

Darkness 671

Chapter 671 Finally in Use

Kahn finally used the Spirit Replica by infusing many skills, abilities and bloodlines in it after he was finally forced to go all out against Kagutsuchi, the Fire Deity.

One of the 5 doppelgangers of Kahn who were tasked to train in combat skills and techniques while he was increasing his skills in Blacksmithing Craft was in charge of perfecting Spirit Replica.

This new battle form of his didn't just come out of nowhere or was perfected on the spot as the doppelganger who was also Kahn, had experimented with various bloodlines and effects and formed a perfect synergy in this battle mode after many months from going through arduous trial and error.

And finally, Kahn decided to use it against Axel and his summoned Deity to shift the battle in their favor from the get-go.

Unlike Cassandra, Venessa and Axel... Kahn had no way to summon a Deity himself. However, this battle form would also grow in size and different abilities with more powerful skills, abilities and bloodlines he acquired along with the rise in his rank as a Saint. This version was only Prototype 1.0 and there would certainly be many upgrades in the future.

So in a way, this would be one of Kahn's biggest trump cards even when fighting against other Heroes.

[This form... is it one of his divine abilities?] asked Axel.

[No. He had mixed many monster bloodlines including that of some descendants of different Godbeasts, Basilisk and Dragon.

We just need to wait till his form gets deactivated on its own.] forewarned the fire deity.

But little did they know that this form would be active as long as he could provide it with a constant supply of world energy. And because Kahn had Rathnaar's core linked to his soul... he had an endless supply. Thus, he was fully planning to use his hacks to put an end to this battle quickly.

[System, from now on... we will call this form as Shura.] said Kahn.

[Shura Mode name registered.] responded the system.

Clang!!

A burst of shockwave resonated in the battlefield as the massive Shura faced Kagutsuchi in a head-on battle. The spectral Lucifer was as strong as the original one and the 500 small summoned greatswords using Sword Emperor skill attacked the opponent from different sides, stabbing the deity's knees and achilles heels.

BANG!!

Rumble!!

Rudra suddenly barged into the 5 kilometers radius as he waltzed in while destroying thousands of fire soldiers, some of whom were 100 meters tall and had different weapons of their own. However, not only did the voronir subordinate have immunity against their fire elemental attacks, his defenses were impenetrable while the magma he spewed from his mouth started corroding thousands of them on the spot.

Kahn performed various attacks and Shura followed his exact combat techniques while stabbing and slashing at vital points of the fire deity who was still 3 and half times bigger than his new battle form.

Flap!

Flap!

Shura quickly flapped the Caladrius Wings on its back that granted 4 times flying speed and Kahn evaded a massive beam-like attack from Kagutsuchi.

Jugram was killing thousands of fire soldiers with his skills while Rudra took down 5 of the 100 meter tall generals Kagutsuchi had in his army. Some of them disintegrated after getting struck with Rudra's Corrosive Magma while the rest were just torn into big pieces by the basilisk's massive maw filled with fangs and sharp teeth.

Clang!!

Rumble!

For the first time, Kagutsuchi was shoved backward for at least 500 meters as Lucifer and the deity's greatsword clashed against each other.

The former was only 200 meters long while the deity's greatsword was 800 meters long.

However, even without any buffs... Kahn was already comparable to a peak 2nd stage saint just like Kagutsuchi under the suppression of the Dimensional Domain.

And with the added strength of Shura form, he was thoroughly suppressing the enemy without any trouble at all.

30 MINUTES LATER.

The battle between Shura and Kagutsuchi was now at a standstill because both were equally matched in terms of strength.

[Do it quickly!] ordered Kahn to Rudra who just chewed off an army general's upper torso.

Rudra slithered at a fast pace and approached Kagutsuchi who was fending off Shura's attacks while launching firestorms and fireballs at Kahn while the latter kept flapping his wings and evaded these lethal attacks that launched at him like cannonballs.

Crackle!!

Crackle!!

Rudra's gigantic 500 meter tall figure finally reached close to Kagutsuchi and quickly bit his left leg from behind and flung it away.

BANG!!

Shatter!!

Nearby 3 kilometers of the region was devastated and filled with crevices as the fire deity fell on the ground.

Kahn quickly cast Dragon Strike skill and attacked from the air while Rudra started shooting the corrosive magma from his mouth at the center of Kagutsuchi's chest.

This wasn't a fair fight in any way... rather, Rudra and Kahn were ganging up on the deity who was already suppressed to a great extent.

BANG!!

The dragon strike hit Kagutsuchi and a massive dark red explosion spread across 5 kilometers of the battlefield. The fire army tried to interfere but Jugram, who was now fully buffed up to the level of a 3rd stage saint, jumped in and barricaded them all.

Rudra on the other end swept his tail and swatted away thousands of soldiers, killing them instantly. And finally, a haggard figure of Kagutsuchi was revealed in front of them.

The main target of Kahn's Dragon Strike accompanied with Marauder Skill and

Rudra's corrosive magma... was none other than Axel.

Ever since the fire deity was summoned, Axel stood in the chest of this ethereal being to be protected by the enemy side.

He was already suppressed and couldn't fight because if the summoner died, the Deity would instantly disappear anyway. And this was why Kahn and Rudra were targeting him after they took control of the battlefield.

[Dammit! The magma spewed by that basilisk may not damage me, but it's breaking past my defenses and corroding my body.] cursed Kagutsuchi and got up.

Nonetheless, Rudra charged in again and slithered around the deity's whole body, in just a few seconds, the enemy had their entire body tied by a mythical rank rope.

In the following moments, Shura quickly stabbed Lucifer in the fire deity's chest but barely missed Axel who shifted his position in a nick of time.

But even so, Kahn wasn't disappointed in the slightest as he let out a grin.

Schwooom!!

Schwooom!!

Suddenly, a black wormhole appeared at the end of Lucifer's blade that was plunged inside Kagutsuchi's chest.

Both Axel and the Fire Deity had horrified expressions while Kahn let out a devilish smirk because at this moment, he was finally using his Legendary Rank skill in a battle that he got from the Guardian Dragon. Also called as...

Energy Plunderer.

Chapter 672 Pushed To The Edge

After Kahn and Rudra joined arms and managed to incapacitate Kagutsuchi, the Fire Deity was completely unable to move an inch.

Kahn in his Shura battle mode plunged down Lucifer in its chest and finally activated the Energy Plunderer skill for the first time in a battle.

Energy Plunderer was a Legendary Rank skill he got from the Guardian Dragon which allowed Kahn to create a black wormhole that could absorb mana, world energy, elemental attacks, spells, and various forms of energy sources.

The wormhole would then deconstruct and reconstruct these forms of sources to filter out the purest energy that can be received by Kahn in any desirable form. And at the moment, Kahn could feel his reserves getting filled and his levels rising... enough to make a breakthrough to 2nd stage saint at the spot.

But Kahn willingly halted his progression because he would be unable to fight during that state. As for the enemy...

In the end, Kagutsuchi was a summoned entity purely made of world energy and soul essence that Axel sacrificed to summon him.

This was Kahn's plan all along when he decided to jump into the battle with Jugram. Rudra tagging along was just a cherry on top which made things easier for them as the latter could do a better job at restricting this massive 1 kilometer tall being's body and movements.

Shing!

Shing!

The blackhole inside Kagutsuchi's chest exerted a tremendous amount of suction force and started engulfing his body from the inside at a rapid pace as if trying to devour it as fast as it could.

