

DEMONIC 1681

### **Chapter 1681 - 1681. Awakening**

Noah's ambition created storms as it spread through the battlefield. Raging currents made of his law flew in every corner of the region and submitted the matter to his power.

His ambition had changed. It had broadened after the years that Noah spent as a Devil. It obtained aspects that involved space, but it also intensified its ability to evolve everything around it.

The images of his life as a Devil flowed inside Noah's mind as his angry roar continued to echo through the sky. Noah was livid. He couldn't believe that the other world's will had kept him under its control for so many years.

Still, he could also understand that the transformation had benefitted his existence. Noah was angry beyond reason, but part of him felt glad that the procedure had been a success.

His body had remained the same. The chaotic laws couldn't improve it. Noah had reached a state that surpassed perfection when it came to his flesh.

His mind had expanded a lot. His mental walls had become quite frail, but his dark matter was reinforcing them for the time being. Moreover, the scarlet radiance given by his blood had intensified, and his anger fused with that light.

The greatest changes in Noah's existence had happened to his dantian and black hole.

The fourth center of power had enlarged, and its walls had thickened. Thin flares of dark matter also shot out of its edges and spread through the rest of the body to send waves of power to the various tissues.

The dark matter had become denser. It had already gained liquid properties after the breakthrough to the eighth rank, but its previous shape couldn't match its current one.

Instead, his dantian had shrunk. Noah felt shocked to discover that it had reached the liquid stage, but his surprise didn't end there.

The ambition that the organ radiated was violent. It forced everything around Noah to evolve, but it destroyed the matter that tried to oppose the change. Also, some of its old aspects had intensified, which added new abilities to his darkness.

His pride and hunger were now as powerful as his creation, destruction, and sharpness. Noah's energy could directly devour the matter around him, and it even radiated a heavy pressure that forced weaker beings to kneel.

The black hole could mimic all the new features of his dantian and transform the dark matter into a stronger version of his darkness. Noah's energy had basically become an additional fuel for that power.

Noah didn't immediately learn about those new features. Information flowed inside his mind as the black hole studied the changes that had happened during the Devil state.

Some changes had affected his companions. Noah could see that the parasite had developed a tighter connection with his existence. It clearly depended on him now.

The other companion affected by the chaotic laws was the Demonic Sword. The blade had always been an expression of Noah's existence, but the other world's will found it pointless to keep it severed from his law.

'That's why my black hole has improved,' Noah thought as he closed his mouth and interrupted his fiery pillar.

'It's strange,' The Demonic Sword's young voice resounded in Noah's mind. 'It feels natural to be part of you even if I have retained a separate will.'

The Demonic Sword had fused with Noah's existence. It had become part of the black hole, but Noah could summon it at will. Its level had also developed a better connection with him. The weapon had directly reached the middle tier after the breakthrough to the liquid stage.

Noah studied his surroundings. The battlefield was a mess, but it seemed that the human side had gained the upper hand after he attracted many Devils away.

A platoon of Devils was still kneeling around him. They didn't dare to move from their spot and waited for Noah to give orders.

Their figures had also grown entirely dark. They shared the victory of Noah's mental energy over the other world's will. They had become his followers now.

King Elbas and Wilfred inspected Noah. They didn't know if his mind had awakened, so they didn't dare to near him yet.

"Thank you," Noah growled before stretching his hand toward one of the Devils around him.

The creature stood up and walked toward Noah before placing its neck on his palm. Its energy then flowed inside Noah's body and placated part of his hunger.

'How is this an improvement?' Noah snorted in his mind.

His hunger had returned stronger than ever. His evolution past the simple hybrid state had taken care of that feature, but the chaotic laws had brought it back.

However, Noah could feel that his hunger depended on his pride. His ability to rule over weaker beings had intensified, so that feeling had also grown stronger.

Noah was still livid. Learning about his growth couldn't satisfy the rage that filled his mind. He had inherited part of that feeling from the other world's will, and it seemed that a simple battle wouldn't be enough to vent it.

"Go and make a mess," Noah growled before disappearing from his position.

The Devils stood up and flew back to the battlefield. The cultivators didn't hesitate to fight them, but they soon noticed that something had changed in those creatures.

Their influence had grown stronger and could now affect the experts even from behind their defenses. Also, their battle style wasn't a mere copy of their opponents anymore. The Devils fought like Noah now. They released sharp attacks and toxic dark clouds that seemed able to devour everything.

Noah reappeared near King Elbas and Wilfred. The two experts felt surprised about that sudden event. They didn't sense his arrival, and their minds struggled to fend off the pressure innately generated by his figure.

"Make our team retreat," Noah ordered. "I'm about to go all-out."

"We should all leave the area," King Elbas complained. "Heaven and Earth are about to deploy something meant to get rid of the mutated beings. That includes you now."

"I can't wait to face what they have in mind," Noah growled before disappearing once again.

Wilfred and King Elbas could only exchange a confused glance before flying back to their companions. Noah had already given the order. Nothing in the world could make him change his mind now.

The duo quickly grabbed Luke, Fergie, the Foolery, and Divine Demon before shooting out of the battlefield. The other human troops shot angry glances at them, but they couldn't punish their retreat since they had Devils and sharks to fight.

Meanwhile, Noah reappeared in the middle of the human army. The four solid stage cultivators were nearby, but they couldn't stop his sudden discharge of energy.

A wave of darkness flowed out of his figure and pierced the weaker domains and defenses around him. The solid stage cultivators quickly understood that something was wrong and deployed their techniques to suppress the dark world, but their complexion paled after the darkness disappeared.

All the cultivators under the liquid stage hit by the darkness had disappeared. The leaders couldn't sense them anymore.

Author's notes: The others on the discord already knew about this. I'm writing a second story. It will have a western setting and sci-fi elements. The name of the new novel is "Chaos' Heir". Give it a look if you want. Anyway, I'd like to point out that Demonic Sword will always have priority in my writing schedule, so don't worry about that.

### **Chapter 1682 - 1682. Gruesome**

"How dare you attack your allies?!" Castor shouted as his solid stage cultivation level exploded.

"The Devils must have corrupted his mind!" Rebecca added as her power also filled the environment.

