

World 1371

Chapter 1371: First Strike

Master had just completed his rune diagram when Jack changed places with his copy. The rune diagram shone for a split second before becoming invisible.

From Jack's alarming gaze, Master knew that Euphosine had arrived. He readied himself to activate the diagram's power.

This rune diagram was not one originally within the game system. It was his creation. It was originally designed to extract the divine treasure from inside a player in case that player had fused with the divine treasure. Just like the case with Jack and the Lightning God Blessing.

But after testing it, Master knew that this diagram was not powerful enough to do the job. The fusion was established by the game system. It was not something easily undone.

Not willing to give up, this rune diagram became the basis Master used to design the machine that almost extract Leavemealone's Fire God Blessing. He used that machine in conjunction with this rune diagram to achieve the feat. However, unlike a rune diagram that could be utilized repeatedly, the machine was an alien entity and not something that could be placed inside a player's inventory.

This rune diagram was practically useless without that machine, until now.

Euphosine couldn't fuse with the divine heritage properly because the game system never intended the divine heritage as a power source. Hence, this rune diagram could still work to separate Euphosine from the divine heritage that gave her godly power.

What Jack and Master saw was a glowing orb floating above Euphosine. There was a thin thread linking Euphosine and the glowing orb. This thread became thinner and thinner until it was gone and the glowing orb was completely encased by the rune diagram's power.

Euphosine was panting on the floor. Her face showed panic. Her voice was hysterical.

"What... What have you done...?! What have you done?!" She shouted repeatedly.

Jack was about to take advantage by attacking Euphosine who was rattled. He summoned Terras and used Ultimate Beast. He was ready to do the combination assault, but the information from his Inspect stopped him momentarily.

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Euphosine (Mythical Ethereal, Divine Priestess), level: 90

HP: 2,200,000

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"Le... level 90...?"

Euphosine was even stronger than Talia. She was at the level of Pallas, the divine champion from the Council of Virtus. With almost twenty levels above him, Jack had no confidence to win even after Euphosine was stripped of her divine power.

A yell jolted Jack back from his surprise. "What are you just eyeing her for? Attack...!!"

Master was already casting his spells. Behind him were a High Demon and an angel which he summoned beforehand. The angel was not the lesser angel from Priest's spell. His Priest had upgraded to a second-class special class, High Priest. Summon Angel was the first spell from this special class.

Both the High Demon and Angel were also casting spells.

Master wasn't surprised about Euphosine's level because he had known about it. Euphosine was the strongest among the three divine priestesses of this faction.

Master was casting two spells. While casting, he activated an evolved version of Warlock's Demonic Possession, Superior Demonic Possession. A chaotic aura enveloped his body. All the damage and range of his spells were now also boosted as long as this skill was active.

One of his spells was completed. The spell was Final Explosion. At the same time, twenty wind blades lashed toward Euphosine.

The high demon behind him cast Dark Implosion, which created a localized collapse of power that dealt dark damage. The angel cast Purifying Holy Light, which dealt light damage and weakened any buffs on the target.

Snapped back into action by Master's yell, Jack also acted. He proceeded with his initial attempt. His Storm Breaker activated its Overlimit. He also transformed into supreme dragon form. He unleashed Soul Breath and Lightning God Barrage while Therras fired the earth core bomb.

Euphosine was distracted, but the various high-level energies formed around her forced her back to focus. A spell formation quickly formed before her.

However, this spell formation fizzled halfway. She quickly identified the cause. She turned to Master, who had just cast his second spell. It was Cancel Magic. Master had predicted the chance that Euphosine might try to use a defensive spell. He couldn't let this first strike fail. Master's extremely high intelligence stat was enough to have his Cancel Magic disrupt Euphosine's casting.

Master had timed his and his minions' attacks so they landed at precisely the same time to make use of the elemental merging bonus.

Jack might have acted later due to his surprise, but he activated Dragon's Eye to slow down his perception of time. He then used this decelerated perception to time his and Therras' attacks to perfectly synchronize with Master.

The seven powerful elemental attacks landed on Euphosine who was too late to move away. The explosion sent intermixed elemental energies in all directions, creating a spectacular spectacle.

Master glanced at Jack. He was slightly surprised. He didn't expect Jack to be able to perfectly synchronize their attacks as he did during the battle at the high-rise building. This put Jack's timing calculation on par with his own.

Jack might have used the Dragon Eye, but he was used to cooperating with others in a battle. Matching his rhythm with Master was not something difficult, he relied more on instinct instead of calculating the timing. This was a feat unimaginable by Master because Master always fought by using others as pawns instead of as comrades.

When the explosion subsided, their mana sense felt a surge of power from inside the dust cloud.

Multiple ice chains shot out from the dust cloud at high speed. Jack dodged by using Shooting Dash. Master cast Teleportation. Their minions who didn't have mana sense failed to evade on time. The ice chains coiled around the high demon, angel, and Therras.

The end of these ice chains burrowed into the three while the chains tightened around their bodies. Damage numbers continuously appeared above their heads as ice spread over their bodies, freezing them.

"Therras...!" Jack called with concern.

Uncountable ice spears flew out of the dust cloud. Master cast Ice Wall to defend.

Jack had run to where Master was when he used Shooting Dash. He now cast Magic Wall behind Master's ice wall.

Master's ice wall was extremely durable due to his high intelligence stat. But after being battered continuously by the ice spears, it still crumbled. Jack's magic wall behind could only last a few hits before it was destroyed.

The two spells had reduced the number of ice spears significantly. Jack used his sword art to destroy the remaining ones. Master cast Ice Armor and prepared a magic shield while hiding behind Jack.

The dust cloud finally settled. They saw Euphosine, who was staring at them with a grimace. The assault just now was a combination attack that merged the strongest attacks from two of the strongest players, and all it did was reduce her HP a bit over ten percent.

Chapter 1372: Battling Euphosine

Euphosine just stood there and stared at them. Aside from the lost HP, she was completely fine. She looked composed, even. Calmer than before she was struck by the combination attack.

She looked up at the glowing orb. The divine heritage wasn't gone. It was simply unavailable for now. She then studied the rune diagram that had separated the divine heritage from her. It was just a useless diagram now. It had carried out its effect. Destroying the diagram wouldn't yield any result. She could just wait until the effect ended. From the energy, Euphosine estimated it would be at least five hours before the energy dissipated and released the divine heritage.

"You two are very naughty...", She said. Her voice was back to her playful tone.

Therras and Master's two summons were now encased within a huge solid block of ice. Damage numbers continued to pop up above them each second but they were not in immediate danger. The damage was little. It would take hours to deplete their HP. They were unable to move, though.

Jack considered hitting the ice. Maybe that could free Therras. But after taking only one step, Euphosine acted.

