindlegs went up attempting a double kick, but Leavemealone's reaction allowed him to dodge. Asmodeus' snake-tail followed up by firing a lightning bolt, but that also missed.

Frustrated, Asmodeus chased after Leavemealone. The two went in circles like cat and mouse, clashing at high speed. Leavemealone's two hands were powered by the Fire-infused Fist. The flames were further boosted by Suzuki's flames. His punches with all the buffs were strong enough to clash with Asmodeus' claws. When the two collided, Leavemealone was pushed away but suffered no damage.

His Fire-infused Fist no longer had a duration or cooldown. This was one of the passive abilities of his pinnacle class, the Supreme Fist. His fists would always enshroud in flames as long as combat was ongoing.

Petunia couldn't believe a single outworlder could make Asmodeus focus his attention. She snapped out of her trance and resumed firing her gunbow while casting a spell. She also yelled at Aneid, who hurriedly resumed healing her.

"Who is that outworlder?" Aneid asked.

"Don't know..." Petunia answered. She was displeased at herself for feeling the relief of having someone outside of her faction helping the fight. But after suffering so many losses battling Asmodeus, she had to accept they needed all the help they could get.

Asmodeus and Leavemealone continued to fight at high speed. His two heads on the sides started casting spells. His frontal man-head uttered, "If you think you can face me with just speed alone, you are gravely mistaken, outworlder!"

The spells were completed. A lightning wall appeared behind Leavemealone, cutting his retreat path. On his left, lightning struck down from the sky. He was forced to move to the right.

"Got you!" Asmodeus shouted as he appeared next to Leavemealone. Leavemealone sensed the devil's approach, but in such a high-speed battle, sensing and reacting had a very short interval. This time, Leavemealone was not fast enough. Asmodeus' bird claw slammed into him.

He shot like a cannonball and crashed into the ground below.

"You didn't die from that blow. You are indeed not a typical outworlder," Asmodeus uttered. His large body dropped at high speed, attempting to stomp on Leavemealone. His serpent tail fired lightning bolts as he descended. Leavemealone shot away before Asmodeus crashed into the ground.

Leavemealone received damage from the earlier slap and the lightning bolts, but not severe. He had activated Battle Monk's Steel Body before the claw hit. Suzuki's flames also cushioned the blow, reducing the damage he received.

Asmodeus stared at Leavemealone without a word. While he expected this outworlder to not die from his slap and lightning bolts, he didn't expect his assaults to have so small an impact. He expected Leavemealone was still pinned in the ground to receive his stomping.

Leavemealone also didn't waste words. He advanced while activating Meditate. Supreme Fist improved this battle monk's skill. Leavemealone no longer had to stay static to use Meditate. He could use it while moving. If he didn't move, Meditate's effect was tripled. His lost HP was quickly refilled as the skill took effect.

Leavemealone roared as he used Supreme Fist's level 80 skill, Supreme Hundred Strikes. While Jack's hundred shadow strikes didn't live up to its name, this one did. Supreme Hundred Strikes truly conjured a hundred copies of Leavemealone as they rushed at Asmodeus.

These copies came from every direction. Asmodeus couldn't rely on his speed to evade. Instead, the devil erected three lightning shields around him. Each of his heads was

considered a separate individual. They had their own set of spell libraries. All three had magic shields, so they could cast the same spell at the same time.

The lightning shields couldn't block all angles. Many copies landed hits, but each hit was retaliated by a strike of lightning. Lightning coursed through Asmodeus' body as the devil used Lightning Suit.

Asmodeus received damage from Leavemealone's Supreme Hundred Strikes, but nothing serious. His defense was already high, to begin with. After getting reinforced by the Lightning Suit, his defense rose even higher.

"I applaud you, outworlder!" Asmodeus exclaimed as the eyes on his three heads flared.

These six eyes shot dark purple lightning. They moved where Asmodeus stared at. Hence, they were very fast. Leavemealone tried his best to dodge, but one's body movements could never compete with an eye's movements. The chaos lightning rays finally caught up. Leavemealone used Ki Shield, a non-standard skill he had learned. The Ki Shield shattered from the impact. He was knocked back to the ground.

Asmodeus had also been casting a spell. Once Leavemealone fell back to the ground, he completed the spell. A lightning cage locked Leavemealone in. Asmodeus rushed forward.

Petunia used a bow skill with a knockback effect and cast a spell to hinder Asmodeus' charge, but the devil barreled through them. Asmodeus was determined to finish the outworlder this time.

Leavemealone was punching the lightning cage that confined him. His assault showed results but not fast enough. Asmodeus arrived before he could break out. He was about to use another of Supreme Fist's defensive skills to receive whatever attack Asmodeus was preparing, but an ice net appeared between him and Asmodeus.

Asmodeus slammed his claw into this ice net. The ice net was freezing cold. It tried to freeze Asmodeus' claw, but Asmodeus broke the net before it could freeze him. Though destroyed, the ice net halted Asmodeus for a breath.

During that time, something fast shot toward Asmodeus. It was a draconian. Asmodeus put up a claw to receive this draconian. The draconian drew a katana from its scabbard in one swift motion. The katana collided with the devil's giant claw. An explosive shockwave resulted from the impact. The draconian was thrown away, but Asmodeus was also forced to take three steps back.

