

Darkness 661

Chapter 661 Three Abilities

Kahn hovered in the air at least 100 meters high in the air while in front of him, was the ginormous figure of Axel who was at least 250 meters tall after he transformed and revealed his true form as a monstrous creature.

Just now, he figured out the 2nd divine ability Axel had known as Soul Eater. It could allow the user to absorb souls from recently deceased saints to gain an extra life.

However, the biggest flaw of Soul Eater was that it had the condition of needing a dead saint. Not something you see happening often. This was one of the reasons why Kahn didn't choose it but for Axel... it was the best choice.

Right now, Kahn's team killed 7 saints from Hero's Party to pressure the Hero of Fire by cornering him with their numbers and forcing his hand to give up the artifact.

But eventually, because of the Soul Eater ability... he ended up empowering Axel instead.

And now... Axel finally finished his transformation.

A 250 meters tall blood-red body, 6 massive arms, 2 of which were coming out of the joints of the massive bat-like wings on his back. Most of Axel's body was covered bone-like exoskeleton which had a gushing stream of blood constantly moving about on the surface.

The head had no eyes but a skull with winged ears. On his chest and stomach was a red glowing hole that looked like it was a pit of fire. The red flesh had more than ten thousand small faces which disappeared after he completed his transformation.

From the waist region, it was all skeletons and the last two remaining arms grew out of the monster head made of bones and flesh that appeared below the waist.

A 100 meter tall spine-like boney tail landed on the ground and shook the surroundings. While on the main body itself were thousands of small pores leaking drops of blood. As the blood coagulated with time, massive blood drops, each sizing that of a water bucket landed on the ground.

At this moment, Kahn finally amassed enough space force and using quicksilver, he quickly appeared just 2 kilometers away from Axel's 10 meter tall head.

DIMENSIONAL CUT!!

Kahn took the opportunity to cut off Axel's head with an instantaneous slashing attack that could cut through all creations in the world.

Thud!!

A cloud of dust rose as Axel's head dropped on the ground.

Crack!!

The following second, one of the 7 white formations that previously absorbed the souls of fallen saints shattered and released the white orb it held.

Axel just lost one soul that could be counted as one of his lives.

[Ronin!] shouted Kahn and using Shadow Swap, Kahn switched positions with the spirit assassin subordinate.

A blue light emitted from Ronin's body and he finally used his exclusive Legendary Rank ability that no one else had.

Soul Collector.

This was the ability he inherited from Vilgax who was a spirit monster. Soul Collector allowed Ronin to steal and absorb souls from fallen enemies in battle to increase his levels and strength.

SCHWOAAH!!

The blue light formed into an ethereal demonic arm and quickly pulled the soul that was sealed in the middle of the formation.

Axel just lost one life and the soul was being snatched away by Ronin.

The Thanatos subordinate quickly absorbed the soul in his body and using the Invisibility and Phase Shift skills, he disappeared from the spot.

5 seconds later, he appeared 5 kilometers away and started absorbing the soul properly.

"You bastard!!" a loud and malicious voice thundered in the battlefield and one of the arms grabbed the fallen head. Soon, it placed the detached head on the neck that had a fountain of blood spurting out.

In front of everyone, the head returned to its previous appearance and there wasn't even a single trace left.

[So he has some kind of instant regeneration ability.] analyzed Kahn from a distance.

"Good. Now you've infuriated me. Let's see how you can survive against my army then." spoke Axel and from his six arms, numerous blood droplets were flung in the nearby 10 kilometer radius.

Kahn and the group quickly retreated and stood away from this shower of blood as a precaution.

HOWL!!

ROAR!!

SKRAA!!

WHRRAAA!!

SCREECH!!

One after another, multiple roars and warcries filled the surroundings as hundreds of thousands of monstrous creatures that none of them had ever seen before started coming to life from every single drop of blood that was thrown off from Axel's palms.

[Holy mother of Alucard... is he creating all these soldiers from his blood?

How many people did this bastard kill to summon so many monsters?] wondered Kahn and tried to remember if this was anything familiar.

[Wait... that's the Blood Monarch divine ability!] just then, Rathnaar exclaimed in Kahn's mind.

[I have fought a hero who could use this skill.

The user of this divine ability can create monsters just from a single drop of blood. The more blood they have stored in their bodies... the more blood monsters they can create.] he explained.

[Dammit! You're right. I saw this one too. But there was a limit due to the amount of blood one can hold because of their species.

But for Axel who isn't a human and eats the flesh of others and probably drinks their blood too... this is a perfect choice.

However, that's not all. You might not know this old man; one of the hidden effects is that if an enemy is killed by his blood monsters; he can use their blood to create more monsters of the same quality.

It gives him an absolute advantage in a large-scale battle.

Added with his saint rank, enormous blood supply and regeneration abilities... This guy has an endless supply of a monster army.] said Kahn and a grim expression appeared on his face.

Back then, Kahn didn't choose it because it had to be the person's own blood and the stronger he was, the collective strength each soldier will have.

This divine ability heavily relied on the user's own blood quantity. This was unfavorable for many but given Axel's species, whatever it was called... it was tailor-made for him.

"No wonder he didn't use this skill before in his human appearance. Only his original form has that much amount of blood to create this endless army."

With this revelation, Kahn and the group found out about 3 of Axel's divine abilities.

However, their group wasn't afraid of the enemy.

"So what if he has an endless supply of army? We aren't lacking on our own either."

A dubious plan formed in Kahn's mind and he spoke loudly, inviting two of his hard hitters.

"Ceril and Armin! It's time for you to take the stage."

Chapter 662 Countering A Divine Ability

Out of 8 times, Kahn killed Axel once by using Dimensional Cut, his killing move. But now that Axel revealed another one of his Divine abilities called Blood Monarch that allowed him to create a blood monster to attack the enemy force from a single drop of blood... a dubious plan formed in Kahn's mind.

Who said Kahn had to fight Axel one on one just because both of them were chosen heroes?

He had the advantage in numbers so there was no reason for him to play fair against the guy who was already 10 times stronger than him based on his rank.

Axel obviously had more divine abilities so Kahn was going to make up for their difference in his own way.

The battlefield was now filled with more than 10 million monstrous creatures. Each sizing at least 2 meters and all of them looked like amalgamations of various species and appearances he had never seen before.

Some had 3 arms and 5 legs while some floated in the air without having wings. Apart from their blood-red bodies, there wasn't a single thing that resembled the creatures of Vantrea. Kahn could only deduce that these were the monsters from Axel's original world because the Hero of Fire himself wasn't a human or looked anything like what they had seen in this world.

The Blood Monarch divine ability was indeed on par with the Necromancy divine ability. But there was a reason why Kahn didn't choose it back then. And now... he was going to use the very flaw that made him discard this divine ability.

"Ceril and Armin! It's time for you to take the stage."

Kahn called out the two subordinates and they both appeared right beside him, gazing at tens of millions of monsters that were being created at a rapid pace and had encompassed around 20 kilometers of radius already. Yet there seemed no end to their numbers.

"You know what to do." spoke Kahn and gave them a nod.

Both subordinates nodded and disappeared the next second. A few seconds later, Ceril took the east side and Armin took the west side of the monster army.

[Venessa... do not be surprised.] said Kahn to the 3rd princess through their communication artifact.

BOOM!!

BOOM!!

A massive black pillar soaring in the sky appeared on the eastern end while an explosion of green aura permeated the western side.