HISSSS!!

Meanwhile, Rudra hissed loudly and used Lucid Reality on Axel since he was higher leveled, making the hero of fire unable to fight or aid Kagutsuchi in any way.

[Axel! Use your divine weapon!] shouted Kagutsuchi in Axel's head.

However, the recipient didn't even hear the cry for help as he was currently inside a different reality where everything around him looked as if he was in a different world.

"Stop resisting... You're my prey." spoke Rudra, his voice sending tremors across 3 kilometers radius.

Rudra opened his maw and shot a massive stream of corrosive magma on Kagutsuchi's face while Shura kept absorbing and weakening the enemy using Energy Plunderer.

Soon, under Rudra's attacks, Kagutsuchi's face started corroding and turning into ash because of the high temperature of his own body while Kahn used Dragon Strike again to land devastating blows to its legs and arms.

Rip!!

Rudra started targeting the fire deity in his vital spots and chewed off a big chunk of fiery red world energy as if he was eating off a wild animal.

"ARRGHHHHH!!!" screamed the fire deity as for the first time ever since he became a deity, was he thoroughly humiliated and treated like a weakling after being summoned by Axel for the first time in the history of summoned heroes.

Yet, the fire Deity was not only oppressed because of its limited rank, but it also couldn't even fight because all of its skills were useless against Kahn and Rudra. Just a flap from Shura's wings was enough to redirect any summoned attack skills or fire spells.

"No!" bellowed Kagutsuchi as his figure started disappearing and his dark red body was turning transparent because Kahn was draining all of its world energy.

5 more minutes passed and now... after 30 minutes of battle, the Fire Deity completely disappeared, not even leaving a single trace behind.

Swoom!!

In a blink of an eye, all the fire surrounding the 20 kilometers region, millions of fire soldiers army also completely disappeared, leaving only a smoldering and charred battlefield.

Cough!!

Cough!!

Axel, who was laying silently on the decimated open ground, started throwing up blood and started choking on the spot from backlash after Kagutsuchi was killed by Rudra, Shura and Kahn.

Crack!!

Crack!!

Shatter!!

The sixth white archaic formation shattered but this time... there was no soul left to escape because Axel had sacrificed it to summon the Fire Deity.

3 minutes later, Axel was revived by the Soul Eater divine ability and had recovered to his peak health again.

However, this time... Axel was thoroughly infuriated. He died 6 times already and now, only 2 lives remained. The last being his own and then he would be finished for good.

He had a constricted and incredulous expression as he revealed his killing intent and anger towards the enemies from the opposite side.

[This isn't going to cut it. I can't afford to lose any more lives from here on.

But thanks to my last Divine Ability... there's nothing he or his allies can do to me anymore.

I guess I could risk losing another life to use it to win this battle.] thought Axel with a scornful gaze towards Kahn and Rudra.

"You've forced me to the edge, Salvatore.

Be proud of yourself for forcing me to use it for the first time in a fight." declared Axel loudly, his voice echoing in the 5 kilometers region.

"Bring it on, ye wanker!" taunted Kahn without any fear while all the subordinates had surrounded Axel from 8 different sides, ready to pounce on the Hero of Fire and end this battle.

But even with just 2 lives left... Axel was confident to be able to kill Kahn for some reason.

"It's time I settle the score with you bastards." spoke Axel and soon, a mix of black and white aura appeared around his body and his heart started glowing with a red and yellow light.

In the following moments, the black and white aura started coalescing while the red and yellow aura around his heart suddenly moved across his body and stopped at Axel's left palm.

In front of everyone's gazes, these 4 different auras merged and soon, a big orb of flickering flame consisting of all 4 auras came to be.

BOOM!!!

A burst of highly dangerous and terrifying aura spread in 20 kilometers region and even someone like Omega and Rudra, both of whom were comparable to a 3rd stage saints felt a sense of dread.

The orb of fire glowed brighter and its multicolored presence emitted an insurmountable pressure.

[It's been close to a thousand years since I last saw it.

Be careful boy... That's the Eternal Flame and the Divine Weapon of Hero of Fire.] spoke Rathnaar in Kahn's mind with a grim voice.

Venessa suddenly spoke with a terrified voice and revealed the name of this divine weapon...

"Amaterasu."

Chapter 673 Divine Weapon

The four-colored big orb of fire flickered in Axel's hand, emitting a threatening aura so intense that even Kahn, Rudra and Jugram who had resistance against the fire element felt like they'd die miserably if hit by this weapon.

"Be careful Kahn... The Legends say that Amaterasu was forged using a fraction of God Hetrax's own soul.

Even though it's not in its peak form because of Axel's rank... it's not something you should face head-on." warned Venessa.

Kahn nodded and asked Rathnaar.

[How did you face and win against it back then?]

[I know how it works but I was too powerful when I faced the Hero of Fire in my era. Back then, I had many long-range attack skills. But you... your strength and range are way too small since you're only a 1st stage saint.

We have no advantage against him.] replied the peak saint's soul.

Swoosh!!

Before Kahn could assess the situation, Axel appeared 5 kilometers away from him and directed Amaterasu in his direction.

Shoot!!

A massive 500 meters wide spherical archaic formation suddenly appeared in front of flickering Amaterasu and started charging itself.

[Kid, run!!] warned Rathnaar while Kahn's survival instinct blessing rang like a siren in his head.

Swoosh!!

Swoosh!!

Rumble!!

In just a few seconds, Kahn moved 3 kilometers away as a massive and incredibly fast multicolored beam of fire launched itself and covered the distance of 5 kilometers in just 1 second.

BANG!!

However, although Kahn managed to escape in time using Quicksilver skill... his Shura form was too big to move along with and was instantly struck by Amaterasu.

Crackle!!

Sizzle!!

"Aaaarrrr!!" wailed Kahn in pain as soon as Amaterasu's intense flame started burning his 270 meters tall gigantic battle form instantly and in just a few seconds, half of its body was burned and turned to ash without putting up a single resistance.

Kahn then quickly deactivated the spirit replica skill to not suffer from a backlash of the skill getting destroyed... however, his expression turned fearful for the first time since their battle began.

Because his Shura mode wasn't weak in any aspect. It had the defense of a Primordial titan, Invimarak, Dragon and Basilisk. Even Kagutsuchi had a hard time fending off Shura mode and hadn't even managed to break apart the armor made from the guardian Dragon's aura.

But given how quickly Amaterasu engulfed and burned that body as well as how easily it destroyed half of the gigantic figure in just seconds... it didn't take a genius to understand that Kahn would've died instantly if he was hit by Amaterasu.

If not for Quicksilver skill, even Kahn's ashes wouldn't be left.

Just then, Rathnaar spoke in his mind again.

[Boy... your domain can't do anything against Amaterasu. And you can't even touch Axel from this distance.

Based on my estimations... his current range of attack should be 15 kilometers since his body is suppressed by your domain's restrictions on his physical stats.

Also, your subordinates will instantly die if they're struck by Axel's divine weapon.]

[All of you, maintain at least 20 kilometers distance and protect Venessa!] ordered Kahn to his group.

Slash!!

[Dammit!!!] cursed Kahn as he tried to evade another Superlaser attack from Axel's Death Star aka Amaterasu.

Sizzle!!

Although Kahn managed to escape by the slightest distance... his left arm was grazed by the firebeam.

"Aaaaahhhh!!!" screamed Kahn but while suffering the immeasurable pain as the fire instantly burned and ate away his entire arm...