Numerous ice chains suddenly sprout from her back. Some of it stabbed into the floor and pushed her up. The other flailed around her. The ice chains made her look like a spider that had tens of legs.

These spider-leg chains then carried her forward by making motions as if they were crawling.

"You don't want to play my games? Well then, let me play with you instead!" She exclaimed.

The ice chains around her extended forward, attempting to stab Jack and Master.

Jack activated Asura and Dance of the Brave. His six arms and ten golden swords repelled the ice chains that came his way.

The force from each collision between his swords and the ice chains sent him back one step. Euphosine's power was too high for him. He had already activated most of his buff skills and even the Strength of Hope, but he was still getting pushed back.

Euphosine was laughing as her ice chains assaulted Jack. It didn't even seem like she was being serious. She looked like a little girl who was playing with her toys.

Jack had even activated Time Realm. The ice chains' stabbing speed was very swift. With these many chains assaulting him, he had trouble keeping up even with so many swords at his disposal.

Euphosine's demented laugh echoed throughout the hall. It made Jack feel very uncomfortable. Jack continued to step back with each clash.

"Hey! Why do you just hide behind me?!" Jack complained to Master.

As Jack continued to step backward, his mana sense picked up on what was behind him. What he sensed was an army.

In the short time Jack was busy blocking Euphosine's attacks, Master had used that reprieve to cast one summoning spell after another.

Standing before Master were his avatar, a Demon, a lesser demon, a lesser angel, a flame salamander, a winged feral tiger, ten dirt golems, a fae, five skeletons equipped with light armor and shortsword, and three shadow-like creatures with skeletal claws.

Peniel informed Jack the shadow-like creatures were the Shades. They were summoned using the Necromancer Lord's level 60 spell. These shades could fly and they were resistant to fifty percent of physical damage.

Master gave the command and these minions rushed forward, except for the lesser demon and lesser angel who flew back instead. As his minions were advancing, Master completed another spell he was in the process of casting, Shadow Army.

One thousand shadow creatures rushed out from the completed spell. Even though the hall was large, it still felt cramped when a thousand creatures suddenly filled it up.

Jack didn't want to be left behind. He called his ten wolves and added them to the monster mob.

However, one thing continued to unsettle him. Euphosine's laugh. She never stopped laughing. Even with such a number thrown at her, she continued to laugh like a lunatic.

Due to Master's minions, the ice chains were now dealing with them instead of Jack. Jack used the opportunity to cast Tracing Beams. The beams turned multiple times in the air as they slipped through the shadow creatures to find their way to the target.

Jack also advanced to get a clear view of the target so he could land an attack. But as he did, he sensed power gathering at the place where Euphosine was. Through the mass of monsters, he slightly saw a spell formation forming.

Master also saw it. Even if he only saw a part of the spell formation, he recognized the spell.

"Get behind me!" He called to Jack.

Jack didn't argue. He had sensed the accumulating mana from Euphosine's casting and he knew it was nothing simple. He used Charge to increase his movement speed and ran to where Master was.

Master changed one of the magic staffs in his hand to a large heater shield just as Jack arrived. A shell made of light then covered the area close to Master.

'This is Heavenly Shelter!' Peniel exclaimed in Jack's mind. 'His Paladin class is also already a special class!'

Jack felt apprehensive learning this. This meant all of Master's five classes were special classes. Jack asked Peniel if she knew what grade was Master's paladin special class. Peniel said that she couldn't tell. Some special classes shared the same skills. For example, a necromancer, high necromancer, and necromancer lord all shared the same first few spells. As the player leveled up, higher grade necromancer would have access to spells unavailable to the lower grade classes.

The heavenly shelter was the first skill from several Paladin special classes. Peniel would have to see the higher-level skills to be able to determine the special class' grade.

The fact was, Master's Paladin class was a second-class special class, Valiant Paladin. Even with his knowledge, getting a first-class special class was no easy feat. Out of his five classes, three were first class while the remaining two were second class.

At the first level, the Heavenly Shelter blocked damage equal to 500% of the paladin's HP. Any remaining damage that couldn't be blocked was then reduced by fifty percent. The skill also protected the ones inside the shell from all status effects.

Euphosine completed her spell. The temperature in the hall dropped drastically. In the span of less than a second, everything within the hall was covered in ice.

Chapter 1373: Opportunity to Go All Out

Jack saw large damage numbers appear above Master's minions once the hall turned into an ice world. All the shadow creatures were killed. Some of Master's weaker minions which had previously received damage from Euphosine's ice chains were also killed. A good portion of the surviving ones was frozen. The rest were significantly slowed.

As for Master's heavenly shelter, it crumbled after a while. The residual ice energy assailed Jack and Master. Jack activated Gold Scale Armor when the shell was destroyed, while Master was still protected by his ice armor. Even so, both of them still suffer damage that took out almost one-third of their lives.

Master had leveled up the heavenly shelter to the max. At level 20, Heavenly Shelter was able to sustain damage equal to 1000% of his HP and reduce the remaining damage by 80%. Master had 65,000 HP. This meant the damage that hit the heavenly shell was way more than 650,000 HP.

The demon was among the ones that were frozen. Jack saw cracks appear on the ice covering the demon. The cracks spread until the frozen demon was shattered.

"What...?!" Jack knew the demon was among Monster's strong summons which had a high pool of HP. He couldn't believe that it was killed by a single spell.

Master wasn't as surprised as Jack because he knew the demon was a goner when it was frozen.

Peniel explained to Jack, "That spell just now was Ice Nova. It is a spell that uses eight runes for casting. Aside from dealing astronomical ice damage in a very large area, it can also cause freeze and slow. The scariest aspect of the spell was its freezing ability. All the ones frozen by this spell also receive instant death effect."

Jack glanced to where Therras was. It was still encased inside its ice prison. Its HP didn't decrease as much. It seemed that even though the ice prison stopped its target, it also protected them from outside damage.

Master's only surviving minions were his avatar, the winged feral tiger, one shade, the lesser demon, and the lesser angel. The lesser demon and the lesser angel were far away from Euphosine, though. They were near the walls of the hall. Jack didn't understand why Master had those two so far away from the battlefield. He didn't have the time to worry about them.

Master's avatar, the winged feral tiger, and the shade resumed being assaulted by Euphosine's ice chains.

The avatar and the winged feral tiger could still somewhat deal with the chains by relying on their speed before they were hit by the Ice Nova spell. With their current slowed state, they were sitting ducks, even when they had Jack's time realm speeding them up and slowing the chains down. The slow effect of the Ice Nova was very significant.

The shade was already not too fast from the start. It was the first out of the three to die.

Even as Euphosine's chains were actively attacking, Euphosine herself appeared very relaxed. She didn't do anything else after casting the Ice Nova. She stared at Jack and Master playfully, as if this was all just entertainment.