By that time, the lightning cage had given in to Leavemealone's punches. Leavemealone jumped away and reunited with his two comrades, Arthur and Blackhole.

Arthur was the draconian who forced Asmodeus back. He combined mana-empowered Iaido with the Avenger's Raging Strike, which had a strong knockback force.

As for the ice net, it was a spell from Blackhole. The original spell he possessed was lightning net, but the passive ability of his pinnacle class, Ruler of Elementals, allowed him to convert the spells' elements between ice, lightning, and fire. He knew Asmodeus had a strong resistance against lightning, hence he changed the lightning net to an ice net. The ice element also had stronger endurance to stop an opponent compared to the other two elements.

Aside from giving a special ability to convert between the three elements, Ruler of Elementals' passive ability also enhanced all elemental damage produced by his spells and decreased all elemental damage he received. This ability was not limited to the three elements of fire, ice, and lightning, but to all elements except soul and chaos.

"You shouldn't have rushed here to face this devil alone, Haon. This fight is for all of us," Arthur reprimanded Haon.

"More outworlders...?" Asmodeus stared at the three. He was wondering how three outworlders way above the norm suddenly appeared out of nowhere.

As he had that thought, he sensed a strong incoming attack, but the attack was too close already. A fierce hurricane engulfed him.

The hurricane kept him grounded while multiple slashes hit his body. His lightning suit protected him. The lightning from the suit tried to strike back at the attacker, but the attacker moved too fast within the hurricane. The attacker was already gone by the time the lightning retaliation triggered.

The hurricane attack ended. An orc outworlder was revealed to be the one responsible.

"Your reign of terror is about to end, devil. We will vanquish you!" Four Winds declared.

## **Chapter 1907. Time to Get Serious**

The hurricane Four Winds used to assault Asmodeus was a skill from his pinnacle class. It was King of Fury's level 50 skill, Tornado Cross.

He could get a jump at Asmodeus because he, too, had learned mana concealment. Four Winds always had good martial arts talent. If not for his being bogged down by having to attend to guild affairs, his advancement in martial arts would not be slower than Leavemealone.

He learned the basics when he was training inside Everlasting Heavenly Legends' Space-time Chamber. During that time, Domon and Wong were also in the chamber aside from his master, Murong. Leavemealone started learning mana concealment at

the time, so Four Winds took the chance to request the same training as well. His expertise was still far from Jack's level, but it was enough to get him close to Asmodeus before the devil sensed his presence.

Asmodeus stared at this newcomer. He recognized this orc's voice. This orc was the one who had used the mana-empowered voice to make the absurd announcement. Now, he was making a declaration that was no less ridiculous.

"Vanquish me? Hehe... Interesting thought, but idiotic at the same time," Asmodeus mocked. "Are there any more of you, outworlders? If there are, I will wait for them. I've grown tired of those fools, anyway."

Petunia and Aneid gritted their teeth. It was no secret who Asmodeus was referring to. Their pride was hurt. Yet, the reality was clear. They were indeed not Asmodeus' match. If not for these outworlders' interference, perhaps they would have joined Balrd's fate.

Four Winds turned to Aneid and Petunia.

"Aneid, you are a healer, aren't you? We will be relying on you," He said. He had used Inspect on the two before addressing them. "We have no healer, so your support will be appreciated. Petunia, you stay back and keep Aneid safe. We will handle this devil."

Petunia fumed. It hurt her pride to get ordered like this, but she calmed herself down. Pride had always been their core belief, but they also understood its flaws. Pride let them stand tall throughout all difficulties. But unchecked, it could be the very thing that brought them down.

She didn't confirm Four Winds' command but didn't show any defying gesture as well. Four Winds took that as them agreeing.

"Handle me?" Asmodeus snickered. "Every time you open your mouth, your words get more and more silly."

Four winds ignored Asmodeus. He told his three comrades, "Arthur, you are with me on the front line. Blackhole, you are in charge of damage dealing, but watch where you place your spells. Don't hit us. Haon... You do whatever you like."

Leavemealone harrumphed. The flaming wings behind him spread. He charged forward.

"I guess he will be on the front line as well," Arthur remarked.

"Hmph," Four Winds grunted. "We will attack from the sides different from him. Let's move!"

Arthur and Four Winds also charged forward.

"I take it that there are only the four of you," Asmodeus said.

Lightning Wings spread from his back. He shot up into the air before Leavemealone arrived. He then dropped back down abruptly at high speed. Leavemealone was taken aback by this move. He hurriedly jumped back. Asmodeus landed back on the ground with a loud thump. The ground caved in, and an earthquake spread outward.

Leavemealone flew up to avoid getting engulfed by the quaking earth. Four Winds and Arthur, who were halfway, did the same.

Asmodeus had started casting when he flew into the air. The spell was completed when he landed back on the ground. Countless lightning snakes spread in all directions.

Four Winds and the others recognized this spell. They had seen Jack cast it multiple times. The spell was the Perpetual Lightning Judgement. The lightning snakes were too fast. The three were unable to escape.