Finally, a 100 meter tall figure of an undead in a black cloak, four black feathered wings and a hood with a 10 meter tall book along with an 80 meter long black scythe appeared in the west.

On the other end, a 100 meter tall and four-legged green wood elemental creature who appeared like an embodiment of nature itself was revealed on the western side of this blood monsters army.

Ceril and Armin had taken their Dark Summoner and Erdtree legendary rank true forms respectively.

Venessa and Axel were completely shocked from their respective positions and without wasting another moment, the transformed generals acted on the spot.

Crack!

Crack!

Ceril summoned a 10 kilometers wide archaic red formation that spread on the ground and soon, the ground below shattered and thousands of undead skeletons and monsters started coming out.

Thud!!

Thud!!

And as the spearheads leading them... Ceril's Six Guardians that he created in capital Rathna of Rakos Empire, whom he also used against the legendary monster Ashokvatika in Verlassen; came to be. Each of them sized over 50 meters in height and all were comprised of thousands of bodies and bones.

However, unlike some mindless monsters... they were created using Peak Grandmasters and now because of their size... they were already on par with a 1st stage saint themselves in terms of skills and battle strength.

This is what made Ceril a formidable opponent who had the abilities and skills to even kill a 3rd stage saint.

And following the Six Guardians were the millions of undead monsters that were created using different species and fighting classes.

In a way, Axel's army was now facing 7 saints on the eastern end.

Rumble!

Rumble!

On the western end, Armin created even more Treants, Tree Sentinels and flying wood elemental creatures. This time, because he was in his true form... the range had expanded to 30 kilometers, which was basically the 60% of the entire battlefield and thus, the total number of creatures he created was twice compared to when he fought Volka just half an hour ago.

If Axel had an unending army of monsters at his beck and call... Kahn's two generals didn't lose out in any way either.

"Do it." spoke Kahn, his voice being heard by both of them through their telepathic link.

BANG!!

Shatter!!

Ceril launched his undead army that had proper weapons, armors and battle formations. He himself used Shadow Blade Barrage skill using the Scythe of the Reaper that was one of the gifts from the Deity of Necromancy; launching thousands of 10 meter long darkness elemental blades, cutting through 20 to 30 thousand monsters with each wave easily. At this moment, Ceril looked like the personification of the Grim Reaper himself.

The Six Guardians also killed 10 to 20 thousand monsters with each of their attacks while facing millions of enemies from all sides.

Armin on the other hand summoned more wood elemental creatures along with thousands of vines and roots coming out of the ground, decimating and engulfing the blood monsters in the ground while stabbing and binding them before they even moved. The flying monsters were taken care of by his own flying creatures.

The hero of fire only created an army filled with bloodlust. But he couldn't control every single one of the monsters... the duo of Ceril and Armin however, could.

Even Axel, who was still creating way too many monsters, was rooted on the spot as the battle prowess of these two was dwarfing his own army.

20 MINUTES LATER.

Kahn was spectating the battle from afar as Venessa floated beside him.

The well-controlled armies of Ceril and Armin were equally matching Axel's blood monster army, killing them off easily while giving them no upper hand whatsoever.

There was a reason why he chose the two to fight off against this divine ability.

Because the army of undeads and wood elemental creatures by the two generals didn't have a single drop of blood in them.

This way, Axel couldn't use the blood from fallen enemies to create more of his monsters at all.

However, there was still no way to completely suppress Axel or his army either.

"I see... the key element is the blood of the fallen monsters that Axel is using to replenish his numbers again and again.

This divine ability is just as broken as the ones I have." spoke Kahn.

[Then cut off the source.] said Rathnaar in Kahn's mind.

Kahn thought for a second and smirked as another plan formed in his mind.

"Get ready to make a surprise entrance..." said Kahn as he called out the next general who was going to overturn the battle.

"Jugram."

Chapter 663 I Have An Army

The battle between Axel and Kahn's two generals was at its peak but in a way, it was still a standstill situation because the number of enemies remained the same as time went by.

The root cause of it was the blood of the dead blood monsters that Axel was using again and again. This function was something even Kahn didn't know of as. The only thing he could link it to was Axel's own physiology that allowed this change in the divine ability named Blood Monarch.

"Give up, Salvatore. Your possies can't ever stop me." spoke Axel through his skull mouth.

"I have an army."

Kahn on the other end, smiled and replied in a coy tone...

"We have a Jugram."

BOOM!!

Before Axel could react... behind him, a massive crimson red burst of hellfire rose and quickly burned down the surrounding 1 kilometer region just with its scorching flames.

ROARRR!!!

An ear-deafening and ground-shattering roar of a ginormous creature sent shockwaves in the surroundings as a 500 meter tall creature appeared just 5 kilometers away from Axel.

Two enormous horns on fire, a massive demonic face with red eyes, ripped and muscular arms that had an exterior layer like a boney armor came to be.

The entire plant life, trees, grasslands and the blood monsters that were caught in this hellfire in the two kilometer radius area started burning on the spot.

Venessa who watched this from behind Kahn was flabbergasted on the spot as well.

Axel already knew of Jugram's origin but learning was different from experiencing in the end. And now, the former finally saw a creature that was twice his own size.

Without further ado, Jugram quickly activated Hell Domain and the temperature of the surrounding 5 kilometers radius rose to 500 degree celcius. Also, all the monsters had 75% of their strength and physical defenses lowered under the perimeter of the hell domain.

In just a few seconds, a few hundred thousand blood monsters had their bodies incinerated as they instantly turned into ash. Not a single drop of blood remained in their bodies.

"Bastard!!" bellowed Axel in his eerie voice and launched 5 massive orbs of fire.

BANG!!

BANG!!

These fire orbs were enough to nuke 5 kilometers of the region with a single strike... but instead of killing the Hellblazer general; Jugram's body quickly absorbed them from the point of impact.

The Sage's Eye only told Axel about the generals and their true forms. But not their abilities they didn't display before. Little did the Hero of Fire know... that Jugram had a unique skill of his own. And that was....

King of Fire.

It was a Saint Rank passive ability that made Jugram immune to all types of fire attribute attacks and helped him absorb such spells and attacks in order to turn them into his physical attributes and increase his stats.

The maximum rise in stats could be up to 500%. Means Jugram would be able to become 5 times stronger in time based on the fire orb attacks Axel was launching to kill him.

However, this wasn't the end at all.

Jugram then started jumping from one place to another, causing a wanton massacre and his other passive ability started doing its work.

Blood Storm!

This was SSS Rank passive ability that allowed Jugram to drain out the blood from dead beings during a battle and use it as a high-pressure blood storm for 2 kilometers.

Another effect was that he could create any form of weapons using the blood by mixing his aura and world energy in it.

But as fate wouldn't have it... the already powerful Jugram who was enough to massacre an army of millions by himself, had another passive ability just for a battle of this scale.

Chaos Emperor!

Another one of Jugram's Saint Rank passive abilities was doing its work at this moment.

The more enemies Jugram killed and their blood was absorbed by him in a 5 kilometer radius... the more strength, defense and attack buff will be gained by the Diablos general over time.

Right in front of Axel's eyes, Jugram started absorbing the gushing blood from the flailing bodies of the blood monsters and created over a thousand 20 meter long giantswords, each of which looked identical to Ares.

Slash!!

Rumble!!

Crackle!!