Slash!!

Kahn quickly used Lucifer and cut off his entire left arm up to shoulder without a second thought and he instantly used Quicksilver again to create distance.

If he hadn't acted at that very moment... he would be turned into ash right now.

[Armin!] commanded Kahn and in just two seconds, the pathfinder subordinate appeared behind Kahn.

"Stand still." spoke Armin and a blue aura emitted from both of his palms.

The blue aura covered Kahn's left shoulder and soon, it elongated and reformed his cut-off arm in just 10 seconds.

Armin just used his SSS Rank skill called Restoration which allowed him to restore any damaged body parts of a target and bring them back to their previous state 1 minute ago. This ability worked as long as the target wasn't dead.

Kahn clenched his left palm. His gray longcoat was damaged. Although it could repair itself with time, it would take a while.

[Dammit!! His Divine Weapon is too fast, has no restriction on the direction and even if I create a distance... it can still kill me easily no matter how strong my defense is.] thought Kahn.

His gray longcoat was made from the Invimarak skin. The legendary rank monster had impeccable resistance to many known elements, yet it turned to crisps in just a second.

Kahn felt dread after realizing how powerful Axel's divine weapon was. Even a 5th stage saint wouldn't survive after being hit by Amaterasu which wasn't even in its peak form because of the suppression on Axel's body.

At full capacity... Kahn wouldn't even be able to evade any of his attacks.

[I still have some tricks left. But I can't be certain if they'll work.] he thought to himself.

[Kid... I have a plan.] just then, the first emperor chimed in.

[Be quick. Although I can escape on my own... I want to kill that fucker at any cost.] he replied. The thought of running away crossed his mind because he and his group had no way to face Axel's divine weapon. Even the Legendary rank Lucifer would be melted after getting struck by Amaterasu. Yet, Kahn wanted to take the risk to kill Axel for good.

In the following moments, Rathnaar quickly told him a plan he came up with on the spot.

[You think you can manage it?] asked the peak saint.

[If luck is on our side... maybe I will be able to pull it off. Let's give it a shot.] replied Kahn.

[Good. It's time you used them together.] spoke Rathnaar while Kahn on the other end, evaded another attack from Amaterasu.

The ground that was hit with the firebeam was instantly pulverized and a 3 kilometers deep crevice formed in the battlefield.

As soon as Kahn created 10 kilometer distance in the air between him and Axel...

BOOM!!

A massive burst of black and violet aura appeared on the battlefield and Axel felt like he was being targeted by a powerful predator.

"Impossible!! Even the imperial family doesn't have something like that..." he spoke in a frightful tone as he looked at a man donning pitch-black armor with glowing violet outlines over some parts.

Because at this moment... Kahn was using one of his biggest cards that he chose to hide till now. And that was...

The Legendary ranked Drakos Armor!

Chapter 674 Legendary Upgrade

Kahn finally equipped the newly upgraded Drakos Armor that was now reforged with the guardian dragon's body parts. Before, Kahn was warned by Throk not to use it casually because the dragon's aura would alert a lot of people. However, Kahn was saving it for the last battle till this point.

But after hearing Rathnaar's plan... Kahn had no choice but to use it without having another option.

[System, give me the details on new effects and buffs.] ordered Kahn.

[Following are the bonus effects and bloodline buffs to the reforged Drakos Armor :

Dragon Armor (Legendary Rank) (Upgradable) :

Physical Defense while wearing this armor has risen by 70% and Agility has increased by 55%.

Reformation (Saint Rank) (Upgradable) :

Using the host's mana, world energy and draconian bloodline as a source, the armor will be able to repair itself over time once it has been broken. This bloodline effect will be active as long as the host is still alive.

The Attack, Defense and Agility of the armor effects will increase with the rank and levels of the host.

Dragon's Momentum (Saint Rank) (Upgradable) :

Strength stats while using any weapon made of dragon species, including the host's sword Lucifer will be increased by 60% and Dexterity will be enhanced by 56%.

Note : The armor and weapons can be upgraded using materials belonging to the Draconian species body parts and to increase their buffs and rank of the skills, the host must absorb more Draconian bloodline.

The host can activate Dragon Physique and Dragon's Sovereignty indefinitely while using the Drakos Armor.

It will provide an additional 30% increase in all of the host's physical and magical stats.

Current Draconian Bloodline purity : 35%] reported the system.

Kahn instantly noticed that the word 'Drake' was replaced with 'Dragon' this time after the armor set was reforged. And this increase in stats and buffs the Drakos Armor was offering also rose by at least twice.

He understood that it was due to the rise in rank of the armor as well as his increase in draconian bloodline purity.

BOOM!!

A sonic boom resonated in the surrounding 1 kilometer radius after the bloodline effect kicked in and Kahn's appearance under the black armor with violet outlines changed.

The next moment Kahn opened his eye... even Axel and Venessa who saw it from afar, felt like Kahn was no longer a human.

His black hair turned white and grew shoulder-length while his human eyes now transformed into vertically slanted red eyes of a dragon. His entire skin turned faded violet while the armor kept leaking a tyrannical dragon aura.

Kahn then quickly activated Dragon's Physique skill that gave him 3 times boost in all physical stats for 20 minutes. But since he was equipping the new Drakos Armor, it had no time restriction anymore as Kahn received a special treatment of owning a legendary rank armor and weapon while having a bloodline that resonated with and amplified the armor's bonus effects.

At this moment, the guardian dragon's aura had become one with Kahn because of the bloodline which was triggered after he activated the Dragon Physique.

Dragon's Sovereignty was currently useless to him since Axel wasn't a mindless monster and was higher leveled than him.

"Alright... this should do. I'm at least close to an intermediate 3rd stage saint with all these buffs." spoke Kahn and returned to the present moment.

This whole report took only half a second in his mind and now, Kahn was ready.

BANG!!

Just then, Axel recovered from his fearful state and broke free from the dragon's aura and attacked Kahn with Amaterasu again.

Swoosh!!

However... this time, Kahn easily escaped and turned out to be unscathed from Amaterasu's fire beam and appeared 5 kilometers away in the sky.

"You can't run from me forever, Salvatore. You'll die very soon." spoke Axel as he was agitated for some reason.

[Stick to my plan, kid. He doesn't even realize that he's making a big mistake at the moment.] said Rathnaar.

[I know. So sit tight... it's gonna be a wild ride.] responded Kahn and the next second...

Swoosh!!

Swoosh!!

15 Doppelgangers looking identical to Kahn while having a Drakos Armor and Lucifer of their own appeared beside him in succession. All of them had 50% of Kahn's physical stats and abilities.

If this was before he came to the Vulcan empire... Kahn wouldn't even be able to use these many doppelgangers at once. But during his training period for Blacksmithing and Artificing skills... his mind had become many times stronger and he no longer had any problems controlling each of them.

Axel had an ashen expression while Venessa was flabbergasted after seeing that there were a total of 16 Kahns present.

With their numbers and stats... it was like 8 first stage saints on his side. But Kahn had no plans of attacking Axel because the chances of him dying were bigger than Kahn killing Axel even with the help of his doppelgangers.

However... Axel didn't know that. And this was Kahn's plan.

Without needing any form of orders or communication, the 16 Kahns quickly spread and surrounded Axel from different directions, making the original body unable to track as they all exuded the identical aura.