Four Winds used his bloodline's third skill, Titan Tenacity. His skin hardened and became like metal. This skill reduced all the damage he received by 80% for one minute. Leavemealone and Arthur also had defensive skills from their unique-grade bloodlines. They hurriedly activated the skills.

Before the lightning snakes hit, a change occurred in the environment. The lightning snakes hit the three. However, the damage they produced was less than what they should have inflicted. This was not only because of the bloodlines' defensive skills. It was also due to the condition of the environment.

The environmental condition came from Blackhole. Blackhole had cast Ruler of Elementals' level 80 spell, Elemental Domain. This spell created a domain that boosted all allies' elemental attacks. Whether they were skills or spells, the elemental damage was boosted. The domain also decreased all the elemental damage from hostile enemies.

Asmodeus frowned when he saw how ineffective his spell was. While he was pondering, different elemental energies assailed him. His frown turned deeper. He sensed these elemental energies didn't come from any of his opponents. It was as if the environment itself was assailing him.

While his sense was not wrong, the cause of the phenomenon was Blackhole. As long as the elemental domain was active, Blackhole could spend MP to trigger the elemental power within the domain to cause 100% random elemental damage to the enemies. The random elemental damage included the soul and chaos elements.

Four Winds and the others shot back toward Asmodeus when he was bothered by the elemental assaults. Leavemealone had the fastest speed, so he arrived before

Asmodeus first. He was eager because he didn't want to waste his beast form. Unlike Jack's, his didn't last indefinitely. He intended to make full use of his beast form's power.

He activated another buff skill to strengthen himself. This buff skill was from Supreme Fist's level 90 skill, Supreme Reign. His entire body turned golden once the skill was active. Even the flames burning on his body also turned into golden flames. His stats skyrocketed. He used the Iron Punch.

Asmodeus was swinging his claw when he saw Leavemealone approaching. The claw and fist collided again. Before, Leavemealone was always the one thrown back from the impact. This time, the force threw them equally back.

Leavemealone's speed also increased significantly. He disappeared from where he was and was already next to Asmodeus an instant later. He sent a spin kick, which struck Asmodeus' sheep head. When Asmodeus tried to hit him using his claw, Leavemealone was gone again. Asmodeus then sensed a strong mana from below him.

He looked down and saw the image of a rising dragon. The dragon was roaring as he felt a strong impact on his chin. The blow was strong enough to lift even his giant body.

While Asmodeus' heavy body was lifted into the air from the Surging Dragon Punch, Leavemealone used Infinite Lightning Punches. Countless fiery explosions occurred on Asmodeus' chest as Leavemealone's fists struck like a rapid machine gun. Leavemealone ended the punch with Supreme Fist's level 50 skill, Supreme Punch.

Supreme Punch was a skill that delivered a single punch. The skill was simple, but it had two advantages. The first was its fast cooldown, which was only one minute at max level. The second was its damaging power, especially if the user landed a clean hit.

That was what happened right now. Leavemealone's fiery fist struck head-on on Asmodeus' belly. Damage number appeared. The damage was not higher than the one caused by Infinite Lightning Punches. However, this was just the start. If Supreme Punch landed, it had a follow-up effect.

The spot where Leavemealone punched started glowing. The glow intensified until it exploded. The explosion didn't happen just once but multiple times. Each explosion sent Asmodeus further back. Damage numbers continued to pop up from this explosion. Since this explosion occurred from the inside, Asmodeus' defense and lightning suit were useless against them. He suffered the full damage.

Asmodeus only stopped getting pushed back after the chained explosions ended. His three heads growled. He felt that punch. He felt like his inside was turning, which caused his reaction to slow.

Four Winds and Arthur arrived before him then. Both of them used their pinnacle classes' offensive skills.

Four Winds used Furious Cleave, King of Fury's level 80 skill. The skill dealt 2500% physical damage at max level. It also caused Bleed and had a high chance of wounding. The hit target got his defense reduced by 20% for the remainder of the battle. The defense reduction was not stackable. If Four Winds hit the same target again with this skill, the defense reduction would remain at 20%.

Arthur used Primordial Strike, Primordial Punisher's first skill. This skill dealt 1000% physical damage under normal conditions. But if the target had hit Arthur within the last hour, which Asmodeus did with his Perpetual Lightning Judgement, the damage increased to 1500%. Additionally, this skill had a high chance of causing Dizzy, Disoriented, and Cursed.

If Primordial Strike slew the target, which it currently did not, the slain target became an avenging spirit that followed Arthur around. This avenging spirit fought Arthur's enemies until it was killed or the combat ended.

The avenging orbs around Arthur were also different. They were larger and had a dark red shade. This was because of Primordial Punisher's passive ability. All the avenging orbs were now punishing orbs. Punishing orbs had double the effects of the avenging orbs. It also lasted longer at ten minutes, and a maximum of twenty orbs could be generated.

Asmodeus gritted his teeth as all these skills landed on him. These skills were unlike any those Council of Hybris' members threw at him. These skills had the capability to rattle him.

His bird claws and dragon claws gripped the ground hard. The ground cracked from the force. His three pairs of eyes shone with an ominous glow.

It was time to get serious.