"Let's take care of him before the Devils overwhelm us," Melissa ordered while pointing her hands toward Noah.

"I didn't think there would be traitors among our army," Robert, the fourth solid stage cultivator, snorted.

Noah didn't even glance at the four experts. His figure disappeared before they could launch attacks. He teleported among the sharks, and his roar made those creatures tremble in fear.

"You belong to me," Noah growled as his pride spread through the sky.

The army of sharks had suffered countless defeats against the human side, but some of the upper tier specimens were still standing their ground. Noah's roar made them feel fear, but they wouldn't give up on their freedom so easily.

One of the upper tier specimens turned to charge at Noah and left trails of sparks in the sky. Still, its attack ended when its head landed on Noah's palm.

"I think you misunderstand your position," Noah growled while stabbing his fingers on the creature's head. "I wasn't giving an order. You already are part of my pack."

His ambition flowed inside the creature's flesh and generated mutations. Noah's law wanted to improve the shark, but the chaotic laws had made a mess of its body.

The shark even tried to fight that energy. It struggled to fend off Noah's ambition, but that only intensified its dangerous effects.

The shark's body began to destabilize as new mutations started to appear. Noah's ambition intensified the various unstable feature of the creature and made its tissues crumble.

The magical beast exploded after a few seconds. Pieces of flesh shot in every direction and created a red cloud before Noah's energy devoured it. He had killed an upper tier creature with a simple attack that didn't even rely on techniques.

A wave of pride violently spread from Noah's figure after his victory against the shark. A chill ran down the other upper tier magical beasts when that feeling enveloped them. They immediately realized that Noah could kill them at ease.

That realization made them lower their head to express their submission. Noah deployed the dark world to envelop them and activated the workshop while filling the dark matter with his ambition. The sharks couldn't fight in that condition. He had to transform them.

The four solid stage cultivators didn't let Noah do as he pleased. Massive spells flew toward the dark world, but holes connected to the void opened on its structure before the attacks could damage the technique.

The spells entered the void and left the dark world untouched. Noah had countered the attacks of four solid stage cultivators at ease, and the scene made the entire human army fall silent.

Even the Devils stopped attacking to admire the scene. Noah's feat was inspiring. Those creatures had inherited his d.e.s.i.r.e to improve, so they wouldn't dare to miss that sight.

Faint ambition began to come out of the Devils. Noah's feat had forced those creatures to improve and develop traces of laws that reflected his existence. The chaotic laws had a purpose now. They wanted to become Noah.

The solid stage cultivators didn't give up. They launched a second wave of attacks, but portals that led to the void opened on their trajectory again.

However, the spells divided themselves into countless smaller attacks that dodged the portals and exploded on the dark matter. The higher energy couldn't endure their might, and chunks of the technique vanished.

The shockwaves generated by the many small explosions spread through the dark world and continued to destroy the technique. The dense sea slowly vanished and revealed its insides. The human army could finally see what Noah had been up to, and the scene left those experts speechless.

Some structures made of dark matter had survived the offensive. Multiple arms that resembled machines of Noah's previous world were tinkering with the pack of sharks to create a gruesome scene.

The arms replaced entire chunks of the creatures' flesh and transformed them into more stable tissues before putting them back into the bodies. Noah wanted to convert those magical beasts into existences that could help him in the fight, and his ambition was too violent for that procedure.

The workshop could learn from his ambition and understand how the sharks had to transform. The dark matter was using his law as fuel to perform those mutations and create an army worthy of their new leader.

"What on Heaven and Earth's names is this madness?" Castor couldn't help but shout.

Castor was an old solid stage cultivator in the eighth rank. He had seen countless experts and studied even more laws. However, he had never witnessed such a gruesome scene.

Noah was sitting cross-legged among the various workshops. He had kept his eyes closed to focus on the procedure, but the solid stage cultivators had interrupted his concentration.

"Do you mind letting me finish?" Noah asked while opening his eyes. "I'm almost done with the weaker specimens. The others need a bit more."

"You are a blight of this world!" Rebecca shouted, but she didn't move.

Even Rebecca found it hard to stand that scene. Noah resembled a mad scientist in the middle of his experiment. She couldn't help but imagine what he could do to humans if they ended up in his grasp.

Noah moved his gaze away from the four leaders. He wouldn't mind them as long as they didn't attack, and his sharks had even reached a crucial phase.

The workshops began to replace pieces of the creatures' heads. The sharks died while chunks of their brain left their body and transformed under the effects of the dark matter.

"What have you done?" Melissa asked while her consciousness studied that energy.

Waves of shock filled her mind as she understood the nature of that energy. The sharks were releasing a strange version of "Breath". Noah had built a dantian for those creatures.

'To think that creating a center of power has become so easy at my current level,' Noah sighed in his mind.

The sharks began to cry in anger after the workshop let them go. Noah had made sure to put part of his feelings inside those creatures. Their aggression skyrocketed because of that.

The Devils echoed that anger. Raging waves of chaotic laws spread from their figure and fell on the human army. It was time to resume the fight now that the last piece of Noah's pack was ready.

"I guess you won't give me the chance to have one versus one battles," Noah sighed while leaving the array of workshops.

A few sharks still had to complete their transformation, but the process could work without Noah's supervision now. He could finally move his attention on the human army, and a faint hesitation inevitably appeared in his mind. Yet, the d.e.s.i.r.e to understand how strong he had become suppressed that feeling.

Noah stretched his arm forward, and chunks of dark matter solidified in his palm to generate the Demonic Sword. Roots gathered in his other hand to create a sword-shaped weapon. His companions then came out of the separate space and stood next to him.

Noah was ready to test his power against four solid stage cultivators.

### **Chapter 1683 - 1683. Words**

"Do you really think that you can face the four of us?" Melissa snorted when she saw Noah and his companion nearing the human army.

Robert wore a pensive expression. He raised his hand and pointed a finger toward Noah before launching a small purple bullet toward him.

The bullet was incredibly fast, and it carried an immense amount of energy. Still, Noah could sense that it radiated laws belonging to Heaven and Earth, so he decided to endure it with his b.a.r.e body.