Unlike Ceril and Armin who had to be stationary in their respective positions to use their skills and command their armies, Jugram was a frontline warrior.

He charged into the battlefield without a second thought, killing thousands as he turned their bodies to cinders just with his presence alone and the massive giantswords created from the blood of the enemies massacred millions within 20 kilometers radius.

At the same time, the blood that wasn't absorbed by Jugram was turning into smoke. So in a way, Axel was losing his own blood and battle prowess continuously while having no supply of extra blood to create more monsters for his army.

Axel was thoroughly infuriated because Jugram was not only massacring his forces the most but also stole his supply while Armin and Ceril were dwindling his numbers.

If Axel had the blood, he could create more blood monsters but if the blood was sucked away by another entity, he'd be losing a good amount of his firepower. Let alone affect his physique at the same time.

HALF AN HOUR LATER.

Jugram obliterated more than 20 million monsters just on his own and finally received a total of 10 times buff using King of Fire and Chaos Emperor.

Now, he was comparable to a legit 3rd stage saint and equally matched against Axel in terms of physical stats and strength.

"Do it." commanded Kahn.

Jugram quickly activated Frenzy Berserker skill that gave him 5 times increase in strength for half an hour.

SHRILL!!

Even Axel felt a sense of impending doom as he retreated 20 kilometers away, escaping Jugram's wrath because he could tell that if he stayed there any longer...

Jugram would've ripped him in two parts.

Axel had a Divine Ability. But Kahn had 3 Legendary rank monster generals who had the abilities to counter it by collaborating.

Blood Monarch was a divine ability that could be used to fight and win against even an Empire's entire army if Axel was a higher ranked saint. But now... The three generals of Kahn had made it completely useless in a battle.

"I'll kill you, you fucking bastards!" bellowed Axel, no longer having that confident expression compared to when the battle started.

"You've forced my hand." he said in a grim voice and ordered all of his minions to return. Soon, he used bloodline-specific ability and mixed all the blood monsters together.

Just 5 minutes later while Axel avoided getting hit by Jugram attacks and giantswords... another monstrous creature was formed by Axel that was over 1 kilometer in height alone.

A ginormous monster made of thousands of human skulls and rotten flesh appeared on the battlefield and Axel shouted in a victorious voice.

"You can't defeat me!!"

"I know." spoke Kahn with a firm voice.

BOOM!!

A massive explosion of brown aura erupted behind Kahn and Axel was shocked to his core while the former spoke with a wide grin on his face.

"But he can."

Chapter 664 Titan vs Titan

Axel pulled a killer move and created a gigantic creature as big as Venessa during her primordial creature form. Now, millions of his blood monsters had unified and turned into a single entity. Before everyone, a ginormous creature with thousands of small heads, skulls of women and rotten flesh that revealed a pungent stench came to be.

But before Axel could revel in the fact that he now had a helping hand which had the collective strength of his entire blood monsters army... a burst of brown aura erupted behind Kahn and a massive titanic being, equal in size to the summoned creature he had also made an appearance.

WRRRAAAAA!!!

GROWL!!

The skull monster roared and growled in anger as it sensed an enemy behind Kahn.

A massive 1 kilometer tall titan with 2 large horns, golden yellow eyes, whose outer body seemed to be made of hard and black metallic mineral, stood in front of everyone.

Under this armor-like body that covered his entire torso, shoulders, arms, thighs and everything below the knees... was stone-like skin as if it was made from hard rocks.

Blackwall plunged his right hand into the ground and using Mineral Transmutation skill, he concentrated and greatly compressed minerals and hard stones present in the ground to create an 800 meter tall battleaxe.

Venessa too was shocked to see that the fellow apprentice of Kahn who trained under Throk was another one of the monstrous creatures like the first three saints who engaged against Axel's army.

"What happened? The Sage's Eye didn't tell you?" asked Kahn in a mocking tone.

One of the downsides of the Sage's Eye was that it revealed the truth about what was in front of it. Thus, Axel knew that all of Kahn's subordinates were actually monsters in humanoid form. But it never revealed their true appearances or their skills.

And the second but the most detrimental demerit was that the Sage's Eye could be activated only once in 24 hours. After that, the user will have to wait for another 24 hours to activate it again.

Axel already used it today so he no longer had the ways to know about the battle prowess of Blackwall in his titan form.

"Attack!" ordered Kahn and got out of the way.

As if acting on instinct, the blood monster itself charged at Blackwall. The latter on the other end braced for an impact as he used the battleaxe to cover his front.

BANG!!

Shockwaves and tremors resounded in the ground as the humanoid-shaped monster hit its fist against Blackwall's weapon.

Crack!

Crack!

The impact from this monster's hit was so strong that even Blackwall was pushed off a kilometer away, destroying the lush greenery on the ground.

[Master, it's comparable to a 3rd stage saint.] he informed Kahn.

[I see. This guy could create another strong being of the same rank using the blood monster army. It's like having another 3rd stage saint fighting beside him.

Alright, you can use that move.] ordered Kahn.

In the following moments, instead of directly engaging it, Blackwall shoved the battleaxe into the ground and started running around the monster while creating deep crevices.

Thud!

Thud!

Shatter!

The ground shattered and the crevices spread even wider as the blood titan followed Blackwall. Little did it know, that it was actually helping the enemy side.

For the next 10 minutes, Axel rejoiced after seeing the current situation while evading and dodging Jugram's attacks who too was close to losing the strength buff of his skill.

Axel's true form was simply too agile for Jugram to catch up to and after 20 minutes of chasing, Jugram lost the effect of the Frenzy Berserker skill. And because he was no longer engaged in a battle and hadn't killed any enemies in the past 20 minutes, he was losing the Chaos Emperor and King of Fire buff as well.

Another 10 minutes passed and finally, Jugram was brought back to his original strength.

[Get back. Blackwall is almost done.] commanded Kahn from 10 kilometers away.

Crack!!

Finally, Blackwall's battleaxe crumbled from a powerful hit from the blood titan and the latter gave out a victorious roar.

But instead of getting disgruntled, Blackwall let out a smirk as his arms plunged into solid ground.

"Earth Style Jutsu, Deep Prison!" his ginormous figure spoke loudly.

Crack!!

Shatter!!

Before the blood titan took another step, a deep and massive hole appeared in the battlefield. Without even having a moment to react, the enemy monster fell into this deep hole that was even longer than its height.

Stab!!

Stab!!

Hundreds of earth and mineral spears protruded from the ground and stabbed into its body. Its humongous size now turned into its biggest weakness as it couldn't even turn around or do anything to protect itself.

Unlike the blood titan, Blackwall had fighting skills of his own and he was using Marauder King skill at the monster to reduce 80% of the enemy's defenses, causing it to suffer deep injuries.

The enemy monster haphazardly tried to get out of the deep pit and Blackwall didn't stop it either. Because he had another killer move ready.

Since the past 30 minutes, he had been carving up the ground with that battleaxe of his while running away from the blood titan. And there was a big reason for that.

Blackwall then clasped his hands and a massive wave of brown aura spread across the surroundings. Soon, the shattered ground, massive boulders and minerals spread across the 10 kilometers region started floating in the air as he the Kronos general used his biggest trump card.

Terrain Manipulation!

Rumble!

Rumble!

Gigantic pieces of earth and boulders from the destroyed terrain started converging together and formed various shaped weapons that were sized a few hundred meters made of hard stones and compressed earth.