"Still want to continue to play?" She asked casually.

She never received any hits after that first strike. As a mythical grade, her HP recovered during combat. Her HP bar had returned to ninety percent. If they still couldn't touch her, it would be like she was never hit.

Jack's forehead creased. He was thinking hard about a solution, but this opponent proved to be truly out of his league.

Euphosine laughed. She very much enjoyed the look of her two prey, but then her mana sense warned her of an attack from behind.

She used her ice chains to forcefully drag her to the side just as a fiery beam shot through where she was just now. The air around where she dodged suddenly burst into fire. The flames formed a symbol next to her. Multiple flaming ropes came out of this symbol and coiled around her, binding her. Her ice chains could do nothing to this fiery symbol, they flailed around trying to destroy the symbol but they just went through it as if it was air.

"Sister, release me!!" Euphosine yelled.

"Talía!" Jack finally saw the one who had attacked Euphosine. After Euphosine lost her god power, the divine energy that was confining Talía slowly dissipated. She finally freed herself after a struggle.

"Our goddess' power has turned you mad, sister. We, mortals, are never meant for that power. I have to stop you from harming more innocents!" Talía didn't let go of her hold.

"You... can't... stop... me...!!" Euphosine gritted her teeth. She channeled her mana manipulation to break free.

Talía seemed to struggle. Euphosine's level was higher than hers. She only managed to trap Euphosine because Euphosine was unaware of her. If she had to confront Euphosine directly, she wasn't confident she could win.

Jack didn't let the chance go. He activated Lightning God Suit and flew forward. On his way, he used Swords of the Brave. Ten golden swords flew straight toward Euphosine.

Euphosine's ice chains moved by themselves and attacked the incoming golden swords. The Swords of the Brave had strong knockback effects. The collisions between the golden swords and the ice chains produced explosive impacts that threw the chains aside, giving Jack a clear path.

Jack arrived before Euphosine. His Dances of the Brave had ended, but his Asura had not yet. With six arms, he landed uncountable slashes on Euphosine. He had also activated Phantom Blade, boosting his damage output further.

"How dare you lay your hands on me...?!" Euphosine bellowed. She no longer found the current situation entertaining.

Jack's attacks caused her difficulty in focusing her mana manipulation. Thus, Talía's fiery cage was able to continue holding her. She used that mana for something else instead.

"Away from me...!!!" She cried.

Explosive ice energy radiated from her. Jack sensed the danger and moved away, but he was still struck by the cold energy. Luckily, he had Lightning God Suit protecting him, so he didn't suffer much damage.

Master didn't stay idle. He used his other divine power, Earth Prison wrym. Euphosine was soon encased in a rocky prison. She was now held by both earth and fire.

Master figured this was the opportunity to go all out. He used Earth Titan and became a giant rock golem. He approached Euphosine and slammed her into the floor. He then used Wind God Rage. A sphere of violent wind formed around him, shredding everything in its range.

Euphosine screamed in pain as the wind cut her. Damage numbers came out one after another.

Jack couldn't approach due to the Wind God Rage, but he supported by using ranged attacks.

When everything seemed to be in their favor, Jack heard a pained yell from Talia. He looked over and saw that another person had appeared and struck Talia from behind.

It was Aglea.

Chapter 1374: Freeing the Imprisoned

Due to Aglea's disruption, Talia lost hold of her spell. The fiery symbol that was holding Euphosine dissipated.

"I thought Euphosine lost her divine power? How is she still controlling Aglea?" Jack asked Peniel while flying toward Talia. Talia was their main battle power. He had to keep her safe.

"She needs the divine power to keep many tethered puppets. But if only one puppet, she didn't need the divine power to do that," Peniel explained.

Talia's fiery prison was the main reason Euphosine was incapacitated. Without it, the only thing holding Euphosine down was Master's rock prison.

The rock prison might be a divine skill, but the difference in levels between Master and Euphosine was simply too large. The rock prison started cracking before Euphosine's ice chains broke out of it.

The ice chains stabbed into Master's rock suit repeatedly. The rock suit was thick and durable, but it still cracked from the repeated stab.

The Wind God Rage had also ended. Euphosine was in pain and there were many cut marks on her previously smooth skin. She was eyeing Master with mad fury.

"I WILL KILL YOUUU...!!!" She roared as a quick spell formation was formed.

An ice beam struck Master's rock golem at point-blank range on the chest. The heavy-looking giant golem was sent straight up and crashed into the ceiling. The chest part of the golem broke off, revealing Master behind it.

Master didn't panic despite the turn of events. He was double casting when the ice beam hit. He didn't lose his concentration. When he hit the ceiling, his spell castings were completed. He cast Sea of the Elementals and Waves of Hellfire.

The two elemental spells surged forward, destroying everything they touched.

Euphosine might be furious, but she didn't attack blindly. She changed her casting from an offensive spell to a defensive one. An icy shell surrounded her body.

This ice shell was the defensive spell she had been planning to use when Jack and Master attacked her with their combination assault. Master's cancel magic was still in cooldown, so he couldn't prevent her from casting.

Jack saw the situation while flying to Aglea. He had cast his cancel magic when Euphosine was still casting. Unfortunately, his intelligence was not high enough. His spell failed to affect Euphosine's casting.

Upon the failure, he summoned his spirit weapon and put it on ranged mode to support Master from afar.

Master's two offensive spells struck Euphosine's ice shell. She still received damage but it was greatly mitigated.

Jack used Wind Slash when he was close to Aglea and Talia. The five wind blades struck Aglea and caused her to stagger. Talia used this chance to strike back at Aglea, forcing her back.

Jack's Inspect informed him that Aglea was level 87, two levels higher than Talia. This finding discouraged Jack. One Euphosine was already a handful, now they had to add another foe who was also higher level than the three of them.

But Jack couldn't let this destroy his hope. He would keep on fighting despite the odds. His dragon form's wind jet carried him at high speed to where Aglea was, his claws turned into a blur.

Talia had been shooting fiery darts at Aglea. Between Jack's swords and Talia's fiery darts, Aglea was forced to step back. Aglea's expression was flat. She didn't feel troubled. She was even still showing her usual smile.

Jack shouted at Talia, "Can you free those three?"

Talia glanced at where Jack indicated.

"Yes," Talia cast a spell.

Because Talia diverted her attention, Aglea was free to deal with Jack alone. A light wall appeared and blocked all of Jack's slashes. Jack saw from the other side of the wall that Aglea was casting.

Jack didn't want to take any chance. He also cast a spell.

Both their spells were completed at the same time. Bright light filled the space around Jack. It continued to build up until it became so intense that it disintegrated everything within it.

Peniel informed Jack that was Heavenly Punishing Light. A single target spell that dealt extremely high light damage.