## **Chapter 1908. Three Against Three**

Asmodeus' man-head observed his body. His scales had visible cracks on them. He also felt his defenses weakened. His devil body could normally shorten any debuff significantly. He had been expecting these cracks to start mending themselves, but it didn't happen.

This was due to Four Wind's Furious Cleave. Asmodeus' defense was reduced by one-fifth until the combat was over.

"Never mind," He muttered.

He returned his attention to the three who continued to hit him. His bull and sheep heads had been casting spells to repel the three, but the three were persistent. He was

also assailed continuously by the elemental energies from Blackhole's elemental domain.

When the three attacked again, all three heads of Asmodeus grinned. The three were bewildered by the grin. Before they could make sense of it, Asmodeus split into three.

Arthur suddenly found himself face-to-face with a dragon with a bull's head. Leavemealone dodged a charge from a creature with a bird's body but the head of a sheep.

As for Four Winds, he suddenly found himself coiled by a giant snake. Four Winds was the closest to Asmodeus. The snake had crazy explosive speed. Four Winds failed to react to the ambush.

The snake's one end was a normal snake's head, while its other end was the head of a man. The head with the man's face was staring down at Four Winds.

"Surprise?" Snake Asmodeus asked with a devilish grin.

Four Winds and the others weren't surprised by Asmodeus splitting into three because Wilted had informed them about this ability, but they were still surprised by how suddenly it happened. They expected there to be a process before it happened.

Snake Asmodeus' man-head started casting a spell while its snake-head shot lightning bolts at Blackhole. The spell was completed. It caused a blast of chaotic lightning to Petunia and Aneid, stunning and paralyzing them. All the while, the snake's body coiling around Four Winds was getting tighter. Four Winds received damage every second.

"Grrh...!" Four Winds tried exerting his strength. He even used his pinnacle class' level 60 skill, God's Fury. This skill gave him a buff that doubled the effect of max-level Berserk without its drawback. This skill lasted ten minutes. One thing special about this skill was that after it ended, Four Winds would still receive 25% of the skill's benefit for the remainder of the battle. It was not stackable, though.

However, even after receiving the buff, he still couldn't free himself. The snake budged when he used the skill, but it tightened its grip again soon. Four Winds' boosted strength was not enough.

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On the other side, Arthur's katana clashed with dragon Asmodeus. Arthur had to take a step back every time his sword clashed with Asmodeus' claws.

The bull's horns started crackling with electricity. Arthur backflipped when he sensed an attack coming. A lightning blast was emitted from the horns. It struck the ground and

chased after Arthur. Arthur was not fast enough to continue dodging the lightning, so he stopped running and slashed at the lightning.

A thick crescent light was created following his slash. It was his sword art, Crescent Moon Slash. The energy of the slash somehow halted Asmodeus' lightning for a second. It then shattered, and the lightning struck Arthur. Arthur was sent crashing into the ground while suffering the Paralyze effect.

"Stopping lightning with a slash? Are you kidding me?" Asmodeus mocked. He rushed ahead. His huge dragon claw attempted to stomp Arthur while the swordsman was paralyzed.

Arthur used Primordial Punisher's level 70 buff skill, Lethal Punisher, before the claw hit him. The skill healed 50% HP and removed all status afflictions upon activation. The heal recovered him from all the damage he suffered earlier. It also increased his stats and all the damage he inflicted. While the skill was active, 50% of the damage he suffered was reflected back to the attacker. This included the damage caused by range attacks. The skill also had a 10% chance to inflict Fear status on any enemy that struck him. Unfortunately, Asmodeus was immune to Fear.

Free from the paralyzation, Arthur rolled away before the stomp hit. He still received damage due to the quaking shockwave from the stomp. Half of this damage reflected back to Asmodeus.

Dragon Asmodeus was surprised his prey could escape. Arthur made use of the surprise by dashing ahead and landing a hit on the devil. The hit was done using Primordial Punisher's level 60 skill, Punishing Oath. This skill was a short-burst offense that marked an enemy. Upon successful hit, all damage from Arthur against the target improved by 1% every minute, until a maximum of 100%. This mark lasted the entire battle.

This skill shone when used in a long battle. In less than two hours, every hit from Arthur would result in double damage.

Arthur kept up the pressure by using Shadowless Slash. Dragon Asmodeus couldn't keep up with the fast slashes. He tanked them and used brute force by shoving his claw through the net of swordlights. Arthur stopped his offense and parried the claw using his sword.

Arthur still couldn't contest Dragon Asmodeus' strength despite his buff. He was thrown by the impact. When he finally regained his balance, he found a lightning cage had been erected around him.

This lightning cage was cast by Dragon Asmodeus. It was the same spell that trapped Leavemealone earlier, but that spell was cast by Asmodeus' other head. Arthur slashed

the lightning cage, but it was very sturdy. He was even electrocuted every time his sword hit the cage.

Dragon Asmodeus cast another spell while Arthur tried to free himself. A long dark purple lance materialized from the completed spell formation. This chaos lance had multiple sparks of lightning coursing around it.

"Let's see how you survive this spell," Dragon Asmodeus uttered with a mocking laugh.

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While Snake Asmodeus had the highest burst speed, Bird Asmodeus had the highest maintained speed. He was faster than Chimeral Asmodeus. His speed was even slightly faster than Leavemealone under the effect of Supreme Reign. Leavemealone had to rely on his fast reflex and precise reaction to block Bird Asmodeus' every attack.