The purple bullet hit Noah at the center of his c.h.e.s.t and tried to dig deeper into his body, but its energy began to fall apart when it touched Noah's ambition. The attack transformed into energy that fixed the damage before flowing toward the black hole.

"You have developed the Devils' immunity to Heaven and Earth's laws," Robert commented at that sight.

"How can you even follow such flawed leaders," Noah sighed while approaching the four solid stage cultivators. "You have given up on your laws to gain unbeatable enemies. I don't have words to express how disappointed I feel."

Noah was trying to taunt the experts. He felt confident in fighting the four cultivators for a short time, but he didn't know how a prolonged battle would go.

His innate resistance to Heaven and Earth's laws would force the four leaders to rely on weaker existences, but they remained solid stage experts. Noah's power didn't make any sense, but he had yet to understand if he could face those opponents at his current level.

Noah hoped that his taunts could make one of those experts leave the others and face him alone, but the cultivators remained together. They didn't let him get into their mind.

'It's time to force their hand,' Noah concluded in his mind before raising the arm that wielded the Demonic Sword.

The group of sharks behind Noah shot forward and resumed their battle against the human army. The cultivators quickly discovered that some of their abilities had changed. Their overall prowess had also increased, and the hunger that blinded their mind had vanished.

The Devils worked together with the sharks and echoed the auras that spread from their figures. The magical beasts had access to "Breath" now, so they could use stronger abilities that the Devils didn't hesitate to improve.

The human army immediately lost the upper hand in the battle, but the four leaders didn't move. Their eyes remained fixed on Noah even if their underlings were suffering severe losses.

"Don't lose hope!" Rebecca shouted. "Heaven and Earth didn't turn their back on us. They are watching this battle closely!"

Her announcement didn't improve the underlings' morale. Those cultivators found themselves unable to push their opponents back, and their leaders weren't doing anything to help them.

Noah suddenly appeared next to Rebecca. The expert's eyes widened when she saw two sharp weapons converging toward her face, but her aura exploded forward before they could touch her.

A wave of dense red energy crashed on Noah's figure, but he deployed the unstable substance to endure the blow and retain his position. The attack couldn't even stop his actions, so he completed the slash while Rebecca tried to retreat.

A chunk of the wave of energy disappeared when the singularity hit it. A faint black halo also spread among that redness while Noah's attack continued to fly forward.

The singularity eventually hit Rebecca, but its energy melted when it touched her skin. The expert revealed a smile, but her expression froze when a drop of blood fell from her forehead.

Noah wanted to wave his swords again, but three figures materialized above him before he could complete his blow. Robert, Melissa, and Castor pointed their hands toward him and released multiple abilities that contained enough power to pierce his tough skin.

Portals connected to the void opened above Noah. A massive black crack absorbed the attacks and gave him the chance to complete his slash.

The short delay caused by the three solid stage cultivators allowed Rebecca to attack before the singularity could reach her. A scorching wave of energy engulfed Noah's attack and melted its structure.

'They can match my blows even if they use weaker laws,' Noah noted in his mind before a dangerous sensation forced him to focus on his side.

Robert had flown past the crack and had approached Noah. He wielded a watery purple mass that he didn't hesitate to throw toward his opponent.

Melissa and Castor approached Noah from behind and tried to cast spells, but a massive winged snake materialized on their path and filled the area with violent dark matter.

The two experts still cast their spells and destroyed a large chunk of Snore's body, but the Blood Companion only hissed in anger at that feat. The cultivators had hurt it, but the attacks had depleted their energy during the process. The snake had successfully protected Noah.

Both Blood Companions had reached the middle tier after absorbing part of the will's energy. Nothing in Noah's arsenal had remained in the lower tier. All his companions and weapons had advanced. They were finally able to join his battles.

Rebecca tried to attack again, but her right hand suddenly separated from her arm. A fuming shadow materialized in the distance after that event. Night had to show itself after suffering the damage caused by the scorching defenses that protected the expert's skin.

Dense arrows made of a black fluid shot out of the roots in Noah's grasp. The parasite's corrosive aura flew toward Robert, but the expert vanquished it by spitting a mouthful of his purple water.

Raging waves of dark matter came out of Noah's figure and filled the area. The experts quickly deployed their abilities to stop the arrival of the dark world, but Instabilities suddenly appeared inside their bodies.

The Instabilities detonated and forced the cultivators to deploy the entirety of their laws to suppress their energy. Some organs, blood vessels, and chunks of tissues inevitably crumbled during the sudden attack. However, the cultivators could salvage their vital organs and destroy the fuming spikes that were trying to ravage their insides.

The dark world engulfed the four experts since the Shadow Domain had forced them to focus on the Instabilities. Their already weaker laws suffered under the suppression of the dark matter, and Noah's companions could reveal their real power inside that environment.

Snore, Duanlong, and Night became stronger inside the dark world. The dark matter covered their bodies and made them able to resist the many dangerous defenses that protected the four leaders.

Noah could appear above Rebecca without worrying about the other experts. His presence remained hidden from the leader's consciousness until a singularity shot out of his blades.

A straight piercing blow fell on Rebecca and defeated the scorching membrane that covered her skin. The attack created a hole in her head, but an explosion followed the event and dispersed the dark world.

Noah managed to understand what had happened after he arrived higher in the sky. The explosion had flung him far away from the battlefield and had burnt large patches of his skin.

His dark world had disappeared, but the dark matter had managed to protect his companions from Rebecca's heat. Snore and Duanlong soon materialized near him, and Night appeared above his head.

The four solid stage cultivators didn't immediately charge at Noah. They limited themselves to stare at him while they inspected their injuries.

Rebecca had lost one hand, and a bloody hole had appeared on her head. Part of Castor and Melissa's skin had vanished due to Snore's destructive dark matter. Only Robert was completely fine on the outside, but he didn't take joy in his condition.



The four experts had also suffered internal injuries due to the Shadow Domain. They could still express their peak power, but Noah had managed to hurt their pride.

Noah was only a liquid stage hybrid, but four solid stage cultivators were struggling to fight him. The leaders didn't even know what to think anymore. They didn't have words to describe their opponent.

### **Chapter 1684 - 1684. Experience**

'I might be able to do it,' Noah thought while inspecting his opponents.