When the light dissipated, Jack was fine. He was floating in the air and his body was slightly transparent. Jack had cast Ghost Form and avoided getting scorched by the intense light.

Aglea continued staring at Jack with her smiling face. She didn't show any confusion. She cast another spell. A glowing orb appeared beside her. This orb fired continuous light spears at Jack. Since Jack was still in ghost form, the light spears just passed through Jack.

She also cast another spell and a huge hand made of light tried to grab Jack, but it also failed.

Aglea was moving under automated responses. All she tried to do was vanquish her foes. She wasn't thinking about why her spells didn't work.

Jack happily let her focus on him while his ghost form was active. Meanwhile, Talia finished casting her spell and conjured an intense flame that burned the three ice prisons.

The ice prisons melted and then started to crack. The one that held Therras was the one that broke first. Therras had the highest attributes among the three. It was also fighting to free itself from the inside.

The high demon was next. The angel took the longest time to be freed.

The freed Therras came charging at Aglea using Tyrannical Charge. Aglea wasn't aware of the attack since she didn't have mana sense. She was thrown to the side.

The thirty-second duration of Jack's ghost form ended then. Jack used Combination Assault and merged with Therras as they smashed into Aglea. Aglea was thrown further from the attack.

Talia was about to resume helping Jack deal with Aglea when Master flew past her and landed hard on the floor. Master's rock suit crumbled then. His HP had also fallen below half.

Both Jack and Talia turned to Euphosine who was again in the air supported by her spider-like ice chains. A few of her ice chains were coiling around Jack's spirit weapon. They tightened their grips and the spirit weapon was destroyed.

Euphosine looked at them with cold eyes. There was no longer playfulness in those eyes.

"I've had enough of this game. I will end you all," She declared.

Chapter 1375: Three Sisters

The freed angel came to Master's side, she cast High Heal on Master before adding a prismatic shield on him.

Master glanced in Aglea's direction. He had known about Aglea's condition from Jack's story. He rose and started barking orders.

"You, keep that mad woman busy!" Master commanded Talia. To Jack, he said, "You, hold that dead woman down. Keep her in place, do not damage her!"

"Motherf*cker, can you at least be courteous when asking for something?" Jack said with annoyance, but he still did as Master asked. He was already fighting Aglea, anyway. He cast Acceleration on himself, Therras, Master, Talia, and the high demon.

His Therras' ultimate beast condition had already ended, but Jack still had other skills to empower it. He used Gigantify Pet. Therras' frame doubled in size. With increased endurance, it should be able to better withstand Aglea's attacks.

Jack cast Myriad Venomous Vipers while Therras used Imperious Pressure to try to keep Aglea in place.

Meanwhile, Talia confronted Euphosine. Not because of Master's command, but because that was her intention from the start. She didn't wish to fight Aglea. She knew Aglea's body was under Euphosine's control. If Euphosine could be defeated, Aglea would also stop.

Euphosine cast a spell that conjured uncountable revolving ice blades. Talia cast a spell that formed a huge fiery net. The fiery net tried to trap all the ice blades while melting them. It lasted a while but eventually, the fiery net broke. A few still-intact ice blades flew toward Talia.

Assisted by Jack's acceleration, Talia was able to cast the next spell before the ice blades arrived. She cast Fire Wall. This flaming wall blocked those remaining ice blades.

While Talia cast her defensive spell, Euphosine had readied another offense. The air around Talia was frozen. A cube of ice was formed and imprisoned Talia within.

Master had commanded its high demon to engage Euphosine as well. He knew Talia was not Euphosine's equal. However, his high demon was completely powerless even with Jack's acceleration. Euphosine didn't even spare the demon any attention. It was the ice chains around her that automatically attack the high demon when it came near.

The high demon was stabbed multiple times and was unable to retaliate. Parts of its body were covered by freezing ice. It was only able to survive due to the healing provided by the angel.

While everyone was fighting, Master cast a spell. He was aiming at Aglea.

"Why are you aiming your spell here? We are fine here. You help Talia deal with Euphosine!" Jack shouted after seeing Master's aim.

Master didn't bother to reply to Jack.

"His Necromancer Lord may have also reached level 70...," Peniel said.

"So what if his necromancer lord is level 70?" Jack asked.

"That means you no longer need to fight Aglea. Get ready to pull Therras away."

"Huh?" Jack didn't understand Peniel's words.

Jack's acceleration also helped Master increase his already fast casting speed. The spell Master was casting was completed after forming eight runes.

Jack was impressed by the number of runes from the spell. Jack turned to Aglea to see what the spell did. A soft light enveloped Aglea. She suddenly dropped her head and stopped moving.

"Stop Therras!" Peniel instructed.

Jack complied. Therras stepped back from Aglea but remained vigilant.

Aglea just stood there, unmoving. Jack's fifteen vipers were already gone when Aglea cast Dispel to forcefully end the spell.

Aglea's head suddenly rose. Spell formation was formed rapidly. A ray of light was then shot from the completed spell.

Jack was taken aback by the sudden move. He almost attacked but Peniel stopped him before he acted.

The ray of light from Aglea shot past Jack and Therras. It traveled at high speed. It made several turns in the air. These turns made it difficult to gauge what this ray of light was targeting. The ray finally made one last turn and headed to its target, which turned out to be Euphosine.

Euphosine had just killed Master's high demon. In her hand was a giant ice bow which she conjured using her spell. She was ready to fire the arrow from this ice bow when Aglea's ray of light came barging.

She was also taken aback by this sudden attack. She used the ice bow in her hand to defend against the ray of light. The ice bow was shattered and she was forced back with a damage number.

"What...?" Jack saw Aglea fly toward Euphosine. Aglea shot continuous ranged attacks at Euphosine.

"What Master cast just now was Necromancer Lord's level 70 spell, Control the Dead," Peniel explained. "The spell takes control of a dead native who still has an intact body or a monster that dies not longer than one hour. Aglea is a puppet made from a dead native, so it is a viable target for this spell."

Peniel later explained to Jack in more detail about the spell. The spell was like dispel, the runes for its spell formation were not fixed. It could be cast with fewer runes. The minimum was five while the maximum was eight runes. The higher the runes, the higher the spell's success chance in controlling a higher-level dead native or monster.

The intelligence stat also helped the success chance. Master was able to control Aglea who was more than ten levels higher than him because he used eight runes for casting and had an extremely high intelligence stat.

The giant ice cube that imprisoned Talia was melting. Fire burst out from the edges of the cube before it was completely destroyed. From inside the destroyed cube, Talia's body was seen cloaked in flames. These flames formed two pairs of wings on her back.

When Talia came out of her imprisonment, Aglea's body also shone. Three pairs of large scythe-like appendages made of light sprout from her back. Her whole body was glowing.

The three sisters faced each other.