Thud!!

The blood titan finally managed to get out of the deep pit but before it could react, Blackwall ordered all these weapons to attack the blood titan.

Stab!

Slash!

Rip!!

One by one, more than 20 of these weapons stabbed and punctured the gigantic monster, making big holes all over its body and streams of blood started gushing out like the water released from a dam.

ROAR!!!

It roared in agony but before it could suffer more, Blackwall deformed and changed the shapes of these weapons after they were done incapacitating the enemy.

Whoosh!!

Swoosh!!

In the following seconds, the 10 kilometer region started cracking and soon, all of the terrain coagulated around these massive clumps of soil and stone.

BANG!!

All of the summoned clumps quickly surrounded and covered the blood titan. Forget fighting back, it could no longer move and inch and right in front of Axel, a 1 kilometer tall and round sphere made of stone and soil, resembling the moon itself had completely encapsulated one of his biggest trump cards.

Crack!!

Massive cracks formed over the sphere that buried the blood titan inside itself under immense pressure as Blackwall used his telekinesis ability called Terrain Manipulation.

Splurt!!

Axel threw up a mouthful of blood and even his figure staggered, almost his standing.

Because at this moment... the titan from the enemy side aka Blackwall...

Had buried and killed the blood titan inside an earth coffin.

Chapter 665 Setting Terms

Blackwall performed live entombment on the blood titan with his terrain manipulation ability and Axel threw up a chunk of black blood as a result after the titan died. However, this wasn't going to be the end of his misery.

[A backlash from the divine ability?] asked Rathnaar.

[No. Blood Monarch divine ability is dependent on blood supply but there are no backlashes on the user.

Looks like that monster was Axel's own creation. Must be his bloodline ability and now that the monster is dead, he is receiving the aftershock of the skill getting destroyed.] responded Kahn.

[Good for us. Now get rid of it.] said the peak saint's soul.

Kahn quickly appeared on the left side of this massive 1 kilometer tall spherical boulder that had the collective blood of all the monsters Axel created using the Blood Monarch divine ability.

Swoosh!!

The very next second, a black shadow instantly formed a thick layer of coating and spread across this massive sphere rapidly, giving Axel no chance to retract or call back the blood that was locked inside the body of the blood titan.

Schwooa!!

"You! What have you done?!" shouted Axel as he started throwing up more black blood.

"Nothing much. I'm just collecting some quality food for the mosquitoes in my house. I bet they'd love it." said Kahn nonchalantly.

Just now, Kahn pulled the entire structure inside his dimensional domain, cutting off its connection with Axel so the latter would lose his best weapon so far.

[Dammit! Soul Eater, Sage's Eye and now Blood Monarch... 3 of my divine abilities are already useless. I can't use Chrono Vision either since it's only useful to run through the past events.

The last one... I still have 7 more lives now. So only that one can keep me alive till I manage to kill this Hero of Darkness and all of his allies.] thought Axel.

At this moment, Axel lost his advantage of 3 of his Divine Abilities because Sage's Eye was used up for the day. The three subordinates of Kahn could perfectly nullify the use of Blood Monarch. And Ronin could snatch away the souls of his fallen saint rank party members that he was using as a source for extra lives.

And to put the nail in the coffin, Blackwall already killed one of his biggest trump cards which was like having another 3rd stage saint on the battlefield.

However, he could still salvage the blood to keep on fighting. But this really wasn't his day as Kahn somehow made it all disappear under a black shadow, cutting off the connection with his blood bank completely.

Crack!

Crack!

Axel's true form that maintained a distance of 10 kilometers from everyone started shrinking back and within 20 seconds, Axel reverted to his human appearance once again.

The main reason being that in Vantrea, his true form had the restriction of an enormous blood supply that he could also use for Blood Monarch. But now that Kahn took away his main source and had allies to get rid of the remaining blood even if he recovered it... he could no longer maintain his true form. Otherwise, with the constant loss of blood, he would lose his ability to fight.

"To think that a wretched pathetic weakling like you would force my hand to this extent.

Tell me, Salvatore... Do you dare fight me one on one?" asked Axel with a scornful gaze towards Kahn.

"Nope."

Kahn declined on the spot without even thinking twice.

"What?! Are you a coward then? Where is your honor as a man?!" shouted Axel, trying to provoke the enemy.

"Do I look like an idiot to you? You ganged up on Venessa with 8 saints including yourself.

Where was your 'honor' back then?" rebuked Kahn.

"Now that you're on the losing end... you're resorting to the childish method of riling me with such cliché provocations.

And on top of it... you have 7 more lives while I have only one. What kind of dumbass would agree to such a hopeless and unfair fight." he said loudly.

Just then, the woman behind Kahn spoke...

"Hah! What a loser. Acting like he's some big shot while using a deceitful tactic.

Aren't you a chosen Hero? So much of a man you are...

Fight him one on one with your life on the line if you dare." Venessa clamored, her voice filled with disdain reaching Axel's ears.

"You whore! I'll show you who's the real man when I turn you into my plaything and make you submit to me.

Just wait till I kill this bastard and capture you!" shouted Axel with a gaze filled with wrath.

[Good job. He's a textbook Misogynist so this provocation hit the mark.] spoke Kahn to Venessa through the artifact.

[But can you fight him? You will have to kill him 7 more times. And if my information isn't wrong, the Hero of Fire has 5 divine abilities.

We have seen only 3 so far.] said Venessa.

[That's not the problem. I have my ways to kill him. What I'm worried about is the type of his divine abilities.

Do you have any idea about it?] asked Kahn in return.

[No. They're all well-guarded secrets and only the Pope knows about them. It's a rule set for every generation of summoned heroes.] replied Venessa truthfully.

Kahn nodded and then looked back at Axel.

"Alright, shitface. I'll take up on your challenge.

We will have a one vs one battle of our own." declared Kahn.

Axel's face turned happier after hearing that statement. However, his joy didn't last for long.

"But after you have only one life left." he said with an evil smirk.

Swoosh!!

Swoosh!!

BOOM!!

Rumble!!

One after another, all of the remaining subordinates started revealing horrifying oppressive auras while the 4 generals also reverted to their humanoid appearances.

The 50 kilometers radius battlefield turned into a destroyed terrain as these beings who were akin to natural disasters on their own targeted their killing intent at Axel.

"Alright, boys... it's time." said Kahn, the main boss of this group let out a grin as he continued with a tyrannical voice...

"To use the Pendragon Formation."

Chapter 666 Formation of Death

As soon as Kahn revealed his intentions to let his allies gang up on Axel, the latter lost the color on his face. Because Axel himself had experienced their strength by watching them kill off his group members and even facing Jugram in combat who somehow even became someone equally matched in strength against him.

The Hero of Fire no longer had a smug or confident face as before.

[Dammit! Will I have to use those three methods?

No! The first two... I can manage. But the last one will cost me greatly since I'm not even a Peak Saint yet.] thought Axel as he ran a few calculations on the counter moves he could take.

"Alright, boys... it's time."

"To use the Pendragon Formation."

Kahn's voice reverberated in the surroundings.

Without waiting for a grand reveal... all the generals and Omega let out a grin and soon, 7 different archaic formations appeared above their bodies, each containing their different colors and auras with their respective owners.

7 massive pillars rose and formed a net that spread across the 20 kilometers radius of the battlefield. And finally... 5 Dragon heads appeared and formed a Pentagram-shaped barrier around this battlefield.