The real Kahn had chosen to limit his aura to match with others so nobody could even tell a difference. Forget Axel, even his own subordinates couldn't tell which Kahn was the real one.

All of them started charging the Dark Lightning Strike, one of Kahn's strongest attack skills at once and revealed their killing intent.

"Fight me by yourself, you bastard!!" Axel shouted as he tried to antagonize Kahn.

But in reality... Axel was mortified after this maneuver because he was being besieged from all sides.

Amaterasu could destroy or pulverize everything in its wake... but it had the restriction of a single direction attack. It couldn't split in different directions or parts to attack all fronts.

Slash!!

All Kahns attacked using Lucifer at the same time at Axel from a distance of 2 to 3 kilometers away.

Crackle!!

The lightning bolts assisted with darkness turned the entire battlefield blinding white as they struck in Axel's direction.

BANG!!

Sizzle!!

BOOM!

Axel's body catapulted on the ground after being zapped by the dark lightning strike and getting heavily injured.

At the last moment, he used Amaterasu and killed one Kahn. However, that turned out to be a fake one.

[He doesn't even realize it. The one to cause his downfall won't be me...] thought the real Kahn acting and attacking Axel just like others.

[But Axel himself.]

Chapter 675 The Downfall

The battlefield trembled and dozens of kilometers of space was pulverized as Axel used his divine weapon as the main driving force to attack Kahn. The opponent however was ganging up on him while launching a barrage of attacking skills from time to time on all fronts.

BANG!!

Axel barely evaded a Dragon Strike attack and saw the ground below exploding from the impact, he quickly retreated 3 kilometers away and used Amaterasu to attack the Kahn who just made that lethal attack on him.

Schwooom!!

The 500 meter wide archaic formation charged itself and targeted the man in Drakos Armor.

Shoot!!

The superlaser attack from Amaterasu only took 3 seconds before it not only killed Kahn but also destroyed a cliff that stood tall behind him, leaving only a massive circular hole in its body.

Crack!!

The entire cliff collapsed after it was thoroughly poked through without any resistance.

[Phew! That makes the 3rd one.] thought Axel.

In the past 5 minutes, he managed to kill 3 doppelgangers and 13 remained.

[Which one of them is real?...

That armor they're wearing is perfectly masking their existence and I can't use Sage's Eye again to find the real body either.] thought Axel as he looked around for signs to identify the real body.

"Hey, cunt! Your aim sucks.

Why don't you admit defeat already? I feel like I'm bullying a little girl." spoke one of the Kahns hovering above Axel on his left-hand side.

"What did you say, you piece of shit?! Fight me with your real body if you dare?!" exclaimed Axel as he was outraged.

Kahn had been purposely instigating and antagonizing Axel by calling him names. He had already figured out that Axel had the halo of entitlement. So being called incompetent or being compared to a woman because of his misogynistic nature always struck a nerve.

Swoosh!!

Instead of receiving a reply, the Kahn behind him launched another dark lightning strike. Axel was quickly alerted and used Amaterasu, launching another massive and destructive beam that was enough to turn everything to smithereens within 15 kilometers range.

Another Kahn was pulverized.

However, this offered him no relief because the others were already waiting for an opening.

Slash!!

BANG!!

Axel was hit with another wave of 100 meter long and wide lightning strikes, although he was a 3rd stage saint, he was already suppressed under the Dimensional Domain.

He had no idea that the original Kahn needed to be within 5 kilometers proximity for him to get affected by this domain. And thus, each strike heavily wounded him because his defenses were already halved. Plus lightning and darkness were two of the strongest elements of reality. So they hit even harder than they should've.

Huff!!

Huff!!

After 10 more minutes passed and Axel successfully killed 7 Kahns... he started sweating and his body started becoming heavy for some reason.

[Kid, he's finally getting affected by the soul essence depleting. As I said... he's using a borrowed soul in the end. Otherwise, he wouldn't have been affected at least for an hour.

Keep doing what you're doing. We have him trapped in a cage.] said Rathnaar with a coy smirk.

This was Rathnaar's main plan all along.

The divine weapon ate the soul essence. And even if Axel was using someone else's soul... their soul would be much weaker than a Hero's soul by at least 10 times.

So obviously, the soul essence consumption would be much more since the quality was already subpar than the intended source to use a divine weapon.

And thus, the divine weapon would be the very thing chipping away the borrowed life Axel had.

Clang!!

BANG!!

Shatter!!

One after another, Kahns in Drakos Armor started attacking with various attacking skills such as windcutter, lightning, multiple aura blades and Dragon Strike. Making Axel retreat and defend himself again from time to time while Kahn kept mocking and insulting the hero of fire.

"My my... who would've thought Hetrax summoned such a pussy.

Hey, are you even a real Hero? I bet a sissy like you can't even defeat one of my generals on your own.

So why don't go back to whatever shithole you came from, strap up your favorite panties and send the real Hero of Fire here." said a Kahn who hovered 5 kilometers away in front of Axel, his gaze filled with mockery.

"You motherfucker!! I'll kill you and cut you into thousand pieces! And I'll make Venessa watch it when I do it!" shouted Axel and his eyes turned red, filled with bloodlust and killing intent.

BOOM!!

Axel was infuriated to the point he wantonly attacked the Kahns in whichever direction he saw them.

Similar scene occurred for a few more minutes and Axel mindlessly attacked his enemies. Although he managed to kill 3 more Kahns in the process, his body started feeling heavier with each attack.

Crack!

Crack!

Cracks started forming on the last white archaic formation hovering over his figure which held the soul of a saint.

Finally, because of these outraged attacks... Axel has used up the entire soul essence and as a result, he started losing control over his body because of the backlash he was receiving from Amaterasu.

At this moment, he barely had any soul essence left but his divine weapon was forcefully sucking in the essence.

[Not good! At this rate, I will...]

Shatter!!

Before he could take any measures, the last formation shattered and Axel received a huge backlash, losing control over his body and Amaterasu at the same moment.

Swoosh!!

Axel was shocked but quickly reacted as Kahn suddenly appeared behind him.

"You're dead, you fucker!" shouted Axel and quickly launched Amaterasu floating in his hand at this close range.

BANG!!

Sizzle!!

"Arrgh!!"

But unlike his plans... Kahn was struck by the four-colored flame and couldn't even land the finishing blow on Axel. Instead, he was getting incinerated alive.

In the following seconds, not only the Kahn in front but the other Kahns surrounding him disappeared after the one in front of him turned to small blisters, fading into nothingness.

"No!!!" shouted Venessa from afar.

"Ha ha ha!! I finally killed that bastard!" laughed Axel in joy and a sense of relief spread in his body.

With this timed shot... he killed Kahn right before he lost full control over his divine weapon.

Shing!!

Shing!!

Axel could feel that his connection with Amaterasu was severed and the divine weapon no longer responded to him because the soul essence was dried up.

Axel would die soon but he would be revived again so he still had an elated smile on his face.

Slash!!

Just then, a 3 meter tall void crack opened, behind it... was an incredibly strong suction force that quickly pulled in Amaterasu. Before Axel could even move, the eternal flame disappeared from his world.

"No!!!" shouted Axel as soon as he realized what was happening.

Because just now... Amaterasu was pulled inside the...

True Dimension.

Chapter 676 Final Trump Card

Axel hovered still in the air with a stupefied expression on his face because at this moment, he had lost his soul connection to his divine weapon Amaterasu as soon as Kahn pulled it inside the true dimension.