Noah still had Instabilities inside his separate space. He had enough darkness to deploy the Shadow Domain multiple times, and the four leaders had yet to understand how to deal with his many abilities.

However, Noah believed that he wouldn't manage to keep his momentum through the entire battle. The leaders would eventually become used to his fighting style, and he couldn't allow himself to end up in that situation.

Noah knew that his superiority in the battle came from the experts' weaker laws. The leaders would be virtually unbeatable for him if they could rely on their real existences.

"What are you waiting for?" Noah taunted the leaders. "Can't you handle a single liquid stage existence? I guess you have chosen the wrong side."

The leaders didn't fall for his taunts, but they appeared pretty pissed nonetheless. Noah's statement was undeniable. Their decision to side with Heaven and Earth was making them unable to deal with a weaker existence.

"How long can you even last?" Robert eventually asked. "We can match your blows with our weaker laws, and we outnumber you. Your puppets also have limited abilities. It won't take long before we overwhelm your puny tricks."

"Overwhelm? Outnumbered?" Noah asked before exploding in a cold laugh.

The leaders remained speechless when an army of six-armed dragons left the dark world. Dozens of middle tier magical beasts made of Noah's improved dark matter and powered by fake cores filled the sky and blocked its white radiance.

Robert and the others could only sharpen their eyes at that scene. Noah's methods seemed endless. He always had a new ability in store.

Noah's ambition seeped inside the six-armed dragons and reinforced their structure. Black flames also filled their mouth as they prepared for the imminent battle.

He still had the cursed sword as a trump card, but the blade required some time to become ready. Noah was sending part of the immense anger that filled his mind toward the weapon to improve its structure, but it had yet to reach a satisfying state.

"I think you underestimate us too much," Castor revealed a smirk while pointing his hand toward the blinding pillar in the distance.

Shining pieces of the pillar separated from the main structure and flew toward the four leaders. The white light fused with their bodies and healed their injuries, bringing them back to a peak state.

"We might be unable to use our real power against you," Castor continued, "But Heaven and Earth still watch over us. You simply lack the might to deal with the entire world."

Noah inspected that process coldly. Castor was right. Cultivators who had become part of Heaven and Earth's system had access to a nigh-unlimited amount of energy. Noah had even seen the sky rebuilding an entire expert multiple times.

'I should be able to sever their connection with Heaven and Earth,' Night transmitted through the mental connection. 'However, they are solid stage cultivators. I will need a long time without defenses on the way.'

'I don't know if we can win either,' Noah replied.

The hidden meaning in Night's words was quite clear. Noah would have to destroy the leaders' defenses and let the Pterodactyl sever their connection with Heaven and Earth before killing them.

The process would take a long time, and it would also force Noah to focus on a single opponent. The leaders would even be aware of Night's offensive, so they would protect the cultivator who was slipping away from Heaven and Earth's grasp.

'Harold and the others should be on their way here,' Noah thought without showing any fear. 'Heaven and Earth will also make their move soon. I don't see why I can't test my prowess some more.'

Noah made up his mind. The battle was probably unwinnable, but the most important players had yet to step into the region. He could vent his anger while he tested his power and became used to fights at that level.

The Demonic Sword pointed toward the sky as Noah raised his arm. His entire army prepared for his order, and the leaders did the same. Both sides knew that the next clash wouldn't be as peaceful as the first.

A roar and flames came out of Noah's mouth. He gave the order, and the army of six-armed dragons rained down from the sky to engulf the four leaders in their angry offensive.

The dragons launched flames that filled the battlefield, but the four solid stage cultivators didn't bother to dodge them. The creatures' innate ability was powerful, and it tried to imitate Noah's fire, but it couldn't hurt those experts.

Yet, the dragons surpassed normal magical beasts when it came to their physical might. They could become dangerous if they managed to touch the cultivators, so the latter couldn't let those creatures reach them.

Robert, Castor, Rebecca, and Melissa deployed abilities that could affect large areas of the sky.

Castor began to perform slow gestures that seemed able to destabilize the incoming magical beasts.

Rebecca clapped her hands toward the six-armed dragons, and a heatwave spread forward.

Melissa snapped her fingers to create a dense current that invaded the enemy army and transformed when it found the chance to attack.

Noah's six-armed dragons were powerful creatures. They were among the best species of magical beasts at their current level. However, the leaders' abilities destroyed them in a single exchange.

Robert's toxic rain was unstoppable, and even the dark matter in the dragons crumbled under its power. The wave of heat scorched every creature and destroyed most of them in less than an instant. Castor's strange techniques could break apart Noah's creations from a distance, and Melissa's gale completed the job whenever it found a chance.

The products of the workshop couldn't do anything in that situation. Noah lost countless fake cores, but he gained the chance to hide his presence. The army of dragons didn't sacrifice in vain.

Noah flew through the Shadow Domain while the leaders deployed their consciousness to search him. The experts were unable to find him, so they promptly reinforced their insides.

The leaders had been shocked during the first activation of the Shadow Domain. The technique was simply too strong, and it didn't have clear countermeasures. Yet, they could fill their insides with their laws and limit the damage.

'They have already learnt about it,' Noah sighed while nearing Rebecca from inside the Shadow Domain.

Their experience was something that Noah had to fear. It didn't matter that the cultivators had decided to join Heaven and Earth. They had still survived the struggle to reach the peak of the eighth rank.

'I have to mix stuff up,' Noah thought as roots and dark matter covered the Demonic Sword.

Noah pointed the blade toward Rebecca's head and released a straight singularity that broke the fabric of the Shadow Domain during its flight. The expert couldn't even dream about dodging it.

### **Chapter 1685 - 1685. Chance**

The parasite's corrosive aura fused with the singularity that shot out of the Demonic Sword. Rebecca couldn't dodge the attack because Noah ensured that the Shadow Domain opened right on her face.

The straight singularity pierced Rebecca's skin before reaching the defenses she had amassed in her insides. Noah's attack couldn't defeat those techniques on its own, but the corrosive aura allowed him to inflict more damage.

Rebecca's face exploded, but she managed to preserve her mental sphere. Yet, the corrosive aura spread like a virus through her body and began to destroy her tissues.