[System, scan the newly upgraded Pendragon Formation for me. I need to see what changes Throk made other than what he told me.] commanded Kahn.

[Scanning complete.

Pendragon Formation has been upgraded to Legendary Rank.

Following are the effects :

All the targets sharing the linking runes through the clothes, armors and weapons will get a buff of additional physical stats by 3 times and magical abilities effectiveness by 2 times.

At least 5 of the targets should be present for this formation to become active.

The current range of this formation is only 20 kilometers radius.

The range shall increase based on the levels and ranks of all the targets.

The mean average of the levels and ranks for the targets will increase the range and buff effects under this Archaic Formation.

Each user will grant an additional 7.5% increase in all the stats of the users.

Currently, 7 users are activating the formation, granting a total of 52.5% increase in all of their physical and magical stats.] reported the system.

[Good. Means they're basically comparable to an intermediate 2nd stage saint even without using any of their boosts and abilities.

Throk really outdid himself. When all of their levels and ranks rise... this formation will also increase in range and so will their physical stats.

This is like having the best team battle effect. Only the dragon's body can sustain such tremendous pressure and since all of our armors and weapons are made from it... it provides a long-term help in a group battle.] thought Kahn with a content expression. Because this made his entire group strong enough to face higher-ranked saints easily.

[Alright, all of you can start. If anyone dies, I'll quickly revive them. Just be careful of him using that...] ordered Kahn.

There was a reason why Kahn personally didn't participate in activating the Pendragon Formation.

Because even up until now, he had no clue of the 2 divine abilities Axel had and the most threatening one of them... Axel's Divine Weapon.

[Hey, old fart. Why isn't he using his Divine weapon?] asked Kahn to Rathnaar.

[I already told you, kid. Using a Divine Weapon requires your Soul Essence. You should know how important soul essence is.

The stronger and higher ranked you are, the more restriction on using the soul essence is lifted. Based on his rank, even the current Hero of Fire can use only 30% of his soul essence.

And anyone below the 5th stage saint using Soul Essence forcefully will cause a great backlash. One might even lose their rank and levels.] replied Rathnaar.

[What? You didn't tell me about the last part before.] Spoke Kahn.

[Do you have your divine weapon to use it?] asked Rathnaar.

[No.] replied Kahn.

[That makes my point.] said Rathnaar sarcastically.

Kahn rolled his eyes and then focused on the present moment. Because what Rathnaar explained was something Kahn personally experienced once.

[In the past, the Heroes I fought didn't use their divine weapons until absolutely necessary.

You can't use a weapon of mass destruction that can obliterate everything in hundreds of kilometers easily without having to pay a price.] he iterated again.

Back when Kahn willingly sacrificed 10% of his soul to save Cassandra, Armin extracted that amount of Soul Essence out of his body.

As a result, Kahn lost 20 levels and his ability to level up for an entire month as repercussions. And he wasn't even a saint back then. With rise in ranks and levels, the aftereffects would be more detrimental to him.

And if Divine Weapons relied on the summoned Hero/Heroine's soul essence, then it was not a weapon that someone could use without paying a great cost.

But this condition was also logical in many ways. Otherwise, a chosen Hero with a Divine Weapon would be an unstoppable force even to someone like other higher-leveled Saints and Dragons in this world.

The world of Vantrea didn't give free access to unimaginable power without following the Law of Equivalent Exchange.

And this seemed to be the reason why Axel still hadn't used his divine weapon even now because he was afraid of losing his allover battle strength and even risk dropping in a rank.

[Alright... force him to the corner.] commanded Kahn with a somber expression.

"On my lead." spoke Omega and he charged at Axel with both of his katanas in hands.

Clang!!

Raijin and Kojin clashed against Axel's sword and started pressuring the Hero Of Fire. Both of them were peak 3rd stage saints so Axel had no advantage over here. On top of it, Omega was more skilled than him.

Sparks flew in the air for a few minutes while a scarlet red and a crimson red aura filled the battlefield within 5 kilometers radius as the two opponents clashed against each other.

[Now!] he ordered and quickly activated Gravity Domain, enhancing his own strength while limiting Axel's agility and dexterity, just like how he did while facing Azerog.

His 15 kilometers wide translucent domain had only come into existence, but this wasn't the end.

BOOM!!

Jugram also activated Hell Domain from the side and the 5 kilometers radius was filled with Hellfire.

"Idiots! I am invulnerable to all kinds of fires in this world. What the hell is this hellfire going to do?" mocked Axel as he sent Omega flying using his own strength-enhancing skill.

"Is that so? Then look above you." snickered Jugram as he pointed his left forefinger above.

In the air, Oliver was charging Neith Bow and at the same time... dozens of typhoons and windblades surrounded the Hell Domain.

At this moment, Oliver had also used his Sky Domain, even forcing more physical restrictions on Axel's body and his movement.

Jugram's Hellfire was just a distraction. The Hell Domain also reduced 50% of the enemy's physical defense. And Axel was a 3rd stage saint so they had to bring him to their level first.

"Heaven's Wrath!" shouted Oliver.

"Vajra!"

Before Axel could even move a muscle, a massive 50 meter lightning bolt shot down from Neith bow's phantom. Oliver was not messing around and planned to obliterate Axel just like how he killed Garakh, the snakekin tank.

BOOM!!

5 kilometers of the battlefield was turned into smithereens as Vajra struck Axel while he was completely oppressed under the effect of 3 different domains.

The others had already moved out of the line of fire and finally, a 100 meter deep pit was revealed to everyone.

Axel's charred body with a massive hole in his stomach was revealed.

Shatter!!

Just then, another one of the white floating formations shattered as the next soul was released.

Swoosh!!

Ronin appeared out of his invisibility mode and captured the escaped soul just like before when Kahn killed Axel using the Dimensional Cut.

"Two down." said Kahn.

Schwoom!

Schwoom!

Crackle!

The charred body of the Hero of Fire started recovering its vitality as the Soul Eater divine ability provided Axel with another massive supply of life force, reviving and completely healing him on the spot in just a dozen seconds.

This was a procedure none of them could interfere or attack those incorporeal formations. Thus, they had no choice but to watch and let it run its course.

"You Motherfuckers! I'll fucking rip you apa..." shouted Axel.

Slash!!

Before he could retort and curse everyone properly... the 3 domains were still active and Axel's body stopped moving.

Omega had used Gravity Imprisonment skills and activated Moonlight Armor while Axel was being revived. And the latter didn't even get to complete his sentence before Omega slashed open Axel in two vertical parts, killing him instantly.

Another formation shattered and Ronin captured the 3rd soul. As usual, he disappeared using Phase Shift and Invisibility skills, awaiting the next opportunity.

Venessa, who saw this scene from behind Kahn was flabbergasted and had her eyes wide open.

She had fought against Axel herself and was perfectly aware of the latter's strength and defense. Because of his invulnerability to all kinds of fires in this world, she couldn't even oppress him in battle.

Yet the 3rd stage saint, the Hero of Fire of this generation of summoned heroes was getting...

Absolutely. Brutally. Massacred!!

Chapter 667 The Calling

First Oliver and then Omega killed Axel with Vajra and White Fang Strike respectively. The former was a 50 meter long lightning bolt comprised of hundreds of lightning bolts while the latter was a gravity law attack skill that was only second to Kahn's Dimensional Cut.