Divine Weapons were akin to how a novel or a manga Protagonist was often given a Holy Sword to kill the Demon Lord... But now, Kahn stole that Holy Sword from the protagonist instead.

Kahn on the other hand could still see the unending fire of Amaterasu violently burning inside the true dimension after focusing the space force in his eyes.

[What a powerful thing... even the true dimension isn't able to annihilate or extinguish it. Anything else would've been destroyed on the atomic level as soon as it entered inside.] thought Kahn as he looked at Hero of Fire's divine weapon that didn't lose a single bit of its power.

"You bastard!! Give me my weapon back!" shouted Axel in a helpless and infuriated voice.

"Not in a million years." spoke Kahn with a smug grin on his face and grabbed Axel's neck.

Crack!!

Axel, who was already on the verge of death because of using all of his soul essence to use Amaterasu was already weakened to the point of being unable to even put up a resistance, died instantly as Kahn broke his neck with left hand.

BANG!!

His body dropped on the charred ground below while Kahn contemplated the happenings in the last dozen minutes.

During the entire battle, he swapped places with several of his doppelgangers whenever he was about to get hit with Amaterasu's superlaser attacks.

But right when Axel killed a doppelganger that appeared close to him while he was about to lose control over his divine weapon, Kahn used the Invisibility and Phase Shift abilities to completely erase his existence.

And just to make Axel feel assured of his victory, he deactivated all the other doppelgangers to make him carefree and thus, it made Axel let down his guard, thinking that he killed the real Kahn.

The real Kahn however, appeared close to Axel and opened a Dimensional Void crack at his will and pulled the divine weapon away when the latter lost control over it after making that last moment attack.

As for why Kahn pulled away Amaterasu in the true dimension instead of using this chance to kill Axel again?

It was for two main reasons.

One, Amaterasu was the biggest gun Axel had, even the fire deity Kagutsuchi and Blood Titan couldn't be compared to the divine weapon that could pulverize and annihilate everything in its way despite Axel only being able to use 30% of its original power because of his rank.

But even so, a single attack was enough to destroy 15 kilometers of space easily even with such a restriction. Kahn didn't dare imagine what would be the case if Axel was a higher-ranked saint instead.

Second reason being that even if Axel died because of overusing Soul Essence... he'd still be revived and get to use his Divine Weapon. This time... with his original Soul Essence that was many times bigger, purer and potent.

With such a qualitative change, who knew if Kahn would even be able to escape an attack from Amaterasu even with Drakos Armor. At that time, even escaping won't be possible for them unless Kahn chose to abandon Venessa and hide in the true dimension.

But even then, he won't be able to hide for long because he had used Dimensional Cut twice already. His space force reserves were already reduced by 75% at this stage.

However, now things had finally turned in his favor for good.

Axel no longer had any lives left. He had no allies or a Deity to summon and he even lost his divine weapon. One by one... Kahn and his subordinates had taken away every chess piece Axel had.

And now... it was only Axel and himself left for a final bout.

3 minutes later, Axel was revived again, however this time... his head was groggy as if he woke up from a bad dream.

But Kahn didn't wish to give him any time to recover, he still had the dimensional domain active and as soon as Axel flew high in the air... Rudra appeared behind Kahn and cast Lucid Reality on Axel again by looking into his eyes, making him fall under another hypnosis.

Slash!!

Kahn used Dimensional Cut and hacked Axel in two... ending his final life.

"Phew!! I guess it's finally over." said Kahn as he heaved a sigh of relief. The last attack depleted the space force again and Kahn had barely 5% left now.

But now that their enemy was dead, the isolation barrier would soon disappear and they'd be able to leave.

All of them waited for a dozen seconds but still, nothing happened.

"What the... why isn't this barrier disappearing? Shouldn't it be deactivated after the user died?" wondered Kahn.

BOOM!!

However, before they could think for longer... a massive red aura burst from the ground, from the place Axel's chopped body fell off to be precise.

"Ha ha ha!!

Did you think it was that easy to kill me?" a malicious and dreary voice filled the surrounding 5 kilometers region as a red flash suddenly appeared in the air again and a 100 meter tall massive red claw launched itself at Kahn.

Swoosh!!

Kahn appeared one kilometer away and looked at the attacker...

"Why the fuck is he still alive?" asked Kahn with a befuddled voice.

Venessa and his subordinates had a similar expression of bewilderment on their faces.

[All of you, with me!] ordered Kahn and all of them attacked Axel from all directions.

Apart from Rudra who was too big because of his size and Venessa who was still recovering, everyone else attacked Axel from different directions.

Kahn, Jugram, Omega and Oliver activated their respective domains to thoroughly suppress Axel to a point he couldn't even fight back.

Soon, he was turned into mincemeat. But Kahn and the group didn't get to celebrate their victory as just in 10 seconds, Axel was instantly revived and back to his previous state.

HISSSS!!

Rudra also launched his Corrosive Magma but Axel easily dodged it.

Omega killed him using his Moonlight Armor form again, Jugram tried to suck away his blood, Ceril used Chains of Judgement, Armin tried to drain his life force, Oliver used Sky Domain again while Ronin and Blackwall used their own killer moves to kill Axel.

But to no avail... every time they did so, Axel was revived on the spot, even faster than how Soul Eater divine ability resurrected him.

No one understood why he wasn't dying from Kahn's dragon strike attack either.

Suddenly, Kahn remembered something as he tried to make sense of why Axel wasn't dying at all.

"Motherfucker... this guy is fucking genius. If he ever became a Demi-God... I don't think anyone in the entire world would be able to kill him." spoke Kahn with surprise filled in his voice.

[What do you mean, boy?] asked Rathnaar to Kahn.

[I figured out his last Divine Ability.] replied Kahn.

[Which one is it?] asked the peak saint.

Kahn gave a solemn look towards Axel was resurrected again after being killed by his allies and spoke the name of this terrifying divine ability that made the Hero of Fire nigh invincible at this point...

"Death Absolution."

Chapter 677 The Only Method

Kahn revealed the final divine ability Axel had that made him unkillable at this stage after recalling through his own memories when he was given a choice to select his divine abilities.

DEATH ABSOLUTION.

It was a divine ability which made it so that once the user died by a particular method or under a peculiar scenario, he or she cannot be killed by that same method again.

It didn't matter how many times the user of the divine ability died, once there was a common factor in each death, the user would automatically gain invincibility and couldn't die by the new method as long as a factor or scenario was common from the previous death.

And the scenarios of the recent death would be registered and stacked up on the next life, making the user no different than an immortal.

Just when Kahn was lost in his thoughts, Rathnaar inquired...

[Kid, you said the 'last' divine ability. Even after counting this one, it's still four divine abilities.] he said.

[Well, whatever his 4th divine ability is... He hasn't used that divine ability because he can't use it in a battle at all.] replied Kahn after analyzing the whole situation.

And his guess was indeed right. Among all of his divine abilities, Axel couldn't use the Chrono Vision because it wasn't battle related.

Chrono Vision could reveal the past of a particular place.

On the surface, it looked like it was for Investigation but in reality, it could help Axel to find anything that he wanted.

On a scene of a homicide, Axel could use it to run back in past to see who the killer was.

To find an ancient tomb's or some inherence's secret... Axel could just run back in time and see the secrets or how to overcome the obstacles.

Sage's Eye could uncover all the secrets in the world, and look through loopholes if there are any.