The Shadow Domain crumbled after Noah pierced it with the singularity. The other three leaders immediately focused on him and released powerful abilities meant to kill him in one blow.

Night cut Castor's left eye and severed a large chunk of his head. The expert was using his strange techniques to destabilize Noah's figure, but the Pterodactyl interrupted the ability.

Snore appeared in front of Melissa and endured the entirety of her raging currents. The snake exploded into a sea of dense dark matter, but it healed in the next seconds.

Duanlong used its innate ability to change the trajectory of Robert's attack, but the expert didn't fall for the same trick. He had launched a needle-shaped purple mass that ignored the pulling force and hit Noah's left shoulder.

Noah's flames had never stopped burning the environment, but his body was too powerful to heal in those short minutes. He couldn't find anything able to fix his charred flesh in the sky and ground, so a few injuries were still visible on his figure.

The needle-shaped mass pierced his skin and seeped inside his shoulder. The attack then released its toxic energy and tried to spread it inside Noah's body.

The parasite's corrosive aura damaged Noah's flesh, but he didn't care about that at the moment. Getting rid of Robert's energy had the priority since he could always heal with his flame later.

A sense of weakness spread through Noah's shoulder, even if his reaction had been quite immediate. Robert had succeeded in weakening his body, but Noah already had a counterattack ready.

Noah summoned the dark world and spat flames that fused with the dark matter and increased their power. The other cultivators deployed techniques to defeat the violent currents of dark matter, but Rebecca's state didn't allow her to fight properly.

Pieces of the dark world transformed into a stronger version of Noah's innate ability and began to burn Rebecca. The expert still had many defenses inside her, but her skin couldn't fight the overwhelming attack.

Rebecca burnt and gave her energy to Noah. His injuries healed in an instant, and his blade flashed right after. A curved singularity covered in corrosive aura crashed on the wounded expert and made a hole in her defenses.

Noah didn't hesitate to point the blade toward the weak spot in her defenses, but the dark world suddenly sensed the arrival of a second cultivator. Robert had been the first to pierce through the dark matter and find a path toward Noah.

Robert raised his finger, and a purple whip followed. His weapon cut through the dark matter easily, and it threatened to reach Noah. However, the laws of space began to bend and delayed the arrival of the attack.

'It will hit me anyway,' Noah thought without halting his attack.

His ability in bending space had improved after the period as a Devil, but Robert's attacks could cut through Noah's tricks. Even opening a portal to the void wouldn't work due to his flexible purple substance.

Noah could avoid the whip, but that would cost him the chance to attack Rebecca. The expert's condition was awful, and Noah didn't want Heaven and Earth to undo his work.

The decision arrived immediately in his mind. Noah didn't even bother to hesitate in that situation. He had the best body in the entire world. Enduring damage was what he had built himself to do.

The Demonic Sword covered by roots and dark matter landed on Rebecca's c.h.e.s.t. That spot was the most damaged area on her body. Her defenses had finally revealed a flaw.

A piercing singularity came out of the Demonic Sword and created a large hole in her c.h.e.s.t. Moreover, the corrosive aura seeped into her tissues and began to expand through her body.

The Shadow Domain opened and filled Rebecca with Instabilities. Noah could see his spiked weapons and his flames materializing inside the hole and in the rest of her organs.

Then, the whip arrived. Robert cracked his weapon on Noah's body. His skin remained in one piece, but large purple spots appeared on his side.

The black hole and the parasite attacked that toxic energy, but Robert had managed to deliver far more of his law at that time. The purple spots spread even after the suppression of Noah's assets.

A sense of weakness filled Noah, but he didn't forget to return inside the Shadow Domain and teleport away. Robert couldn't find anything when he reached his position, and Rebecca's explosion only increased his surprise.

Noah reappeared in a distant spot of the dark world. The damage inflicted to Rebecca's insides through his flames sent energy to his body and helped fight the infection.

Robert's substance had changed. It seemed to have a will now, and it even knew where to expand to hurt Noah.

'He can learn about his opponents during the infections!' Noah exclaimed in his mind.

Robert had modified his purple substance. His attack seemed able to counter Noah's innate defenses. Still, it couldn't do anything against the dark matter and parasite, so pressure eventually fell on the poison.

Noah healed his injuries while inspecting the battlefield. Robert, Melissa, and Castor had freed themselves from the dark world and had returned under the white sky.

The white pillar didn't need to heal them at that time, but it still sent energy to them. It seemed that the structure could even take care of the state of their centers of power.

Instead, Rebecca didn't move. Her body had mostly disappeared after the explosions, and the dark world had never stopped sending Noah's ambition toward her.

'Did I kill her?' Noah wondered.

The dark world could provide information about Rebecca's state in an instant. The expert had died, but Noah couldn't feel certain about that after his experience with Otto.

'Sever her connection with Heaven and Earth while she isn't under the sky,' Noah ordered, and Night immediately disappeared inside her figure.

Meanwhile, the dark world began to create another army of six-armed dragons. Noah was ready to give his everything to keep the three cultivators outside of the dark world.

Noah finally had the chance to kill one of his opponents. That feat could open a path toward victory. His hopes to defeat four solid stage cultivators wouldn't be too unreal anymore.

Still, Robert, Castor, and Melissa had learnt how Noah acted. They had even acknowledged his power. The fact that Rebecca didn't come out of the dark world could only mean that Noah had defeated her, so she needed their help.

The three cultivators pointed their hands toward the black sea and released massive abilities. Wind, poison, and invisible destruction landed on Noah's technique and made it crumble.

Noah had to teleport himself away to avoid that massive offensive. His army of dragons vanished in an instant, and Rebecca's body completely crumbled.

### **Chapter 1686 - 1686. System**

Noah and the three solid stage cultivators kept their eyes on the destroyed battlefield. The leaders didn't spare Rebecca in their mindless destruction, but her law was in the open now.

Night reappeared near Noah. The companion had lost a wing during the attack. It didn't manage to dodge the entirety of the destructive wave of abilities that had fallen on the dark world.

'I didn't manage to complete the severing,' Night explained through the mental connection.

'How long until you can fight again?' Noah asked.

'No need to wait,' Night replied. 'Your darkness can keep me battle-ready for a while.'