They were once the dearest companions to each other within this faction. Today, they would be undergoing a battle to the death.

Chapter 1376: Aggro from Healing

Euphosine, Talia, and Aglea didn't waste time staring at each other. Aglea was the first to move. She was controlled by Master, after all. Master's spell had a limited duration, so he wanted to fully make use of Aglea's prowess.

The light scythes from Aglea's back thrust and slashed while she fired light darts at Euphosine.

Euphosine fought back using the ice chains from her back. She channeled more power to those chains and their sizes doubled. A layer of ice also covered her body. It was similar to Master's ice armor, only her ice armor looked thicker and much sturdier.

The ice chains clashed with Aglea's light scythes. Unfortunately, the ice chains outnumbered the scythes. Aglea received multiple stabs from the chains.

Aglea cared not for her wounds. She was already dead anyway. She continued to go for the offense, trying to damage Euphosine at the cost of her own HP.

Talia didn't stay idle. Her flaming wings flapped and slapped all the ice chains that came at her. The flame that was shrouding her also formed a pair of flaming whips in her hands. She whipped the flaming whips at Euphosine, dealing fire damage.

"You...! How dare you go against me again!" Euphosine yelled at Aglea. Her voice was back to hysterical, similar to when she lost the divine heritage. "Haven't I already shown you that I am superior?! I own you! You should obey me...!!"

With each movement, Euphosine formed one ice block after another. She slammed these ice blocks onto Aglea. She ignored all the whips sent by Talia. Her focus was entirely on Aglea.

Fire, ice, and light shot everywhere as the three clashed. Jack, Therras, Master, and his angel stayed at a distance from the three. This battle was something that was out of their league.

Jack saw Master take out a large ominous book. It was the legendary artifact, the Necronomicon.

Master opened the Necronomicon and used its Army of Darkness ability. Even though Aglea wasn't turned into an undead using the Necronomicon, it was still a dead being controlled by Master. Hence, it was considered a valid target for the Necronomicon's ability.

Dark clouds enveloped Aglea's head. Her movement speed increased, and so was her attributes. With the buff, she fought even more ferociously.

"What is the duration for that Control the Dead spell?" Jack asked Peniel.

"Thirty minutes for its first level, two hours if the spell is maxed," Peniel answered.

"That Army of Darkness ability, the undead affected will die after twelve hours, right?" Jack asked.

"Or when the Necronomicon's user loses control of the dead," Peniel replied. "When Master's spell that is controlling Aglea ends, she will die."

"But she is Euphosine's tethered puppet, so she will come back to life again after that?"

"Hm...," The question made Peniel ponder. "No, the Necronomicon's effect is more powerful. It takes priority. Any undead after receiving the Necronomicon's effect will not be able to be resurrected again. So, she will stay dead."

"I see... How devious of that guy to use this trick," Jack uttered. He couldn't help but be impressed by Master. "He does this so that even if Euphosine isn't defeated after his spell ends, Aglea will not be around to aid her anymore because she will stay dead."

With the Army of the Darkness boost, Aglea's power increased. Her light scythes cut through Euphosine's chains and pierced her ice suit. She screamed from the pain as damage numbers popped

up. She retaliated with an ice explosion that blasted Aglea away, but the undead woman returned as if nothing happened.

Talia's flames assaulted Euphosine from the flank. Despite Euphosine not focusing on her, she still suffered damage because Euphosine's ice chains automatically attacked everything that came into range. The number of ice chains and their power made it so it was impossible for Talia and Aglea to defend against them.

Even by ganging up on Euphosine, Aglea and Talia still lost HP faster than their sister.

Master's angel cast healing spells to keep Talia's HP at a safe level. Aglea couldn't be healed due to the Necronomicon's effect. Jack and Master didn't stay idle. They sent ranged attacks whenever they could. Any little damage they could inflict to chip down Euphosine's HP was worth it.

Jack considered using his rune technique but Euphosine didn't exactly stay in one place, and the ice chains around her were very fast. He wasn't confident he could hit Euphosine. He bet he would be assaulted by those chains the second he teleported next to her.

Euphosine had been blinded by rage. She lashed out violently but she finally came back to her senses when her HP dropped below half. She noticed Talia, who should be in a worse condition than her, still having her HP above half, so she turned her attention to the angel who healed Talia.

She cast telekinesis at the angel. The angel couldn't resist the power from a level 90 mythical. The angel was forcefully dragged toward Euphosine. Euphosine's left hand turned into a large ice claw that grabbed the angel's neck.

The angel tried to fight back by summoning two swords made of light in each of her hands. She stabbed Euphosine with these light swords but the damage was greatly diminished by Euphosine's ice armor.

Her stabbing motions became sluggish as ice spread all over her body. In a short time, she was completely covered by ice.

Euphosine released her grip and the ice block encasing the angel fell to the floor. It broke to pieces once it hit the floor.

Peniel informed Jack that it was a spell called Ice Death. Another spell that had the probability of instant death effect. Two factors affected the success chance of the instant death effect. Level difference and percentage of HP. The bigger the level difference between the caster and its target, the higher the success chance for instant death. Additionally, the lower the target's HP, the higher the success chance.

Now that Euphosine came back to her senses, she didn't fight blindly anymore. She fought reservedly, taking opportunities to counterattack when possible. She avoided Aglea who was still on full offense. Once the spell that controlled her ended, Aglea would stop. Hence, she didn't need to do anything to her.

She focused her offense more on Talia. Because of that, Talia's HP went down rapidly.

A healing light fell on Talia when her HP was down to twenty percent.

It was Peniel's Fast Heal. Fast Heal originally only healed 50% HP, but Jack's Call Familiar already had five stars. Each star increased the power of the familiar's skills. At five stars, Peniel's Fast Heal recovered 75% HP.

Hence, Talia's HP was now back to almost full.

This incident caused Euphosine to turn in Peniel's direction. Her eyes were deadly cold.

Chapter 1377: Everyone

Euphosine stopped moving, allowing Talia and Aglea free hits. However, Talia quickly retreated because she sensed the mana converging around Euphosine.

A powerful explosion radiated from Euphosine, freezing even the air. Talia didn't retreat fast enough, but her flames protected her from getting frozen. Her speed became slow, though.

Aglea never stopped attacking. She lost mana sense when she died. But even if she had the ability, Master would still command her to keep attacking. Euphosine's ice mana explosion hit her point-blank. Her entire body was frozen.

With a slap, Euphosine sent the frozen Aglea flying across the hall. Euphosine then shot forward.

Talia tried to engage Euphosine but Euphosine's ice chains assaulted her. Because she was slowed, she couldn't dodge the ice chains. The ice chains coiled around her before slamming her into the floor.

Without obstacles hindering her, Euphosine proceeded toward Peniel. One healing from Peniel brought Talia to almost full health, she couldn't let the fairy repeat that.