With the combination of these two, nothing would be hidden from him. Making him unstoppable from finding the truth about something. Even Kahn escaped from it because of his own divine ability called Dimensional Law which these two divine abilities couldn't look through since they were of the same rank.

[Every single one of his divine abilities is chosen to complement each other.] he iterated.

Which was indeed the truth. If Kahn chose his divine abilities while thinking about the long run, so did Axel.

Soul Eater gave him extra lives because Saint's souls were rare but not extinct. That would make him unkillable.

With Blood Monarch, he had the strength and unending supply of an army in a large-scale battle that could even overthrow an empire's army because no matter what, he would get an indefinite supply of blood on a battlefield. Added with his true form which had a tremendous supply of blood, he could even take down an empire's army by himself.

And Death Absolution would basically make him an immortal on top of it... this was the main reason why even Demiurge Val Arhlem, the Pope himself believed that Axel could even kill the Demon God in the future.

Sizzle!!

Axel's entire body melted under Rudra's corrosive magma. However, Axel reverted to his previous state again in just 4 seconds, developing another immunity from this method of death.

"Dammit! He's becoming invulnerable to all types of attacks at this point." cursed Kahn as he saw Axel grinning at him.

They were just diminishing their chances to kill Axel and now, even Rudra's attack was used up and Axel received immunity from it.

Kahn then realized something. In mere moments, he realized why Axel didn't die in his 8th life.

And Kahn could pinpoint as the main reason was something he did himself.

Dimensional Domain!

Axel had already died at the hands of others, inside their domains and after Kahn killed him on the account of his last life... Axel had already died under dimensional domain after receiving backlash his summoned Fire Deity aka Kagutsuchi disappeared.

The dimensional domain was a common factor after dying for the 7th time and thus, Kahn couldn't kill Axel using Dimensional Cut in the final life. And now... Axel had immunity to all the attacking methods they had.

Kahn on the other end was already out of space force, having barely 5% left and even opening a void crack was risky because Axel would be able to reestablish his connection with Amaterasu if Kahn chose to do so.

"All of you... retreat!" ordered Kahn and all the subordinates stopped killing Axel.

At this moment, Axel was immune to all forms of attacks and skills they could use to kill him again. Kahn had also used up all of his tricks and skills and if he wanted to kill Axel for good... he'd have to come up with a completely new, different and bizarre way to get the job done.

"Ha ha ha! There's no point now, Salvatore. I have turned invincible to all the means you could use to kill me." said Axel with a coquettish tone.

"Don't be overconfident, dipshit. It's not like none of the previously chosen heroes hadn't selected Death Absolution as their divine ability.

They still died anyway. I'll just have to be a bit creative and you're a dead man." said Kahn, showing no sense of fear.

[Looks like I have no choice but to use it.] thought Kahn and deactivated Drakos Armor, unsummoned Lucifer and removed Dimensional Domain. At this moment, Kahn was willing to go to the extreme after a very long time.

Axel on the other end felt all of his physical strength of a peak 3rd stage saint returning as he too looked forward to a deathmatch with Kahn.

SHRILL!!

An ear-deafening and soul-shaking shrill filled the 5 kilometers region as a massive burst of black and red aura filled with insurmountable pressure and bloodlust resonated in the surroundings.

Even Venessa felt like she was standing against a predator even though she wasn't the main target.

Crack!!

Crackle!!

"What the hell is this... don't tell me Kahn isn't a human either." she spoke after Kahn's transformed figure was revealed as the dense black and red aura finally dispersed and his new appearance came into everyone's sight.

A gray-skinned man with long and sturdy black horns, each having 3 consecutive stackings of Dragon, Basilisk and True Demon horns in its being appeared in the middle of the battlefield. Pitch-black dragon claws, broad shoulders, and a ripped body of a bloodthirsty being flew firmly in the air.

Most of his body was covered in black patterns and visible magma running through his veins; akin to a tyrannical demon.

There were layers of Basilisk and Dragon hide, having waistlength white hair in addition. A red glow emitted from the center of his chest while two sharp fangs came out of his mouth as the man kept releasing a domineering and oppressive aura.

Dark red eyes with yellow snake-like pupils in them glimmered brightly as this demonic being started at Axel, exuding his intense killing intent.

Even Axel felt a sense of uneasiness because he felt like the being in front of him was no weaker than himself.

Kahn had decided to discard all of his previous methods and skills as he chose to decide the final victor with the good old fashion of fighting with pure raw strength.

Because at this moment... After 3 and half years of gap, Kahn was finally using the...

Asura Mode!

Chapter 678 Hero vs Hero

Kahn removed all his previous skills, weapons, armor and battle modes just to start with a clean slate as he activated Aura Mode after a long time. This was a form where he could mix and utilize the most effective and prominent bloodlines and their particular skills absorbed to this day. And now, a newly transformed and upgraded version of the Asura Mode appeared in front of everyone on this battlefield.

Was there a way to kill Axel using different combinations and techniques at this point?

There could be a way but the Hero of Fire had already received immunity against hundreds of such ways to die and even one common factor was enough to waste their whole efforts just because Kahn acted overconfident. Hence, he decided to use only new and different ways their crew hadn't used before because the clock was ticking and they couldn't risk waiting till any reinforcements from the Church arrived.

[System, how strong am I with all the bloodline effects and physical buffs that come with them?] asked Kahn to his guide interface.

[The host is now comparable to a peak 3rd stage saint because of the enhancements received from Dragon, Basilisk, Primordial Titan, Fenrir, True Demon and Invimarak bloodline.

All the Stats have been increased by 500% for 1 Hour.] reported the system.

"Good. It's more than my previous expectations. I thought it'd give me a buff up to 3 times only. I guess the quality of bloodline from Godbeasts is indeed worthy of its reputation." he said to himself.

Next, Kahn diverted his challenging gaze at Axel and spoke loudly...

"Axel! You asked me to fight with you one on one before. Don't tell me you're afraid now." he said with a contemptuous gaze.

"This bastard... Do you still think you can kill me even now after I've turned invincible?"

Let's have it then. I'll give you the most horrible and gruesome death." responded the Hero of Fire with confident eyes. He no longer feared Kahn or his group in the slightest because Death Absolution had made him invulnerable to everything Kahn and his group could do.

Axel also unsummoned his red and black armor since Kahn was now also barechested, both half-naked men with ripped and bulging muscles floated 2 kilometers away from each other.

Crackle!

Crackle!

Before everyone, Axel's arms turned into boney claws and multiple white horns grew on his head and shoulders as he too activated his bloodline and received a buff in his physical strength.

BOOM!!

BOOM!!

A black and red aura exploded from Kahn's body while a dark red aura exuded from Axel.

Swoosh!!

BANG!!

In just a second, both chosen heroes clashed against each other, their clawed fists clashing against each other, sending shockwaves in the surrounding 1 kilometer radius just with a single strike.

Axel's blood-red boney fist struck against Kahn's black dragon-clawed fist as both gave each other a hateful gaze.

Kahn quickly grabbed Axel's left arm and pulled him closer.

Crack!

His fish made an uppercut punch with right arm and struck Axel's jaw, disorienting him instantly. But before the latter could even recover, Kahn quickly squatted, swinging his left fist towards Axel's ribcage.

Dhang!

Crack!

Axel was thrown 1 kilometer away, just a single punch from Kahn cracked his ribcage and broke 2 bones while the sonicbooms from the impact shook two kilometers of the decimated battlefield.