'Start to recover now anyway,' Noah ordered, and the Pterodactyl returned inside the black hole to benefit from the dark matter.

The experts glanced toward Noah, but their eyes quickly returned on the destroyed battlefield. They were waiting for their rulers to make their move.

Heaven and Earth didn't let them wait too long. The pillar sent part of its light to the sky, and the whiteness in the area intensified.

A series of small lights slowly formed among the broken battlefield, and Noah could only sigh at that sight. He had seen a similar scene before. His battle against Otto had already taught him what was about to happen.

The lights intensified and gathered to give birth to a human figure. Heaven and Earth slowly rebuild Rebecca, but her complexion appeared far from ideal.

Rebecca seemed to have carried injuries from her previous state. That didn't happen with Otto. Heaven and Earth had resurrected the expert in perfect condition multiple times back then.

'Did my law hurt Heaven and Earth's system?' Noah wondered.

The damage could come from Night, but Noah doubted that the Pterodactyl had managed to sever too much during that short time. Something else had affected Rebecca's state, and Noah guessed that his law could explain that event.

'Did my existence become able to damage the laws of Heaven and Earth's followers?' Noah wondered.

His ambition didn't directly touch Heaven and Earth. It had mutated part of the laws that had joined their system. Still, there was a chance that the transformations counted as theft in that case.

'Maybe they can't do much when the very core of a law suffers damage,' Noah thought.

The power of the Devils flowed through his law. Noah's existence had developed resistance to Heaven and Earth, and it had also become able to damage them.

"Don't tell me that your mighty rulers can't recreate laws that have left their system," Noah laughed when looking at the pale Rebecca. "Your immortality is a little weak."

The three cultivators in the sky ignored his taunts as usual, but Rebecca didn't seem calm anymore. Pure anger came out of her eyes, and an unsightly expression soon fell on her face.

"Do you know for how long I had to cultivate to expand my existence?" Rebecca said while gritting her teeth. "You made me waste millennia of training. Even part of my memories has disappeared."

"Stop right there!" Robert shouted. "Don't reveal anything!"

"What does it matter?" Rebecca replied. "He won't live to see the end of this battle!"

Rebecca shot ahead, and the three experts followed her. However, she remained a few hundreds of meters ahead of her companions.

Noah smirked at that sight. He had finally managed to taunt one of his opponents. He only had to exploit that chance now.

A wave of bloodlust flowed out of Noah's figure. A black handle came out of his chest, and a middle tier aura followed that scene.

Noah drew the cursed sword and covered it with dark matter before spreading roots over its surface. The blade had finally reached the intended level, and Noah couldn't wait to use it.

'Can you launch solid stage attacks?' Noah asked through the mental connection.

'That won't be a problem,' The cursed sword replied. 'The anger that you gave me completed the requirements for the breakthrough. I can make your power go beyond its limits.'

'Perfect,' Noah quickly replied before placing both swords on his forehead.

His consciousness spread while carrying an intense sharpness. The air in the area vanished as his power covered the entire region and released a singularity that didn't let his opponents escape.

Robert, Caster, and Melissa quickly deployed defensive techniques, but they soon discovered that Noah's attack didn't reflect his previous power. Instead, it could now overwhelm their weaker laws and pierce through their defenses.

Rebecca couldn't bother to defend. She launched a scorching wave of energy with the shape of a pillar to create a path through the instability. Yet, her energy crumbled when it touched the attack, and Noah's sharpness ended up engulfing her.

The four experts struggled to endure the power contained by the attack. Invisible energy was ravaging their bodies and piercing their defenses. Their figures kept shrinking as chunks of their body disappeared.

Robert could get rid of Noah's sharpness after losing one arm, both legs, and a large chunk of his c.h.e.s.t. His energy skyrocketed and covered a large patch of the sky with his purple substance. Still, the action left him clearly weakened.

Melissa and Castor suffered worse injuries. Their limbs disappeared in an instant, and pieces of their head broke before vanishing in the invisible energy. Their torso also saw holes opening in its fabric before bursts of energy expanded from their figure.

Rebecca had tried to attack, so her defenses were far weaker. Her figure only struggled for a few seconds before vanishing again.

Noah suffered heavy drawbacks. Two cuts opened on his torso and pierced him from side to side. His shoulders began to fall toward the ground, but he deployed the dark world to salvage them.

The dark world couldn't reach the experts due to their discharge of energy, but it could quicken Noah's recovery and keep his body in one piece.

The sky shone on the leaders again. The white light made sure to heal the trio's injuries and resurrect Rebecca, and Noah didn't fail to study the scene.

Robert, Castor, and Melissa recovered completely. No sign of their weakened state remained on their figures. Instead, Rebecca came back to life even paler than before. She appeared on the verge of fainting, and her cultivation level almost left the solid stage.

'I need to kill them to apply the effects of my ambition,' Noah concluded in his mind.

The last exchange had allowed Noah to confirm some of his ideas. Heaven and Earth had managed to heal the cultivators who didn't die, but they had failed to restore Rebecca's power.

Night didn't even intervene in the exchange. Noah could finally confirm that his law could affect Heaven and Earth's system, and killing his opponents was the trigger for those effects.

'I can definitely kill one of them,' Noah thought while forcing the dark world to condense into the fiendish armor. 'Maybe two if they start losing their cool.'

Rebecca was even angrier than before, but some calm had returned to her expression. She could really risk dying if she continued committing mistakes. She couldn't be reckless anymore since Noah had ways to end her life.

### **Chapter 1687 - 1687. Plan**

The battle halted for a few seconds. Both sides were reviewing the previous exchanges to find a flaw in their opponents, but the situation appeared quite annoying.

Noah had just found a way to kill his opponents, but the latter wouldn't show openings in their defenses anymore now. Their cultivation level gave them the upper hand in the fight, and their battle experience allowed them to exploit that feature.



On the other hand, the four leaders found it hard to evaluate Noah's power. He continued to show new abilities, and his energy reserves didn't seem to have limits.

Ordinary liquid stage cultivators would deplete their "Breath" quickly to keep up with multiple solid stage experts. The four leaders knew that part of those limits didn't apply to Noah due to his hybrid status, but his power still failed to make sense.