Jack wasn't going to stay still and let Euphosine get to Peniel. He and Therras came forward. Therras' body had returned to normal. The Gigantify Pet had ended, but Jack still had other buff skills for his pet.

Jack used Beast Howl, Beast Tantrum, and Mirage Beast. Therras had recovered decently when it stayed on the sideline while Euphosine was battling Talia and Aglea. The Beast Howl replenished its remaining HP. It was now back to full health and its stats were also increased. The Beast Tantrum increased its stats further.

Therras and its clone served as tanks to block Euphosine from reaching Peniel.

Euphosine waved her hand. Huge sharp icicles materialized before her. They impaled Therras and its clone. Therras' clone was pushed back, but Therras refused to. Despite getting damaged, it forced itself forward and used Overbearing Stomp. The stomp produced a localized earthquake and destroyed the icicles.

Euphosine was displeased that this pet stopped her advance. She cast a spell. Hundreds of little butterflies made of ice were conjured. When these butterflies touched Therras and its clone, they exploded. The explosion dealt ice damage and also produced a freeze effect. With so many butterflies hitting them, Therras and its clone were frozen in no time.

The butterflies flew past frozen Therras and came at Jack and Peniel.

Jack put Peniel behind him. When he saw these ice butterflies, he cast Orb of Storm and Perpetual Lightning Judgement.

The empowered lightning blasted all the butterflies. Icy and electrical discharge filled the air, obscuring the view. Jack sensed another attack coming. Jack used Flame Strike powered by mana manipulation at the exact time the attack arrived. He felt a strong knockback and was sent tumbling backward.

The attack Jack blocked wasn't the only one. Seven ice spears appeared and headed toward Peniel.

"Peniel, invulnerability!" Jack called.

Peniel almost used the skill but a group of people came in front of her. These people blocked the ice spears for Peniel.

"Everyone?!" Jack saw that these were people he was familiar with. They were Grace, Spring Crown, Naomi, Kramer, Freddie, and Tom. Each of them blocked one of the ice spears except for Grace who blocked two. All of them suffered damage and were thrown back except for Spring Crown.

Naomi and Tom almost lost their lives from the block. Kramer also suffered large damage but he had high HP as a native. Freddie didn't lose so much because he used mana manipulation to block. Grace also didn't lose much despite blocking two ice spears because of her equipment's high defense and she had activated the Armor of Ego.

Spring Crown didn't suffer any damage because he used his skill, Absorb Energy. His spear was now coated with intense ice energy.

His spirit weapon was behind him. He used Energy Weapon, turning his spirit weapon into a ball of energy that smashed into Euphosine who had now appeared in front of them.

Euphosine easily blocked the energy weapon with an ice shield formed by her hand. Her ice chains stretched forward, attempting to stab everyone.

Grace, Spring Crown, and Freddie parried the stab while getting forced back. Kramer kept on getting stabbed but he refused to retreat. Naomi and Tom had retreated after the first clash. Tom cast healing spells on them both.

Peniel cast Healing Field to keep Grace and the others alive. She had flown back to hide behind Jack once these people saved her.

Jack came forward and blocked Euphosine's ice chains using his sword art. "Kramer, move back!" Jack commanded. The native teenager was too valiant for his own good.

A distance away, Jack also saw Stefan and Saddle use ranged attacks on Euphosine. Master was elsewhere, casting his spells from safety.

Euphosine scoffed at their attempts. She was about to advance again to teach these ants a lesson when a fire lasso came and bound her. She looked back. The fire lasso was from Talia.

Aglea had also freed herself from her frozen condition. She and Talia were now coming at Euphosine again.

Euphosine huffed. The flaming lasso that was coiling her body was frozen until it became solid ice. It then shattered. Euphosine cast a spell that was completed before Talia and Aglea arrived.

A huge face made of ice materialized before the two. This giant ice face blew an icy breath. Talia and Aglea formed magic shields before them, but the gust from the breath was too strong. They were driven back by the icy wind.

"You people are pissing me off!" Euphosine exclaimed. "How dare you all interfere with the quarrel between my sisters and me. Begone!"

She was casting a spell, another eight-rune spell. When it was completed, an endless torrent of ice needles filled the hall.

"Get near me!" Jack shouted. His swords turned into a blur as he slashed every single needle that came near him.

Upon the first impact, Jack understood these needles contained deadly power. If his slashes weren't powered by mana manipulation, he believed he would suffer damage from each clash.

Even though Jack could block these needles, his slashes covered a limited area. He couldn't defend everyone. Grace, Spring Crown, and Freddie were still able to defend despite the high difficulty, the others weren't doing so well.

Kramer, Naomi, Tom, Stefan, and Saddle got battered by the needles. Tom's eagle claw art let him intercept the needles. However, his damage output was not enough to negate the needle's power. He didn't have mana manipulation, so he received damage with each impact.

"Grace! Generosity of Hope!" Jack called.

"I can't!" Grace replied. "I have already used it in the battle outside."

The ones who had healing spells tried their best to keep everyone alive, but in the end, Euphosine's spell was simply too powerful for them. Jack watched helplessly as Naomi, Tom, and Stefan were killed.

Chapter 1378: Light Nova

Saddle managed to save herself by running out of the hall. She was attacking from a distance and her position was near the entrance. Stefan died because his response was late. Saddle was already running to the entrance when she saw Euphosine start casting. Months as participants in the game had honed her danger instinct.

Winson and Windy were outside the hall. They didn't dare to go in like the others. When Saddle came out running, they knew their decision was correct.

They were all originally battling the happy dolls outside. These dolls suddenly stopped moving for no reason. Little did they know that it was because Euphosine had lost her divine power when Master ripped the divine heritage out of her. She was unable to maintain so many tethered puppets without divine power.

After the happy dolls stopped moving, they entered the mansion and searched for Jack and Master. They had just recently found this hall and saw that Jack was battling inside. Grace rushed in without a second thought. Most others followed in except for Winson and Windy.

Inside the hall, Freddie and Spring Crown were in critical health. They hurriedly retreated. Grace was better due to her equipment's exceptional defense. Jack was unharmed.

"Get out! It's too dangerous here...!" Jack shouted.

Freddie and Spring Crown didn't need much encouragement, they ran toward the exit. Kramer and Grace stayed.

"You two should leave too!" Jack told them.

"I'm fine," Grace replied. She didn't budge.

"I won't leave Your Majesty to fight alone!" Kramer declared.

"Grace, prioritize your healing on Kramer," Jack ordered. He could see it was a waste of time trying to persuade them.

Jack glanced at Master, who was also unharmed. The lesser demon and angel who had been roaming away in the hall had come to block the needles for him.

"You pests are irksomely obstinate," Euphosine said. She advanced and her ice chains had returned to assailing the ones who survived her spell. Jack and the others stepped back as they defended against the chains.