The two fought at high speed, moving all around the battlefield. Both on the ground and in the air. They caused loud shockwaves every time they clashed.

Their battle seemed like a tie. That was until Leavemealone lost his white tiger emperor form. His stats dropped significantly. He could no longer compete with Bird Asmodeus in terms of speed. Bird Asmodeus' claw struck him from behind and sent him crashing into the ground.

Bird Asmodeus' sheep head cast a spell upon the successful hit. Multiple lightning spears rained where Leavemealone had fallen.

Leavemealone blocked the lightning spears using Ki Shield empowered by mana manipulation. The supreme reign also buffed his defense while Suzuki's flames reduced the damage he received. This allowed him to survive the strike and the lightning spears. He countered the received damage by using meditation to recover his HP while defending.

Seeing his prey was not giving up, Bird Asmodeus resumed a melee approach. He zoomed to Leavemealone. His claw struck the Ki Shield and shattered it. When he was about to land a follow-up strike, he noticed a strange scene on his opponent. Several blurry afterimages were around Leavemealone. The outworlder himself was not moving.

Bird Asmodeus didn't think too much about it. He went along with the strike. However, when his bird claw struck Leavemealone, he didn't feel like he had struck anything. Leavemealone's blurry afterimages exploded in all directions. Bird Asmodeus' mana sense couldn't detect which was the real Leavemealone among these afterimages.

While he was confused, he felt an impact on his side. Leavemealone punched him using Supreme Punch again. He felt his inside explode as he skidded several steps away.

What Leavemealone had used to dodge was Supreme Fist's level 70 skill, Supreme Stance. It was a defensive skill that fooled an attacking enemy. Leavemealone was impossible to hit when this skill was active. The best thing an opponent could do when Leavemealone used this skill was to stop attacking and wait until the skill was over. Because if they did, they would most likely receive a counterattack.

Whether it was a melee or ranged attack, Leavemealone would zoom toward the attacker while the attacker was confused by his afterimages. All the afterimages had Leavemealone's mana signature so it could fool enemies with mana sense. Leavemealone combined it with his mana concealment, further guaranteeing the enemy couldn't detect where he would attack from.

Additionally, a counterattack performed after dodging an attack using this skill was guaranteed to always be critical.

Same as before, Bird Asmodeus was stunned by the Supreme Punch. Leavemealone didn't waste the chance. He used Ki Blast. The energy ball he formed was enshrouded by golden flames. The ball became much bigger than it was. He unleashed this golden flaming ball before Bird Asmodeus recovered from the stun.

The golden flaming ball struck Bird Asmodeus, and a fiery explosion occurred.

When the explosion subsided, Leavemealone sensed a sudden spike of mana. A chaos lightning lance shot out, which he dodged. He heaved a relieved sigh. From the mana, he knew he wouldn't be unscathed if this lance hit. But before his sigh was over, a lightning bolt shot out. This lightning bolt transformed into Bird Asmodeus right in front of him. Bird Asmodeus' claw struck his waist before he could react.

The strike threw him to the ground. Bird Asmodeus stepped one foot on him while his other foot kicked him repeatedly.

"Die! Die...!! Hahaha!" Bird Asmodeus laughed like a lunatic while kicking endlessly. Damage numbers continued to pop up from Leavemealone.

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Four Winds continued to lose HP as Snake Asmodeus tightened the grip. Four Winds couldn't do anything because he couldn't move. The snake's body coiling around him left no space. It became tighter by the second. Snake Asmodeus also had the lightning suit on. Four Winds continued to get assailed by lightning and got paralyzed continuously.

Blackhole cast spells to force Snake Asmodeus to let go of Four Winds. Petunia did the same, but the devil ignored their attacks. Snake Asmodeus erected a lightning shield to block most of their attacks. Runic symbols adorned the lightning shield, reinforcing it.

The offensive spells from Blackhole's pinnacle class were all AOE spells, so he refrained from using them. Otherwise, Four Winds might end up getting killed by him instead of Asmodeus. He had several non-standard spells in possession, but none could help in this situation.

"Do you have something that can stagger the devil?" Blackhole asked Petunia.

Petunia used her wand to cast defensive spells to block the lightning bolts fired by Snake Asmodeus' snake head. She could only attack using her bowgun.

"I have a bow skill with strong stunning ability," Petunia answered. "It works on Asmodeus because I've used it on him before. It is a golden opportunity to use this skill since he is not moving, but that shield is in the way. I plan to use it once we destroy that lightning shield."

"That shield doesn't seem to be expiring anytime soon. I will move that shield out of the way. Use your skill on my mark."

"All right," Petunia nodded.

Snake Asmodeus' human head didn't have his attention on them. He simply had his lightning shield facing their direction and the snake head firing lightning bolts at them. The human head was observing Four Winds, who was in his grip. He was surprised the outworlder lasted this long. Even a native with a large HP pool would have perished if one was in his clutch for so long.

Although Four Winds had high defense and HP due to his max-level armor and max bloodline, he would still have perished if he was still using his old class. He could last this long because of King of Fury's passive abilities.