Noah didn't appear tired in the slightest. He could fix injuries inflicted by solid stage cultivators with his flames, and his attacks could put the leaders in danger.

Yet, both sides had found a path toward victory. Robert and the others had learnt to counter some of Noah's abilities, and the latter had discovered that his law could hurt his opponents.

Plans formed in the experts' minds. Both Noah and the leaders developed tactics during those silent moments.

'The drawbacks of the cursed sword are tough to handle at this level,' Noah considered in his mind, 'But the dark world can force my body to stay in one piece.'

The leaders had similar thoughts. Heaven and Earth's light could heal and resurrect them. That would give them enough time to counter Noah's abilities and corner him.

"Shall we resume?" Robert asked while revealing a cold smirk.

His companions inspected him with curious gazes, but they soon understood the reason behind his words. Noah was using that break to recover, so it was better to resume fighting immediately.

Noah understood something different from that question. Robert and the others didn't need to be so polite during the battle. They could directly attack him instead of wasting time with useless conversations.

'They are also waiting for something,' Noah concluded in his mind.

Even King Elbas and the rest of Noah's team were unclear about Heaven and Earth's trump card. They didn't know what the world had planned to vanquish the Devils. Still, Noah couldn't hesitate in that situation. He had to take risks to obtain benefits.

"I think you are aware of my next target," Noah announced while giving voice to a laugh and pointing the Demonic Sword toward Rebecca.

The leaders snorted before shooting toward Noah. Their laws expanded to create domains that transformed large areas of the sky and empower their abilities.

A toxic cloud expanded from Robert's figure, and raging winds followed Melissa's movements. Rebecca and Castor entered in Noah's range before stopping and deploying ranged abilities.

Rebecca had to pay attention to her life, and Castor remained with her to ensure that Noah failed to sever her connection with Heaven and Earth. Both experts could deploy ranged abilities anyway, so they didn't need to approach their opponent.

The situation worked in Noah's favor. He had succeeded in alarming his opponents. He only had to find a way to exploit that advantage now.

'They expect me to aim for Rebecca,' Noah thought as his swords landed on his forehead.

His consciousness expanded and spread his deadly sharpness through the battlefield. Images of the previous exchanges ran through his vision as he tried to find a different target.

Robert seemed the strongest among the group. Noah would generally focus on him, but he didn't feel confident in that approach since his power still fell short compared to the cultivator.

Castor used strange techniques that Noah had yet to understand. He didn't feel strong, but Noah decided to avoid him anyway. Wasting time to unravel the expert's abilities didn't sound like a smart choice.

His focus eventually fell on Melissa. Her winds were flexible, but they seemed a weaker version of Robert's law. They relied on smart attacks that contained a lot of power, but Noah's body could counter that feature.

The domains vanished when Noah released his attack. A singularity as large as the region spread through the sky and destroyed almost everything on its path.

The four leaders were ready for that attack. They sacrificed their domains to keep their body safe, but the might carried by Noah's slash still forced them to halt their offensive.

Rebecca and Castor even suffered some injuries since the latter had to make up for his companion's state. Rebecca was far from her peak, and her abilities couldn't deal with Noah's power anymore now that he had wielded the cursed sword.

Pieces of Noah's body exploded. He even lost one arm due to the drawbacks, but the dark matter quickly replicated it. That was only a temporary method to ignore his injuries, but Noah couldn't do anything better at the moment.

Robert and Melissa quickly resumed their charge while Rebecca and Castor dealt with their injuries, but Noah disappeared before they could reach his position.

Robert and Melissa immediately turned to shoot toward their companions. In their mind, Noah was clearly aiming for Rebecca, so they had to help her.

A massive snake materialized in front of Castor and Rebecca. The two experts tried to destroy Snore right away, but the Blood Companion released its feathers and made the whole area fall into chaos.

Raging waves of dark matter spread through the battlefield. Snore's attack covered the sky with a black sea that expanded even in the nearby regions.

The shockwaves released during the explosion forced the four leaders to deploy defensive abilities. The attack was too massive. They didn't believe that Snore could deploy something like that.

Still, Robert and Melissa did their best to create a path through the raging dark matter and reach their companions. They knew that Noah's attack would arrive soon, and Rebecca was in no condition to block his offensive.

Robert managed to reach Rebecca quickly due to his toxic substance. A few injuries inevitably appeared on his body due to his reckless charge, but they didn't bother him. He only felt glad to find that his two companions were safe.

Yet, that situation made Robert confused. Noah clearly had the chance to reach Rebecca before him. Something was wrong, but the expert couldn't understand what was happening.

Rebecca and Castor shared Robert's worries. The three experts exchanged a glance before covering their insides with defenses. They prepared for Noah's arrival, but he never showed himself.

The trio's confusion intensified, but an idea suddenly appeared in their mind. The three experts turned at the same time, and the scene that unfolded in their vision left them speechless.

Robert's tunnel was still in place, so the leaders could see what was happening among the raging that matter. Noah was withstanding that destructive energy with his b.a.r.e body while crouching on top of Melissa's shoulders.

His swords had stabbed her head, and light had already abandoned her eyes. Melissa had died during that short moment of distraction, and Heaven and Earth couldn't reach her among that destructive energy.

Robert and the others immediately stepped forward to help their friend, but Noah revealed a cold smile at that scene. Night promptly shot out of his c.h.e.s.t to enter Melissa's figure, and a layer of dark matter covered her before Noah retreated inside the dark environment.

Noah carried Melissa's corpse with him. The leaders wouldn't give Night the time to sever Heaven and Earth's laws if he deployed the dark world, so he changed his approach. He would run away until his prisoner wholly died.

### **Chapter 1688 - 1688. Certain**

Worry filled Robert, Rebecca, and Castor. They couldn't move freely inside the raging black currents, and their abilities couldn't help them in that environment.

The leaders could destroy large areas filled with dark matter, but they couldn't find Noah with that approach. They could only search him blindly, but they knew how pointless that was.

Noah also suffered from the destructive waves of power released by Snore's attack, but his body could endure that damage. He even had access to defensive techniques that used dark matter, so his situation was far better than his opponents.