Jack stepped forward and used his sword art. His slashes were so accurate now the ice chains were hit at an angle that didn't oppose the chains' power but deflected them instead. Thus, he wasn't overpowered by the huge difference in power.

Euphosine was genuinely startled that this outworlder was able to achieve such a feat. The area in front of her was suddenly clear of her chains. Grace took advantage of this. She used the Mace of Selfishness.

An image of a huge mace appeared and smashed into Euphosine. She was still amazed by Jack's feat that she reacted late and failed to defend against the mace.

Due to the successful first hit and there was no other enemy around, the next mace struck Euphosine again. Even when the mace didn't cause her much damage, she was unable to retaliate because the Mace of Selfishness produced a slight stun upon impact. She was unable to move as all fifteen maces kept on hitting her.

Jack didn't let the chance go. He channeled his mana and performed Brave Slash.

The light enveloping his Storm Breaker shone brightly as it was powered by strong mana manipulation. Jack's attack similarly didn't produce much damage since most of his buff skill was on cooldown, but Euphosine still screamed in pain from the hit.

No apparent wound was seen on her body, but her pained cry proved that Jack's Brave Slash still affected her. Her ice chains reacted due to the pain. They became fiercer and stabbed Jack aggressively.

"I will defend you, my king!" Kramer shouted as he came forward with his shield when Jack was forced back.

"Kramer. No!" Jack shouted.

With Jack out of reach, the chains diverted their attention to the next target. Some stabbed Kramer while some coiled his body. They bound him and pulled him toward Euphosine.

"Kramer...!" Jack tried to push forward, but it was hard to do with the ice chains hindering his way.

When Kramer almost came into Euphosine's grasp, a curtain of fire came between her and Kramer. It was a spell from Talia who was coming from the side.

"You can't save him!" Euphosine exclaimed. One of her hands grabbed the flame curtain and it was rapidly frozen.

While Euphosine was determined to slay Kramer, Aglea came from behind. After fighting so recklessly for some time in addition to she couldn't be healed, Aglea's HP was very low. The light scythes on her back stabbed into Euphosine's body. Euphosine's chains struck Aglea to push her away, but Aglea's light scythes that were digging into Euphosine's flesh forcefully tethered her to Euphosine.

Aglea's body then glowed.

Talia's face turned anxious when she saw the glow. She zoomed to Jack's side.

"Stay back!" She shouted while casting a spell at the same time.

A shell of flame formed around her, covering herself, Jack, and Grace. The two pairs of fiery wings on her back left her body and joined the shell. The flames on the shell intensified once that happened. They became thicker and more raging.

Euphosine ice chains were unable to pierce through the shell of flames. But at the same time, Jack also couldn't come out of the shell to help Kramer. Kramer was still held by Euphosine's ice chains.

Aglea then turned supernova. Her glow covered the entire hall.

Spring Crown, who was watching from the entrance had predicted something was off when he saw Aglea glowing. He called for everyone to retreat further away. The others didn't understand why, but they retreated just in case.

They turned at an intersection just as the hall's entrance in the distance became impossibly bright. The light showered the wall directly across the intersection, they saw the wall that was hit by the light slowly melted. They were now glad they followed Spring Crown's instruction.

Inside the hall, the bright light finally ended. The floor, walls, and ceiling of the hall all had burned marks. Aglea was nowhere to be seen. Where Euphosine used to be was an ice block, and Kramer's body was laying on the floor beside this ice block.

Chapter 1379: Making a Choice

The fiery shell around Talia dissolved. She fell weakly onto the floor. She suffered damage again after Peniel replenished her HP. Her HP had now fallen back to below thirty percent. Peniel and Grace had exhausted their potent healing spells. All were on cooldown. Grace could only use Healer's basic spell, Heal, which had a short cooldown but healed very little HP.

Jack ran to Kramer. Kramer's whole was badly burned. He was not moving.

"No...," Jack uttered. He used his Inspect. Kramer had died.

"You, a*shole...!!!" Jack scolded as he turned back. Aglea was controlled by a person, and it was that person who had made Aglea use the supernova just now. Jack was angry. That person should have at least warned them first.

Peniel told Jack that Aglea's attack just now was Light Nova. A very powerful attack that was similar to Euphosine's Ice Nova, but this one was even more powerful because Aglea cast it at the expense of her life. Using her life force to fuel the spell's power by several folds.

Yet, when he turned around. He couldn't find the person he was looking for.

"Where is he...?" Jack asked.

Grace looked around. She also couldn't find Master.

Jack couldn't find the dot representing Master on his radar. Master had left the party without notice. There was no longer Master's name within their game party, but Jack didn't believe Master had left this place. He turned to the divine heritage which was still floating up there. He then used Gold Dragon Sight.

As he suspected, he could see Master then. Master had used another Invisibility scroll. He was at the moment floating before the divine heritage. He was doing something to the seal around the divine heritage and the seal appeared to be opening up.

Jack used Reset then.

He never trusted Master. He had saved this skill to deal with Master, in case Master turn on them when the battle was over.

He transformed into supreme dragon form and shot forward. His entire objective in coming to this faction was to prevent Master from getting the divine heritage. He wasn't going to let that happen right in front of him.

But the sound of ice breaking drew his attention. He turned and saw the ice block had broken and Euphosine came out of it. She headed toward Talia who was down on the floor.

Euphosine was also not in the best condition. All her ice chains were gone. Her HP was even lower than Talia's. Only around twenty percent was left, but she seemed to have more energy than Talia. She was shouting hysterically as she headed toward Talia.

"You, traitor! I consider you my sister. But again and again, you betray me! You oppose me! Now, you try to kill me with this group of pests. No more! I will end you now with my own hands!!"

Talia was still weak when Euphosine came barging. She tried to fight back but her hands were slapped to the side by Euphosine. Euphosine's hand then turned into an ice claw that clenched Talia's neck.

Jack recognized that skill. It was Ice Death, the skill with the instant death effect. That skill must have gone off cooldown.

Talia's level difference might not be that far from Euphosine, but her HP was already low. The chance of instant death taking effect was rather high.

In that split second, Jack was faced with a dilemma. Should he proceed to Master or turn back?

Master was still too far for him to use a ranged attack. He needed to advance further, but that would mean leaving Talia to her fate.

It was just a split second, but Jack made his decision.

He had used the dragon form's inherent wind jet to shoot forward. He was now casting the same spell in the opposite direction. His flight ground to a halt before shooting backward.

Ice flakes started to cover Talia, they spread from her neck which was in contact with Euphosine's ice claw. Talia's body produced fire mana to combat the spreading of the ice but she was losing the battle. But due to this, she wasn't frozen as fast as Master's angel when Euphosine used this skill the first time.