His HP would automatically refill to full when it fell below 50% for the first time. The next time his HP fell to 25%, it would refill to 70%. After that, if it dropped to 10%, it would rise back to 50%. This automatic instant HP recovery had a cooldown of twenty-four hours. He had currently used up the second refill. He only left the last one when his HP fell to 10%.

Aside from that, King of Fury also gave a bonus of 5000 HP to his max HP. The class also negated the instant kill effect, with a cooldown of twenty-four hours as well. Among the pinnacle classes that branched from the warrior class, King of Fury boasted the highest survivability.

Yet, this survivability couldn't help him. His strength was not enough to wrestle himself out of Snake Asmodeus' clasp. He was powerless in this situation. He was about to use Devilize when he received Blackhole's message.

Blackhole cast one of his non-standard spells, Lightning Lasso. Under normal circumstances, Lightning Lasso wouldn't affect the lightning shield. Luckily, Blackhole could convert his spells between the three elements. He converted the Lightning Lasso into the Ice Lasso.

The Lightning Shield was encased in ice when the Ice Lasso coiled around it. Blackhole then pulled. He couldn't move the lightning shield the entire way out, but he managed to shift its position and kept it from moving back.

"Now!" He shouted.

Petunia had been aiming her bowgun. She fired once Blackhole gave the signal. The bolt from her shot created a spiraling vortex of energy. The name of this shot was Ultra Vanity Shot. It was a bow skill that was only available in their faction.

The spiraling energy following the bolt increased in speed as the bolt advanced. The light at the tip of the bolt also turned brighter. Snake Asmodeus sensed the bolt's power too late. The bolt pierced into him.

Petunia didn't lie. The shot did affect Asmodeus. He was stunned. Furthermore, the lightning shield, which was still frozen, fizzled out. Magic Shield was a maintained spell. If the caster stopped maintaining it, the spell ended. This indicated Petunia's shot not only stunned Asmodeus' body but also his mind.

Four Winds took action then. He had been readying himself since Blackhole messaged him. When he felt Snake Asmodeus stop pressing his body, he used Cry of Rage to make himself immune to the paralyzing effect of Asmodeus' lightning suit. He then used his bloodline's skill, Titan Strength. The skill not only increased his strength but also his body mass.

The increase of Four Winds' body mass was system-generated. Even if Snake Asmodeus still applied pressure, he would still get pushed out to give space for Four Winds' body to enlarge. Four Winds canceled Titan Strength as soon as his body reached its largest limit. His body instantly shrunk again.

If Snake Asmodeus was not stunned, his coiling would squeeze back following the shrinking of Four Winds' body. But since he did, he stayed in the position following Four Winds' giant body size. Four Winds shrunk body was now in a cavity formed by Snake Asmodeus' coiling body. Four Winds quickly spread his wings and flew out through the gap between Snake Asmodeus' lengthy body.

Seeing Four Winds successfully escape, Blackhole unleashed his other non-standard spell. This spell was originally also of the lightning element. It was called Lightning Paralyzing Beam. It was a high-damage single-target offensive spell with a high chance of inflicting Paralyze. But since Asmodeus had high resistance to lightning and he had the lightning suit on, Blackhole changed the element into ice.

The spell that came out was a beam of freezing ice. While it had an unusually high chance of inflicting Paralyze in its original form, its modified form gave it a high chance of causing Freeze. The beam slammed into Snake Asmodeus, who had just come out of his stun condition. A layer of solid ice started covering his body while he suffered ice damage.

Yet, as soon as the freezing effect took effect, cracks also appeared on the ice layer. Dark purple lightning pierced out from the cracks. The ice layer shattered with a boom, revealing Snake Asmodeus, who was covered in a coat of dark purple lightning. His eyes stared sharply at Blackhole.

"Since you wish it, let's change the arrangement. You will die first," Snake Asmodeus uttered with a threatening tone.

The chaos lightning around him converged into a spot before it became a ray that shot forward.

"Don't underestimate me, devil!" Blackhole exclaimed. He cast the Ruler of Elemental level 60 spell, Elemental Superiority.

Elemental Superiority was a defensive spell. At max level, the spell lasted ten seconds. During this time, Blackhole was immune to all elemental damage. Furthermore, all elemental attacks hitting him were channeled into an elemental orb.

Snake Asmodeus was startled his prey survived one of his top skills, the Chaos Lightning Annihilating Ray. Blackhole didn't waste the chance when Snake Asmodeus was shocked. The gathered elemental orb was fired toward the devil.

Snake Asmodeus only came out of his shock when the elemental orb was already before him. He didn't have time to cast high-level defensive spells. He hastily erected the lightning shield again. The lightning shield blocked the elemental orb while runic symbols flashed around the shield.

Blackhole's elemental orb contained the power of Asmodeus' Chaos Lightning Annihilating Ray. A meager magic shield, even when boosted by the runic defensive technique, was not enough. The lightning shield didn't fizz like the last time. It was destroyed. Snake Asmodeus wouldn't be able to conjure the shield again for some time.

Following the lightning shield's destruction, the elemental orb exploded in a cacophony of chaos and lightning elements. These elements assailed Snake Asmodeus. The lightning element couldn't hurt him much, but the chaos element was another matter. Damage numbers came up repeatedly above him while heavy pressure weighed him down.