After the Hero of Fire died for the 3rd time, Ronin collected and absorbed the escaped soul again using Soul Collector. At this moment, Ronin's body was going under tremendous changes but the spirit assassin willingly halted his progress.

Stealing the souls of the saints Axel was using as Extra lives was a precautionary move made by Kahn. Because Soul Eater definitely had some more uses and Kahn didn't want to take risks and allow Axel to get any more advantages.

Who knew if he could use Soul Eater to control these souls and regain more lives? If he could, then it would be a big problem for them.

Based on the appearances of the souls, they released a very distinguished aura and seemed to have a lot of Soul Essence themselves since they belonged to saints.

Blood Monarch was already too OP. If Axel had risen to Peak Saint rank, the army would be many times stronger and who knew what kind of powerful monsters he could create.

Even his subordinates might have had to face trouble because if even a dozen of the blood monsters were on their level, they would've eventually lost after a long-drawn battle because nobody had an infinite supply of mana and world energy.

They didn't have a Peak Saint's core like Kahn to use as a source. However, Axel chose that ability for futuristic purposes and he hadn't expected to find and fight Kahn here when he planned to capture Venessa.

And luckily, Kahn's crew had abilities to counter his divine ability.

Because having extra lives was no joke. But with Ronin's help alone, they could overcome the Soul Eater divine ability. Thus, Kahn also had no plans to give Axel any leeway.

Why give your enemy more firepower when you can take away their every possible move?

"Arghh..." groaned Axel after being revived again. His indignant expression revealed his infuriated mind but currently, he was thoroughly suppressed.

[These runts! They dare kill me like some random goon? I'm the goddamn Hero of Fire!

And why are there 3 of them with Saint Domains? Even I don't have one and neither did Azerog.

The Sage's Eye didn't reveal these skills at all!] cursed Axel in his mind as he felt humiliated.

Crackle!

Crackle!

Oliver summoned a thunderstorm using his abilities as a Thunderbird monster and Axel who was entrapped inside the effects of the 3 domains still couldn't breakthrough despite using his own saint pressure. And whenever he tried to move, Omega was straight up come in his way.

Compared to others, Omega was too fast even for him and the three domains had already greatly suppressed his body.

Cling!

Cling!

However, suddenly... Axel's entire body froze again and this time, it wasn't Omega but another member of Kahn's subordinates.

Omega had just used Gravity Imprisonment so he needed some time due to skill cooldown. But there was another member who could temporarily freeze a weakened enemy.

Void Realm!

Under a 5 kilometers radius pitch-black dome, the Hero of Fire couldn't even bat an eye as Ceril suddenly appeared 1 kilometer in front of him.

The Dark Summoner didn't make any grand movements and summoned Book of the Damned and Chains of Judgement just like before.

With the combination of two gifts from Deity of Necromancy along with the bonus effects of the Pendragon Formation, his overall strength rose to an intermediate second-stage saint, only a bit weaker than Axel.

Stab!

Stab!

Stab!

18 black chains made of pure dark magic stabbed into Axel's body including his private part as his entire physique's defenses were now negligible in front of their group because of the three domains.

Rip!

Axel couldn't even scream in agony as his most prized possession was pulled off by a chain under Ceril's order.

Even Venessa had averted her eyes because the scene seemed too cruel even to her. But Kahn and the group weren't bothered in the slightest as they had a history of torturing people since their time in Flavot City.

This wasn't something new or noteworthy for them at all.

Rip!

Rip!

One after another, Axel was ripped and torn apart in small different places as Ceril mercilessly killed the Hero of Fire. Darkness had an advantage over Fire in terms of elemental hierarchy. Thus, Axel couldn't even resist or scream as he died another gruesome death while his entrails, lungs, limbs and prized jewel still hovered in the sky, unable to move on their own.

Shatter!

The fourth white archaic formation shattered and Ronin did what he was supposed to do.

[Why the hell isn't he using more fighting skills?] wondered Kahn.

Because so far, Axel only used the most obvious and rookie-level fighting skills and most of them were dependent on brute strength as a 3rd stage saint.

[Why do you think I managed to kill so many heroes despite being weaker than them?

These guys rely too much on their divine abilities and don't work hard to master combat skills and techniques.

Although you have blessings from the War Deity, you at least have your priorities straight when it comes to mastering and perfecting your fighting skills and abilities.

This guy seems like he never worked hard enough to gain and raise the ranks of skills and techniques after he was summoned here. And obviously, very few things from his world can work here since the laws of reality are different.

Compared to heroes of my time... this guy is a rookie.] berated Rathnaar.

Even Kahn understood that the first emperor was right.

2 Minutes Later.

Axel was reborn again and this time, it was Armin's turn.

The Pathfinder class general used Nirvana Armor and Hermes Staff effect to drain the entire life force out of Axel's body who was frozen inside the Void Realm after being reborn.

Axel's body turned into a husk and another soul formation shattered.

With this... Axel had died for the 5th time.

However, after Axel was brought to life again... the humiliation of being killed by Kahn's lackeys had finally pushed him on the edge.

"All of you... I'm going to make every single one of you suffer far more than I have." proclaimed Axel and hundreds of red runes appeared all over his body.

"Kahn, get everyone out of there. He's going to summon him!" shouted Venessa with fear in her eyes.

"Summon who?" Kahn asked quickly.

To his question... Venessa had an aghast expression as she revealed with a terrified voice...

"The Fire Deity."

Chapter 668 The Deity

Void Realm activation time ended and Axel could freely move again after getting killed for the 5th time.

"All of you... I'm going to make every single one of you suffer far more than I have." shouted the Hero of Fire and multiple red runes appeared all over his body.

As soon as Venessa informed Kahn about Axel trying to summon a deity, Kahn quickly commanded, "All of you! Get out of the formation!"

His quick warning saved them all just in time as without wasting another moment, all of them deactivated the Pendragon Formation and created a distance of 15 kilometers.

"Master... he's sacrificing his entire life force and trying to summon something." informed Armin from his location as he noticed the changes.

"Venessa... tell me about this quickly so I can form a plan." spoke Kahn.

Just the word 'Deity' was enough to get Kahn alert because he had fought Valkyrie Brunhilde who too was a summoned deity herself.

"The condition is that only the Fireborne Imperial clan, the Hero/Heroine of Fire can summon the Fire Deity by sacrificing their entire soul and life force.

There's also an ancient rank class called Deity Summoner where the one who unlocked that class can do it without sacrificing their soul. But there isn't anyone in the entire world in the past 300 years as far as I know." informed Venessa.

Little did Venessa know that Cassandra had invoked that class but there was no reason for Kahn to reveal that to her.

[Old man, What kind of deity are we fighting here?] asked Kahn to Rathnaar who was the most knowledgeable amongst them.

[One of my descendants, the 6th Empress of Rakos Empire, had the Deity Summoner class 600 years ago. She had made a contract with 7 deities at her peak as a 7th stage saint. The Fire Deity wasn't one of them.

But I have only heard of it once. The fire deity can help the summoner to rise by 1 rank for an hour.

However, there will be restrictions on the summoned entity's overall strength as the deity's combat power is dependent upon the user. But I don't know what powers it has.

We're lucky that Axel isn't a 5th stage saint. Otherwise, the deity would be able to use their own domain. And then... all of us be dead for sure.] informed the peak saint with a somber expression.

"Venessa, do you know about the deity's powers?" asked Kahn the next second.