"Get away from her!" Jack shouted and activated all his offensive buffs, including Strength of Hope. He used Wind Slash once he came into range. He followed with Sword of Light, Mana Beam, Tracing Beams, and other long-ranged attacks.

Euphosine ignored all those attacks. She just focused on hastening Talia's freezing process. Or maybe her mind had completely broken and she wasn't aware of the attacks hitting her. She kept on shouting with her hand on Talia's neck. She was freezing her and strangling her at the same time.

"Die...! Die...! DIE...!!!"

When Jack used Reset, he also re-activated Ultimate Beast, Beast Tantrum, and Gigantify Pet. The multiple buffs empowered Therras and gave it the power to release itself from its frozen condition. The ice that encased it was shattered as its mighty roar was heard.

Therras flapped its wing and chased after Jack when he was going for Master. But when Jack turned around, it followed suit.

Jack's ranged attacks had been ignored by Euphosine. When Therras came near him, Jack used Combination Assault. The two merged into a meteor strike and went barreling into Euphosine.

The forceful collision finally pried open Euphosine's ice claw from Talia's neck. Talia fell back and coughed hard after being released.

Euphosine glared at Jack with eyes full of hatred. "You again! You keep on coming between me and my sister...!!!"

"You have no right to call yourself a sister!" Jack exclaimed. He advanced with Therras. He activated his defensive buffs, the Gold Scale Armor and the Lightning God Suit.

Euphosine had one hand pointed at Terras and another at Jack. The one pointed at Terras cast a spell that summoned a giant ice boulder. The boulder crashed into Terras and sent it tumbling sideways.

Her other hand had a finger pointed at Jack. Her ice chains might have gone, but she created one again using her ice power. An ice chain that was larger than the ones before formed before her finger. This ice chain shot toward Jack with incredible speed and pierced his chest.

"Get over here...!" Euphosine yelled maniacally.

Stuck with the ice chain, Jack was pulled toward Euphosine.

Chapter 1380: Mission Accomplished

When Jack rushed toward Master after finding out what Master was up to, Grace was confused at first. She only saw Jack flying toward the divine heritage. She couldn't see Master. But her keen eyesight noticed the seal around the divine heritage was peeling off little by little. She understood then that something was wrong.

Her Angelic Possession had just come off cooldown after using it to fight the happy dolls earlier. She immediately activated that skill and followed Jack to the divine heritage.

When Jack suddenly turned back to save Talia. She was conflicted about whether to follow Jack back. But she quickly decided that it was better if she left Talia to Jack and she went to protect the divine heritage instead. So, she continued onward.

She couldn't see Master. She didn't even know it was Master that was there. But after coming into range, her mana sense quickly picked up on the invisible person.

Without hesitation, she used Judgement Strike toward the invisible person.

Master appeared then.

He appeared because he was casting a spell using one hand. Once he saw Jack come toward him, he was ready. He had one hand continued undoing the seal and the other hand holding a magic staff ready to cast a spell.

Aside from the rune diagram to extract the divine heritage from Euphosine, Master had prepared another rune diagram. If he let the seal that trapped this divine heritage run its course, it would still take a few more hours. Hence, he had prepared a second rune diagram that could undo the seal so he could get the divine heritage early.

This had always been his plan. He knew whatever the outcome of this battle, neither Jack nor Euphosine would let him leave with this divine heritage. Thus, he needed to get this heritage when they thought it was still inaccessible.

He had used his lesser angel and lesser demon to process most of the activation on the unsealing rune diagram. His rune diagram was invisible. Without a deep understanding of the rune diagram, what his two minions did in the commoners' eyes was just them moving around senselessly. And he knew within this hall, he was the only player with that kind of knowledge.

When the process was almost completed, he commanded Aglea to self-destruct using her Light Nova. He again used the lesser angel and lesser demon as meat shields added with some powerful defensive spells.

Once the Light Nova ended, he used the invisibility scroll and headed to the divine heritage to finish the final unsealing process himself.

He didn't expect Jack to find out about him so fast.

He had been gritting his teeth when Jack came over. It would be difficult to battle Jack and complete the unsealing process at the same time. But when Jack turned back, he was laughing as well as scoffing at Jack's action.

'Good will always win? Hah! With how good is trying to save everyone instead of focusing on the objective, it is a wonder that good ever wins,' Master mocked in his mind.

He then saw Grace come at him. He did not worry about this little girl. He cast a spell, ending his invisibility, when Grace was almost upon him.

Grace felt herself gripped by an invisible force with tremendous strength. Her body was then forcefully dragged to the side. She smashed into the wall.

Master kept Grace pinned to the wall using Telekinesis while his other hand continued working on the seal.

Grace was unable to move. Master's intelligence stat was so high that his Telekinesis was extremely powerful. Grace cast her offensive spell then, Chain Lightning.

Unfortunately, Master had seen Grace use this spell before, so he was not caught off guard even when it was not a spell that an Inquisitor should have. Master's one hand that held the magic staff had to maintain the Telekinesis spell, so he stopped the unsealing process for a while. His free hand came up just as the chain lightning came, then Grace saw something that made her eyes bulge.

Master captured the chain lightning and stopped it using his bare hand.

"You...! You can use mana manipulation...?!" Grace exclaimed in surprise.

Not only a basic mana manipulation. To stop a spell like that, this showed Master's mana manipulation was very advanced already. He even combined that technique with his game knowledge. He knew the mechanic of chain lightning and used his mana manipulation to unravel the spell upon contact.

"Hmph," Master simply harrumphed in response. He went back to work on the divine heritage while Grace struggled futilely against his telekinesis.

Not long after, the seal was gone and the divine heritage came into his hand.

"Mission accomplished," Master uttered.

The divine heritage went into his inventory and the entire place was shaken by a huge earthquake.

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When Grace was held by Master's telekinetic spell, Jack was getting pulled toward Euphosine.

Jack didn't panic, though. His mind was calm. He had been channeling his mana onto his Storm Breaker. The sword's heart mantra flowed through his hand into his sword. He used Brave Slash again.

The golden light encompassing his sword was especially bright due to mana manipulation. However, he didn't swing it normally as he usually did. This time, he combined the execution of this skill with his martial art, One-word Slash.

He never attempted this before, but his improved sword's heart let him see this possibility. He had come upon this enlightenment when he used the previous Brave Slash on Euphosine. Now, he put this into practice.

The game skill combined with martial art and mana manipulation, created a light that formed a long straight line. This light went past the ice chain that was pulling at him. As it did, the ice chain was cut clean in two. The light continued and went past Euphosine.

Previously, she had suffered intense pain albeit small damage from the skill. This time, there was an animation at her belly where the light punctured it. Blood spurted. The pain she felt this time was manifold than before. Additionally, a large damage number came up above her.