Blackhole followed up by casting Ruler of Elemental's level 70 spell, Elemental Lockdown. A dome of turbulent elemental energies covered Snake Asmodeus. These

elemental energies assailed him while dealing damage. The pressure he experienced multiplied a great deal. Even he had trouble moving under the pressure.

Four Winds didn't waste this chance. He used the two remaining skills from his pinnacle class.

The first was King of Fury's level 70 skill, Voice of Fury. He uttered a thundering war cry with the skill. It dealt damage to all hostiles within his surroundings and applied debuff for one hour. As for the allies within range, they received a buff for the remainder of the battle. This buff was not stackable.

He applied mana manipulation to the skill, which empowered its range. His voice reached Leavemealone and Arthur, who fought not far away. His skill buffed them as well as debuffing the other two Asmodeus.

His other skill was King of Fury's level 90 skill, Axe of the God. It was an offensive skill that dealt massive damage. Now that Snake Asmodeus' movement was locked down, this skill was a sure hit.

A loud gong sounded from the sky. As it did, the clouds parted, and an impossibly large axe came down. The appearance of this celestial axe shocked everyone. Many combatants on the battlefield, whether the defenders or the demons, paused their fight to look at this descending axe.

They wondered which God dropped this axe onto this world.

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Everyone watched the Godly axe fall. Those who realized they were in the area where the axe fell immediately ran away. Although the axe was humongous, one only needed to flee to the side. The axe's area of impact was a long but narrow line, so it was not difficult to evade. Snake Asmodeus, however, could not because his movement was under lockdown.

He saw the incoming axe. Even he didn't dare to underestimate it. He couldn't move, but he could still cast a spell. A swirling chaotic energy appeared above him. Lightning gathered at the center of these swirling energies. The lightning spread until it formed a gigantic buckler.

The Godly axe arrived then. It crashed into the giant lightning buckler. The lightning buckler shattered at first impact. This took Snake Asmodeus aback. He didn't expect his defensive spell to not halt the axe even for an instant. The axe fell on him then.

The touchdown caused the earth to quake. The tremor was felt throughout the entire battlefield. Dust clouds spread from the point of impact.

Both Dragon Asmodeus and Bird Asmodeus were not in the area where the axe fell, but they, too, looked over when this massive axe hit. They were originally one body with Snake Asmodeus, so they could sense his condition. Though he was still alive, he was not unscathed.

When the dust clouds settled, a long gorge was seen along the land. The Godly axe had carved a deep wound on the earth. Snake Asmodeus was nowhere to be seen.

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Dragon Asmodeus was preparing to throw the Chaos Lightning Lance at Arthur. He wanted to savor his opponent's terrified expression for being helpless inside his lightning cage. However, he saw no such expression from the outworlder.

Arthur instead closed his eyes while putting his katana back on its sheath. His face was calm. This confused the devil.

'Did he give up?' Dragon Asmodeus wondered. He preferred his opponents to break down in fear, not accepting their fate calmly like this.

"Hmph! Never mind," Dragon Asmodeus harrumphed. He threw the chaos lightning lance in his hand. The lance caused a thundering sound when it was released. Lightning sparks formed its trail.

Arthur's calm expression never changed. His breathing was even slower than normal. He was as serene as still water. When the lance was halfway, he finally opened his eyes. The hand on his katana hilt became a blur.

His katana went lightning-fast. A straight long line swept past the lightning that formed his cage. The combination of his sword's heart, master-level mana manipulation, and One-word Slash cut through the cage where its lightning links were the weakest. When the katana stopped, everyone could see the katana had transformed. Arthur had activated Demonize Weapon when he used Iaido. He also combined his slash with his weapon's offensive skill. The lightning cage unraveled from the slash.

The offensive skill from his Fallen Apostle's Katana was Demon God's Slash. It was a powerful single-attack skill that hit from a range. A crimson crescent formed from Arthur's swing, and it flew ahead to meet the chaos lightning lance.

Dragon Asmodeus was surprised the outworlder managed to destroy his lightning cage. However, he was confident of his chaos lightning lance. He was sure his spell would destroy the crimson crescent and strike Arthur. Arthur remained in the end motion after performing his skill. There was not enough time for Arthur to do evasive maneuvers.

Dragon Asmodeus considered his chaos lightning spell would lose some power after clashing with the crimson crescent. Arthur might survive. So, he prepared to cast another spell for a follow-up attack.

The distance between the chaos lightning lance and the crimson crescent was shortening. Then, they passed one another. The two energies grazed one another when they passed, but no collision happened.

Dragon Asmodeus was taken aback. Did the outworlder miss? He didn't mind. This just meant his chaos lightning lance would hit with full force. However, he would also be hit by the crimson crescent. The crescent was already upon him. There was not enough time to dodge. He stopped casting and swung his claw to meet the crimson crescent.

For a sword practitioner with Sword's Heart, it was almost impossible for Arthur to miss, and he didn't. His target was always Dragon Asmodeus, not the Chaos Lightning Lance.