Axel on the other end had a dislocated jaw, but soon... a surge of blood spread across it and started repairing and healing the damage at a rapid pace.

[So he too has rapid regeneration ability because of his bloodline. Well, I gotta get rid of it soon so I can kill him.] thought Kahn and his figure flashed, appearing only a few meters away from Axel who had put on a guard with spiky and boney arms.

Swoosh!

But before Kahn could make another move, a bone from Axel's right arm shot itself towards Kahn's head, instantly breaking the sound barrier.

Kahn tilted his head in time but could feel the strength and lethality from the spike he just dodged in time.

Axel appeared above Kahn and made a joint fist attack.

Flicker!

Kahn's entire figure flickered and he evaded this attack in a microsecond.

BOOM!!

Axel's body landed on the ground, a 500 meter wide hole dug in the ground just from the impact of his fists that would've easily broken a few of Kahn's bones had he not dodged it.

Even a bystander like Venessa could tell that every single swing and punch both men hurled at each other had the strength to destroy a mountain... This was nothing but a competition between raw power.

"Are you blind? I'm here you moron!" bellowed Kahn as he looked down on Axel from the sky.

Axel had bloodshot eyes and quickly lunged at Kahn, shattering the ground below him as he jumped in his enemy's direction.

Soon, another exchange of fists and kicks started, each time a hit landed, the other party was flung 2 to 3 kilometers away from the impact.

Crack!

Kahn twisted and broke Axel's left arm and headbutted him, sending him flying. Meanwhile, his claws had dug into the arm and a small as well as unnoticeable yellow liquid had spread from the tips of his claws.

Huff!

Huff!

Axel repositioned his footing after getting thrown 3 kilometers away.

"This fucker!!!" shouted Axel in an infuriated voice because although Kahn wasn't killing him... he was still beating Axel like a toddler fighting against a special ops soldier despite having more strength than the former.

But because of his anger, Axel hadn't realized what Kahn's main intention was.

The yellowish liquid oozing out of Kahn's claw tips was actually the legendary rank monster Bjormngandur's neurotoxin venom. Little did Axel know that during each exchange of moves, Kahn was scratching him here and there and poisoning him.

30 MINUTES LATER.

"Ora! Ora Ora Ora!"

Shouted Kahn as he was beating Axel thoroughly because ten minutes ago, the neurotoxin venom had finally affected Axel's regeneration ability as well as affected his movement.

The neurotoxin venom wasn't made by some manufacturing company rather it belonged to a legendary rank monster, a descendant of the Godbeast Basilisk itself. Thus, even Axel's bloodline failed to form natural immunity against it.

Rip!!

"Arrghh!!"

Kahn's dragon claw ripped apart half of Axel's face as the latter screamed in pain.

Despite using several of his strength-enhancing innate abilities, Axel's nervous system no longer responded to himself while Kahn was thrashing him with a grin on his face.

BANG!!

Axel's figure clashed on the open ground after Kahn punched him in the chest, cracking his bones again.

Swoosh!

Kahn suddenly appeared in front of Axel's haggard and pitiful figure. He quickly stepped on the Hero of Fire's caved chest as the latter was choking on his own blood.

"Don't worry, sunshine. I'm not gonna kill you that easily.

It's been a while since I have been creative in a fight. And you... I have plans for you." he said with a devilish smirk.

Axel was breathing slowly because of the injuries that were no longer healing. He had an ominous feeling as he looked at Kahn.

"I heard all those screams of women begging for mercy and crying in pain. You said something about breaking your targets, didn't you?

So allow me... To give you the same fate." spoke Kahn as he declared in a murderous tone. Because Kahn was going to do something he learned back in Flavot city in his beginning days. And that was...

Torturing people to death.

Chapter 679 Words of Wisdom

A bustling city full of people was filled with noises of the populace going about their lives. Shopkeepers and merchants shouted to sell their wares while taverns and restaurants were full of customers.

Clatter!

Clatter!

Just then, the entirety of this city started shaking as tremors filled the surrounding, instantly vibrating all that existed in this settlement; even the tall towers and stone fortresses in the vicinity were no exception.

"What the hell is happening?!" clamored thousands of people at the same time as they ran out to the open areas.

SHING!!

An insurmountable pressure filled with majesty and dominance suddenly filled the surroundings and millions of people were instantly forced to kneel on the ground under a heavily oppressive aura.

"There!" said a dwarf as he pointed towards the sky.

SHRIEK!!

A high-pitched shriek of a massive bird-like creature spread and resounded in the entire city as a ginormous with majestic wings that spanned 4 kilometers on each side suddenly appeared over 5 kilometers high in the sky.

It passed at the speed of lightning while a single flap of its wings created hurricanes and almost the entire city was filled with strong gusts of winds that sent thousands of people flying here and there.

Like a natural calamity, this two-headed monster appeared and disappeared in matter of seconds but almost devastated 20 kilometers of the region with the strong winds that it left in its wake.

Yet in the eyes of this 8 kilometers tall creature, none of it mattered because it was in a hurry to reach a particular place in the Vulcan.

Over 40 minutes ago, Havi had finished his battle with four of the eighth stage saints, namely the 3 Holy Champions and the Pope himself. And now, he was rushing towards the Eastern Grasslands from the Northern Plains, to the other side of the empire just to save his daughter despite suffering from the backlash of forcefully using his bloodline.

Yet he did not care for his pitiful stage but for his daughter who was at the mercy of the Hero of Fire.

BANG!!

"Only brute strength! No technique!" spoke Kahn as he punched Axel in the face, sending him crashing against a mountain peak.

The whole peak cracked into hundreds of massive boulders and crumbled like a house of cards.

Cough!

Cough!

Axel coughed out a chunk of blood after his pitiful and bloodied figure was revealed.

"Where did you learn to fight? Or a farm?!" berated Kahn and his figure suddenly appeared in front of Axel.

Crack!!

Kahn raised his leg high and stomped on Axel's left shin, instantly breaking all the bones.

"Arrrrggggghjjj!!!" screamed the Hero of Fire because of the unbearable pain.

In the past 10 minutes, Kahn was thoroughly torturing Axel as he broke the latter's arms and legs one by one, his fingers and toenails were ripped by Kahn's claws and the right collarbone was also shattered.

And each time, Kahn would antagonize Axel with slanders like a vindictive person as if he carried a great hatred towards Axel.

But Axel couldn't even fight back as his own body wouldn't listen to his commands because of the neurotoxin venom.

Axel had immunity from Rudra's Corrosive Magma which was an upgraded version of Bjormngandur's venom. But it didn't mean that Kahn couldn't use it to weaken Axel. And hence... Without killing him, Kahn was torturing him greatly by breaking his bones and body one by one.

"You think everyone is at your mercy, don't you?" spoke Kahn with a disdainful voice.

He then quickly grabbed Axel's head and both their figures flickered. The next moment, both of them appeared in front of Venessa who was surrounded by Kahn's subordinates a few kilometers away on the ground below.

"Apologize!" said Kahn as he tightened his claw around Axel's head, making the latter bleed profusely from his forehead.

"I... I... am sorry." said Axel as he mustered all the strength in his body. Now he understood why Kahn was so furious with him.

Kahn had been torturing him instead of killing him. Axel often tortured women and girls after he raped them and finally after he had his fill, he ate them. But For the first time in his life... Axel was on the receiving end.

Axel had trampled on Venessa's pride as a woman when he said that he'd make her a sex slave and a plaything. And Kahn treated her as his friend. So he was exacting revenge in her stead instead.