"Not exactly. But I read once that it can summon a great army for fire creatures that respawn very easily as long as the summoner's body is safe." she revealed.

"This bastard is cheating big time compared to us.

He is using someone else's life force and soul to summon a deity. Even if he died, he'd be brought back to life because of the Soul Eater divine ability.

Although there are few conditions and suitable circumstances to use them... He indeed thought of the best option in the long term while choosing his divine abilities." said Kahn.

[But there's a limit boy. He is only a 3rd stage saint so the Deity's power is restricted to a 4th stage peak saint.] said Rathnaar in Kahn's mind while Venessa was unaware of a hidden existence in Kahn's body.

[I can go to a peak 3rd stage saint at best. Omega has also used all of his killer moves twice already and he will need hours to use them again.

Nobody else is capable enough to fight a being comparable to a 4th stage saint here.] replied Kahn.

He was quickly lost in thoughts as he tried to form a counter strategy on the spot.

Meanwhile, the 15 kilometers radius was filled with scalding heat and everything had either incinerated or pulverized instantly. Even all the onlookers could feel the intense heat.

Finally, when the massive pillar of fire subsided, a 1 kilometer tall being with a massive greatsword, covered in armor from head to toe while having dark red fire being expelled from its body was revealed to everyone.

"That's the Fire Deity... Kagutsuchi." informed Venessa.

There was no outrageous burst of aura or an explosion. But the presence of this mighty persona was enough to everyone get a hint of what kind of entity they were facing.

Compared to the Blood Titan, the Fire Deity was of the same size but looked more domineering as if it was a tyrant king.

"I guess I have no choice but to fight him myself.

Because the rest will die just from this heat alone." spoke Kahn.

"So you summoned me, Axel. You're the first Hero of Fire to do this.

And here I thought my lord, God Hetrax chose a stronger candidate this time.

What a disappointment." a jarring and authoritative tone filled the 20 kilometers radius instantly.

"You'd understand why I did it so. See that guy... that's the new Hero of Darkness." spoke Axel who floated inside the chest region of this summoned deity; similar to how Cassandra once occupied a tiara on Valkyrie Brunhilde's head.

"Oho... what a pleasant news to hear. I guess I can give God of Darkness a payback on behalf of my Master." spoke Kagutsuchi who had two demonic horns coming out of his head.

"Ha ha ha! He has 3 divine abilities created by 3 different gods. What a fool!

And he also received the blessings from Kravel." spoke Kagutsuchi just after a glance at Kahn.

The latter was frozen on the spot because his secret was so easily out.

"I have a score to settle with the War Deity. I guess I'll get even by killing him.

The 8th Hero of Darkness screwed us all over.

Now it's time they lose their last chance and pay us back for the last time." his overbearing voice resounded throughout the burning battlefield.

Before everyone's eyes, the fire from his body spread across the 20 kilometers radius and in just a dozen seconds, over 5 million armored fire soldiers equipped with weapons, armors while having battle formations appeared and gave off a very strong aura.

Although lacking in numbers, this army was many times stronger than what Axel summoned using Blood Monarch.

[Master... I'll take care of the army. I can withstand their fire without a problem and I'm better suited for a large group battle.] spoke Jugram.

Other subordinates were out of question here already because of the fire spread on the battlefield.

"Good. At least we two can face them head-on." said Kahn.

Just then, another voice resounded in Kahn's mind.

[Human... I'm done absorbing Bjormngandur's body, bloodline and increasing my strength.] Rudra spoke after a long time.

The next moment, he spoke in a voice filled with surging battle intent.

[And I'm ready for a challenge!]

Chapter 669 Mega Upgrade

While they faced Axel and the Fire Deity who were now looking down on Kahn and his subordinates like looking at small ants... Rudra had finally decided to join the battle on his own accords.

Currently, only Kahn and Jugram were physically capable to fight the enemy side because other subordinates couldn't participate in a direct confrontation due to the scalding heat that was at least close to 1800 degree celsius.

This was enough to even melt an armor entirely in just a few minutes so at best, all they could do was give support from the sidelines.

As for Jugram and Kahn, the former had immunity against all kinds of fire while the latter could withstand 2000 degrees celcius temperature because of the abilities he acquired from the Magma Drake dungeon boss back in the day in Bromnir Dungeon while Kahn started his journey in Flavot city.

However, now that Rudra was also ready to pitch into the battle... their side was no longer the weaker one.

[Alright, system. Give me his details first.] ordered Kahn.

In just 10 seconds, he was completely surprised to the point he felt like Rudra was no longer in the same league as them.

[Following are the statistics of the subordinate Rudra :

Name : Rudra

Species : Voronir (Variant Basilisk)

Job : None

Rank : Mythical Rank

Level : 483

Strength : 83923

Agility : 64801

Dexterity : 74912

Defense : 81392

Mana : 60291

Following are the skills and abilities of the subordinate :

Lucid Reality (Saint Rank)

Neurotoxin Venom (Saint Rank)

Poison Immunity (Legendary Rank)

Thermal Body (Saint Rank)

Drake Scales (Saint Rank)

Basilisk Scales (Saint Rank)

Dominator's Aura (Saint Rank)

Subordinate Rudra has created a new exclusive bloodline ability.

Corrosive Magma (Legendary Rank) (Passive) :

Allows the subordinate to infuse the corrosive venom of the legendary rank Bjormngandur with the magma stored inside the body.

Compared to normal magma, this Corrosive Magma cannot be defended against even if an enemy has fire immunity and will corrode, disintegrate as well as poison anything it touches, rendering the opponent unable to move or fight as time went by.

Note : This ability will work on an enemy as long as they're not in an ethereal or spectral form.

Bloodlines : Godbeast Basilisk & Draconian Bloodline

Current Bloodline purity : 80% & 20% respectively.] reported the system.

Rudra was a mythical being since the beginning and he had a Basilisk and Draconian Bloodline. Two of the strongest amongst the Godbeast and any other monster species in the entire world.

Kahn could instantly tell that Rudra used Magma Drake and Bjormngandur's innate abilities and somehow managed to merge them using their bloodline as the drake was a creature of magma while the basilisk descendant had a neurotoxin venom.

Since all Rudra did was study and perfect bloodlines he absorbed while freeloading on Kahn who gave him top-grade cores and ores to raise his levels... the result wasn't too surprising for the latter.

Resulting in his stats being way higher than his levels should allow. Even Kahn had to acknowledge that Rudra was now a lot stronger than Omega.

If not for the Gravity Law skills, even Omega was lacking in brute strength and wouldn't survive against the Voronir subordinate if they fought to the death.

[I guess it would be the first time... that we will battle together.] spoke Rudra in Kahn's mind.

"Alright then... Come out!" ordered Kahn to the variant Basilisk subordinate after he heard of Rudra's mega upgrade.

Swoosh!!

Suddenly, a massive black shadow descended from Kahn's figure and instantly spread for at least 8 kilometers in length.

BANG!!

Rumble!!

Crackle!

Shatter!

Every nook and cranny around the destroyed grassland suddenly started shaking under a leaden pressure and soon, a ginormous creature appeared out of this black shadow.

HISSSS!!!

A high-pitched hissing resounded in the 10 kilometer region and right in front of everyone, a massive and simply too long black and red creature appeared while revealing an insurmountable and terrifying aura that even made Axel shudder in fear while the Kagutsuchi's expression turned grim.