The crimson crescent clashed with Dragon Asmodeus' claw. Dragon Asmodeus was shocked to find his claw recoiled from the impact. The power from the crimson crescent was more than he expected. The crimson crescent cut into him and left a long wound. The hard scales protecting his body cracked. Blood spurted from the wound.

While Dragon Asmodeus couldn't dodge, neither could Arthur. He sacrificed himself to land that hit on the devil. Although he sacrificed himself, he did not sacrifice his life. Avenger's final retribution kicked in when the chaos lance stabbed into him. His HP stopped dropping at 1, and he became invulnerable for a few seconds. All the punishing orbs around him turned into soul bombs and shot toward Dragon Asmodeus.

Dragon Asmodeus was still stunned by the wound he received from the crimson crescent. He failed to react when the soul bombs crashed into him. Chained explosions occurred all over his body, causing damage with each explosion.

Arthur didn't let up. He charged forward while drinking the Ultimate Healing Potion. He then used Primordial Punisher's level 90 skill, Primordial Punishment. The skill dealt 2000% physical damage to a single target under a normal situation, but the damage increased to 3000% if the target had hit Arthur within the last hour. This skill also dealt splash damage to nearby enemies. But since there were none, this effect didn't take place.

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The damage inflicted by this skill ignored 50% of the target's defense. It also had a high chance of stunning and wounding the opponent. Additionally, Arthur received a boost to his stats and damage for one minute after he executed Primordial Punishment.

Another gash appeared after Arthur landed the Primordial Punishment. Dragon Asmodeus was in stunned condition, both from the mental shock and the Primordial Punishment's effect. Arthur didn't let this chance go. His katana turned into a blur as he executed Shadowless Slash. Countless swordlights crisscrossed all over Dragon Asmodeus' body.

Arthur jumped away the second he sensed his opponent's mana returned to normal, which was correct because Dragon Asmodeus was about to retaliate.

Dragon Asmodeus watched his opponent with a gaze that was different than before. He lost quite a lot of HP from the exchange just now. He no longer underestimated Arthur. Arthur's action was extremely precise.

"Not bad, outworlder," Dragon Asmodeus praised.

At that time, Four Winds' Axe of the God descended from heaven. Dragon Asmodeus glanced at the heavenly axe before turning his attention in another direction. He then spoke, "You, your ethereal comrade, and your orc comrade aren't half bad. The same can't be said about your vampire comrade. The four of you are now down to three."

Arthur glanced to where Leavemealone was after hearing that. What he saw was Leavemealone lying on the ground with zero HP.

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Several minutes before that, Leavemealone was still pinned on the ground while Bird Asmodeus kicked him relentlessly. Suzuki's flames cushioned the blows. His Supreme Reign was also active. Still, he couldn't just take this beating and did nothing.

He used Supreme Fist's level 60 skill, Supreme Ki Armor. A second layer of armor made of pure energy covered his body. This ki armor further enhanced his defense and reduced the damage he received. It also improved the recovery effect from Meditation.

He endured the pounding while measuring Bird Asmodeus' kicking rhythm. Once he got used to it, he threw an Iron Punch right when Bird Asmodeus' foot was coming down.

When the punch and kick collided, he also used Ki Outburst. The energy outburst radiated out from him was reinforced with strong flames. The combined punch and energy outburst caused Bird Asmodeus to lose his balance. The foot that was pinning Leavemealone shifted. With the pressure weakening, Leavemealone punched that foot with his other fist and freed himself. He rolled away before Bird Asmodeus could pin him down again.

"Don't think you can run from me!" Bird Asmodeus exclaimed.

With only Supreme Reign, Leavemealone couldn't compete with Bird Asmodeus' speed. The devil ran around him while sending lightning-fast kicks. Bird Asmodeus also cast spells while doing that. Multiple spells hit him as he tried his best to either parry or dodge Bird Asmodeus' kicks. He found no opportunity to counterattack.

'Calm down!' He told himself. Even with the defensive buffs, he was still losing HP. Meditate couldn't keep up with the damage he suffered. His HP bar was now below thirty percent. This was not much for an outworlder without beast form. Any common combatant would have panicked by now, but Leavemealone knew it was at this critical moment that one needed to remain calm.

He was again studying Bird Asmodeus' attack patterns. Despite being extremely fast, Bird Asmodeus did the same thing again and again. This let Leavemealone grasp the timing of his next kick. He used Cycle of Shade and Shadow right before the kick landed.

Bird Asmodeus suddenly found himself out of balance while Leavemealone shifted behind him. Leavemealone landed a Supreme Punch on his back. The impact sent him reeling several meters away.

Leavemealone was just about to continue his assault, but he sensed dangers from his surroundings.

Bird Asmodeus looked back with a grinning face. "Hehe. You are done for," he laughed.

One of the spells Bird Asmodeus cast earlier was Lightning Mine. Five lightning orbs were placed around Leavemealone. Bird Asmodeus' lightning mine was not the standard one. His mines discharged dark purple lightning.

When the orbs started discharging chaos lightning, Leavemealone took the only way out, which was up. However, Bird Asmodeus was already there waiting for him.

"Like I said, you are done for!" The devil exclaimed and kicked him hard.

Leavemealone crashed back into the ground, where chaos lightning stung his body. It didn't take long before his HP dropped to zero.