"Kill off this piece of shit! He doesn't deserve any forgiveness from me." said Venessa as she looked down on Axel's lacerating figure, her gaze filled with contempt and fury.

"You fucking slut!" bellowed Axel in rage.

Suddenly, his right arm finally responded to his command during this rageful state and without even wasting a second, Axel attacked Venessa.

STAB!!

Gasp!!

But before Venessa could even react in time... Axel's claw had stabbed into something.

But instead of Venessa... Axel's claw had stabbed Kahn who appeared in front of her at the last moment. And the place his claw had stabbed through was...

Kahn's heart.

"Ha ha ha!!" laughed Axel as soon as Kahn's figure slumped and his expression turned grim, as if being on the verge of death.

"Die, you fucker! Didn't I say you can't kill me!..." shouted Axel as he rejoiced. Finally, out of pure luck... he managed to land a killing blow on Kahn and now the latter was as good as dead.

But instead of losing the light in his eyes, Kahn pulled Axel closer by grabbing his right shoulder.

STAB!!

But this time... it was Kahn who stabbed Axel in his chest.

Suddenly, Axel realized that his claw had indeed pierced through Kahn's chest but there was no friction from inside his body. In other words... he couldn't feel Kahn's heart at all.

"You know Axel... there's a saying that we often tell our enemies in the world I came from." he spoke in a soft and kind tone.

Kahn then changed his expression, letting out a devious grin and spoke in a benign and gentle voice...

"Eat shit, motherfucker!!"

Chapter 680 The Key

Kahn had his dragon claw stabbed in Axel's chest while the latter could only feel a hollow gap inside Kahn's. For the first time in a battle, Kahn was using one of the skills that came under Dimensional Law divine ability.

The whole thing with Kahn torturing and Axel was actually just a big distraction. What Kahn wanted to do was catch Axel off guard and make him do something that wasn't precedent.

Unbeknownst to Axel Lobethrox... Kahn still vividly remembered 2 of the biggest loopholes of Death Absolution divine ability.

One was that the user had to be prepared for and expect death. Death Absolution Divine Ability was an active ability that was directly dependent on the user's mind at the time of death.

As long as they thought that Death Absolution was in Active Mode... the user wouldn't die. But if they're killed surprisingly when their mind is distracted... then it wouldn't work at all.

Two, the invulnerability to a particular manner of death didn't last permanently. After a day gap, the received invincibility against a particular method of attack would vanish.

Death Absolution was indeed a divine ability that would make you an immortal in a fight. But after a while, you would be back to normal.

Kahn had his doubts that this divine ability was chosen many times by the heroes of different gods who came in the past. But the Demon God still wasn't dead.

Then it could only mean that it too had flaws and limitations that could be easily overcome by the opponents.

These were the two main reasons why Kahn hadn't chosen this divine ability back when God of Darkness made him choose. And now, using those loopholes, Kahn finally made a decisive strike.

"Do you know Axel, I have a creed." said Kahn as he tightly held Axel's hand that stabbed through his chest.

"An eye for an eye.

A tooth for a tooth.

And..." spoke Kahn.

Rip!!

Before Axel could say another word...

Kahn ripped out a big pulsating red organ from Axel's chest and said in a grim voice.

"A heart for a heart."

Axel had a petrified expression because at this moment, he could feel the life force diminishing in his body as a big and wide hole in his chest could be seen.

Death Absolution hadn't worked and now... he was counting his last moments.

[How did it happen? What did I do wrong?] wondered Axel as his consciousness faded for the last time.

The Hero of Fire.... DIED.

A few minutes passed as everyone let out a sigh of relief because just now... the 50 kilometers wide isolation barrier started scattering, signifying that its user was finally dead.

Kahn on the other hand was sweating profusely as he grunted in exhaustion.

In the final moment when Axel tried to kill Venessa... he purposely appeared in front of her and allowed Axel to stab him in the heart. But at the exact moment...

Kahn used the remaining space force in his body and used the Dimensional Shift skill to send his heart inside the True Dimension.

Huff!

Huff!!

Kahn deactivated the Asura Mode after the massive hole in his chest regenerated and he brought back his heart to the world of the living.

He had almost reached the limit and soon, he'd be forced to undergo a weakened state after the time ran out. But now... he could have enough strength left to escape.

"Master! His soul is leaving his body." informed Armin.

[Ronin!] quickly ordered Kahn.

Swoosh!

An ethereal massive white orb with a bluish hue containing otherworldly energy that was sized as big as a house suddenly became visible to everyone as Ronin appeared close to Axel's corpse and activated the Soul Collector skill that allowed him to snatch away people's souls.

But right before he could completely grasp and cover it under his aura... 5 different colored orbs covered under archaic runes came out of this massive soul and instantly shot themselves towards the sky at the speed of light.

Kahn and the others didn't even get a chance to react before they quickly disappeared into the sky.

"Damn it! Those must be his Divine Abilities that were tied to his soul. I didn't get a chance to capture them." spoke Kahn.

This was one of his main agendas when he asked Ronin to collect this soul.

[The host would be unable to absorb them anyway. Only a Demi-God has the ability to absorb divine abilities from the chosen Heroes.

However, there hasn't been a new Demi-God in the past 10 thousand years.] informed the system.

"Tch! Still... I would've liked to try.

Well... I guess there's no point being greedy since it would've adversely affected my soul in the long run anyway." spoke Kahn to himself.

"Master... I would like this for myself. Only I can absorb it here and given the size and quality... I think I'll be able to level up greatly." spoke Ronin as his own blue and translucent aura enshrouding the soul tightened its grasp.

"It'll do more than it if I am correct. Well... take it. It's yours." spoke Kahn with a thoughtful face. Ronin was the only one capable of absorbing another being's soul and using them to level up. So he was the best choice among their group to use it.

Kahn then quickly activated Ability Absorption divine ability and surprisingly... he was done in just 5 minutes.

But he had no intentions to go through the list for now because time was of the essence.

[Human... I want his body.] spoke Rudra as he slithered from afar and gazed down at Axel's corpse with covetous eyes.

"For what?" asked Kahn.

[Didn't I say that I needed a strong bloodline to mix and balance both of my Draconian and Basilisk bloodlines...

The unique bloodline this Hero of Fire has seems just strong and capable enough to act as a perfect catalyst to bind them together.

And once I'm done with it... I'll be able to take a humanoid form as well.] explained the Voronir subordinate.

"Alright... it's yours. We shouldn't leave behind any traces so it's better this way if you could become useful later." said Kahn as he heaved a sigh.

He directed his palm towards Axel's corpse and used Gravitational Upforce skill to throw Axel into Rudra's massive mouth filled with thousands of pike-like teeth.

Rudra quickly swallowed Axel without a second thought. Although his size was too small in human appearance, Axel's real size was 250 meters tall and the amount of blood he had was enough for Rudra to work with.

Finally, Kahn then looked at the heart in his right palm.

"Arghhh! Alright... let's go." he grunted and got up on his feet. But during his effort... Axel's heart got squashed under Kahn's palm and as soon as his body touched the shining white core inside.

BOOM!!

But before Kahn could even react, a massive black aura appeared from the center of his chest and moved towards Axel's heart, instantly engulfing it.

Kahn didn't even understand what was happening but just then, the system suddenly gave him a notification that shook him to his core...

[Divine Key : Flamescion acquired!]