Venessa, who also felt like bowing down because of this heavy pressure was flabbergasted on the spot.

"What the hell is this monster?" she asked with a constricted face as if she was looking at her natural archenemy.

A 500 meter tall snake-like creature whose length was at least 8 kilometers while its width was at least 300 meters rose its head proudly.

Even its width was close to 3 football fields combined. Even a mountain would be too easy to wrap around for this terrifying creature.

Two black and long horns, each being at least 10 meters in length, appearing like a crown of a king revealed themselves while two massive eyes, each of which was literally made from magma, were now looking at the enemy side.

Hundreds of black pike-like teeth as its maw revealed the glowing red tongue while a stream of magma ran like a river as the basilisk hissed loudly.

Thousands of cracks were spread across the body of this variant Basilisk that leaked magma while the thick and hard layer of skin was a combination of both Basilisk and Dragon hide.

Kahn could feel that it was another upgrade to Rudra's body after he ate and absorbed Bjornngandur's body and transformed into a completely different creature, even stronger than before.

SHRILL!!

A massive burst of pitch black and red aura suddenly spread across the 10 kilometers radius as Rudra used his Dominator's Aura skill that affected the minds of opponents and broke their mental fortitude before the battle even began.

Kahn and the crew were accustomed to it but Axel and Kagutsuchi felt as if they were in a pinch already.

"You... you have the bloodline of Dragons and Basilisks... what kind of creature is this?!" asked Kagutsuchi, taking a defensive stance.

Even for a monster who originated from a snake-like species... Rudra was too tall while his blistering hot body covered in the black scales combined using the properties of two different species was way too long.

But Kahn and Rudra had no intentions to make a formal introduction as the former instantly activated the Dimensional Domain for the first time since the battle with the hero's party started, enshrouding 5 kilometers of radius under a pitch black dome.

But at this moment, more than Axel and Kagutsuchi... there was another individual who had her eyes wide open.

Venessa was suddenly hit with a realization and shouted in disbelief...

"Son of a bitch!... It was you!"

Chapter 670 New Battle Mode

Venessa was completely baffled at this moment after she noticed a familiar black dome that suddenly appeared across the battlefield as she stood away from its perimeter.

A revelation hit her mind like a wrecking ball because this scene was similar to the events of one and half years ago.

Back then, a group of supporters suddenly appeared and helped her with information and strategy to take the second prince and her other half-brother aka Rogis Hos Sigfreed for his actions against the human race.

During those times, Venessa thought a 5th stage saint was supporting her to become Empress because only those beings could use a domain of their own.

And now... it turned out that it was Kahn all along. A chosen Hero whose existence she didn't even know of before.

Venessa tried to run her brain at full speed and after recounting the old events... she reached a final conclusion...

Kahn did it for Throk and himself. He was bold enough to take down an empire's prince just to make his own life easier and create a perfect cover-up for his background in their empire.

However, she no longer had any qualms about it because whether Kahn did it for his own sake or not... he was now battling for her sake against powerful entities.

"Axel... that domain." spoke Kagutsuchi in a grim voice.

"What?" asked the Hero of Fire.

"That's related to Space Law. If I'm not wrong... then he has unlocked the Dimensional Law divine ability.

Although nobody knows what that divine ability can do... We shouldn't step inside his domain carelessly.

Anything made by the first God in existence, the God of Space; shouldn't be looked down upon." warned the Fire Deity to Axel.

"No need to worry. We can still kill them without even entering his domain." snickered Axel.

However, at this moment, Kahn and Rudra who were inside the Dimensional Domain nodded at each other and quickly made their move.

Swoosh!!

In just a blink of an eye, Kahn suddenly appeared 3 kilometers away from the ginormous body of this summoned deity and without getting a chance to react, both Axel and Kagutsuchi were now covered inside the Dimensional Domain.

"What the hell?! How can his domain move so suddenly?" shouted Axel.

Because unlike others, Kahn's Dimensional Domain moved along with his body and he could instantly cast it just with a thought. This was an advantage even Omega, Jugram and Oliver didn't have with their respective domains.

As soon as Axel, Kagutsuchi and his army were encapsulated by the black domain that spread over 5 kilometers radius, all of them felt like their total strength becoming half of their original limits.

This was the main effect of Dimensional Domain during a fight. Any enemy brought inside it will have all of their physical stats including the mana capacity reduced by 50%.

Even if someone was a 4th stage saint, they'd still be brought to the level of a 2nd stage saint while fighting against Kahn inside this domain.

Kahn hadn't used the Dimensional Domain till this point for two reasons... One, he was being cautious because Venessa would definitely remember it. Two, he did not want to give away one of his biggest cheats to the enemy side.

Rumble!

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Rumble!

Rudra's massive serpentine body slithered on this burning battlefield, completely unaffected by the extensive heat that had turned the 15 kilometers region into an incinerated and melting open ground.

BOOM!!

Jugram turned into his real Diablos form again and summoned his massive giantswords made of world energy, directly starting a wanton massacre of the millions of soldiers.

He wasn't just a random monster but a massive warrior with battle experience, fighting skills and a clear mind while facing millions of these fire soldiers.

[Dammit! Why the hell is my strength reduced to half?] cursed Kagutsuchi.

By logic, he should've had the strength of a peak 4th stage saint now but suddenly, he was barely at peak 2nd stage.

Axel on the other hand felt like he was no better than an intermediate second stage saint, losing his battle strength instantly and now, he was even weaker than Kahn in terms of physical strength.

"Bring it on, bastard! Give us your best shot!" bellowed Axel as he challenged Kahn without a hint of fear in his eyes.

BOOM!!

"With pleasure." spoke Kahn and soon... a mixed burst of black and red world energy erupted like a volcano from his body and soon, an ethereal form of himself that was around 90 meters tall.

This spectral form of his only had the upper torso above his waist and Kahn stood below it. Soon, this form started growing 6 horns on its head.

The first pair of two on the forehead belonged to True Demons, the ones behind were Dragon Horns and finally, the longest horns behind his head that looked similar to Rudra's horns belonged to the Basilisks.

Crackle!

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Crack!

Spectral Kahn's entire body turned rock hard similar to the Mountain Titan and then, numerous scales of basilisks and dragons started appearing on its skin while two large red wings of legendary rank monster bird aka Caladrius spread from the back.

The claws on its hand were similar to Skoll and Hati. On top of it... Kahn granted it this form Invimarak skin, Dragon Physique, Bjormngandur's Eyes that could cast Lucid Reality.

Kahn then granted it Titan Transformation that rose the size of this spectral form by 30 times and the total height became 270 meters, even bigger than Axel's true form.

"What form of power is this?"

Venessa asked with her mouth agape in shock. Axel and Kagutsuchi however, had an indignant expressions.

Kahn had finally used the Spirit Replica skill that he absorbed from Vilgax back in Verlassen and was unlocked after Kahn became a saint.

And finally... the entire form started covering itself in a purple layer of Samurai-like helmet, armor made of the Guardian Dragon's aura while a Dragon head appeared in the center of the chest armor.

A spectral form of 200 meter long Lucifer suddenly appeared in its right hand while 500 small replicas of his greatsword, each being 10 meters long appeared and floated behind this massive figure.

Kahn, who now had his own version of a summoned warrior deity then shouted with a tyrannical voice filled with absolute killing intent...

"Bankai... Kokujō Tengen Myo'o!!"