Moreover, Noah had prepared for the explosion of Snore's feathers. He was one step ahead his opponents, and that gave him the chance to leave the chaotic area before them.

Noah reappeared under the white sky, but his dark world immediately expanded to hide his tracks. Melissa's corpse was still in his grasp, and a layer of dark matter above her skin made sure that she never touched Heaven and Earth's light.

Flames came out of Noah's mouth and seeped inside the dark matter that covered Melissa. The higher energy replicated his innate ability and burnt the corpse, sending its power back to Noah.

The third attack with the cursed sword had destroyed his body even further, but the energy contained in Melissa's dantian fixed all his injuries. Noah returned at his peak during the escape, and only his overwhelming bloodlust continued to flow out of his figure.

That aspect of the drawbacks would usually make Noah lose his cool. The violent thoughts generated by the bloodlust carried an immense power, but his mind seemed partially immune to them after his period as a Devil.

The anger carried by the other world's will had affected his mental walls. It had modified their structure and made them resistant to that feeling.

Noah could benefit from that transformation since the bloodlust carried a similar vibe. His mind thrived among that violence. It even used part of it as fuel for the Demonic Deduction technique.

Robert and the others soon came out of the area affected by the violent dark matter. Injuries filled their bodies, but Heaven and Earth quickly healed them. Still, their worry only intensified when they saw the dark world in the sky.

"Damned coward!" Rebecca shouted while pointing her hands toward the dark world.

Robert and Castor imitated her. Massive spells shot out of their figures and clashed on the dark world, destroying the technique in a single exchange. Yet, the leaders didn't find Noah even after the dark matter vanished.

"We must find him!" Rebecca continued to shout, and Castor shared her panic.

Only Robert managed to remain calm in that situation. It was clear that Noah was trying to buy himself some time, and panicking wouldn't bring the group closer to a solution.

Another black sea suddenly materialized among the sky. Robert could almost see Noah's mocking expression when his eyes landed on that technique. The dark world was clearly a decoy, but the leaders had to fall for it anyway.

The trio released another wave of spells and destroyed the second dark world, but a third sea suddenly enveloped them. Noah had used their offensive to surround the experts with the technique stealthily. The leaders didn't even sense him in that situation.

"He is toying with us!" Castor shouted as a large patch of dark matter crumbled and cleared his surroundings.

"Let's destroy the entire area!" Rebecca proposed. "He won't be able to dodge an attack at that level."

Robert remained silent. The dark world shattered in his vision, but more black seas appeared in the sky and hid its white radiance.

Some respect for his opponent appeared in his mind. Robert had never met such a canny and ruthless warrior. Noah embodied the very meaning of defiance.

The sole fact that Noah had managed to put four solid stage experts in that situation was a victory. Robert didn't let his mind feel despair even if he knew which events would unfold in the next minutes.

Noah would continue to buy himself time, and the three leaders wouldn't be able to do anything against that. They could barely keep up with his offensive. Chasing him through his countless tricks was simply impossible.

Robert remained silent as he accepted that outcome. His companions continued to shout and propose tactics, but he limited himself to turn toward the blinding pillar in the distance.

Heaven and Earth were about to lose a powerful member of their system, but they didn't do anything to stop the event. They only cared about defeating the other world's will, but they wouldn't mind sacrificing entire armies in the process.

Those rulers saw the cultivators who joined their system as nothing more than expendable pawns. Heaven and Earth forced experts to give up on their laws, and they offered nice advantages in exchange. Yet, they never really cared for those existences.

"When did I become so weak?" Robert eventually whispered.

Robert had opposed Heaven and Earth during his life. That was the standard path that every cultivator had to travel to reach the higher ranks. However, he had ended up falling for their presents after enduring countless punishments.

That was also normal. Existences far stronger than him had decided to side with Heaven and Earth since they didn't find a way out of their punishments. Death was the only other available option.

Yet, his belief inevitably destabilized in front of Noah. Robert saw how an existence with a lower cultivation level could freely toy with them without triggering Heaven and Earth's reaction.

"What did you say?" Rebecca asked as hope shone in her eyes.

Rebecca had accepted that Robert was stronger than her, but she didn't manage to hear Robert's words. Her attention had been on the various dark worlds that materialized in the sky. The spectacle of darkness and light had made her unable to mind her companion.

"Nothing," Robert sighed. "Melissa is dead. We need to defeat him as three."

"How can you say something like that?" Rebecca asked.

"Melissa must be among this darkness!" Castor added. "We can save her if we work together."

Robert shook his head, and his companions widened their eyes at that sight. They couldn't understand why Robert had already given up on Melissa, but part of them silently shared his feelings.

Everything unfolded as Robert had predicted. Noah used the Shadow Domain and the dark worlds to cover his tracks while Night and his law damaged Melissa's existence.

Noah left the Shadow Domain only to deploy the dark world and create baits for his opponents. He never stopped during his escape, and his energy depleted at a fast pace due to the relentless use of his techniques.

Night kept Noah updated on Melissa's condition. The corpse had long since burnt in the black flames, but a layer of dark matter still isolated her law from the outside world.

The process didn't take long, but it still felt like an eternity to Noah. The dark world didn't consume much energy, but the Shadow Domain forced his dantian to go overboard. The constant destruction of his technique also weighed on his energy reserves, but those details never managed to affect his ecstasy.

'It's over,' Night eventually transmitted through the mental connection.

'Are you sure about that?' Noah asked.

'Completely certain,' Night replied.

'Check again,' Noah ordered.

'I've just done it,' Night complained.

'Do it again,' Noah ordered. 'We can't allow any slip-ups. I don't want to see Heaven and Earth resurrecting her again.'

'There is nothing left in your grasp!' Night snorted. 'What do you even want me to inspect? Your darkness has already eaten the mutated laws.'

Noah stopped escaping at that point. A quick inspection confirmed that Night was right. The sack of dark matter didn't contain any law anymore. Every trace of Melissa had left the world.

### **Chapter 1689 - 1689. Vortex**

Noah hesitated. He wanted to check if he had succeeded in killing Melissa, but the fear that Heaven and Earth would resurrect her still filled his mind.

However, Noah couldn't do anything else in that situation. Night had severed Melissa's connection with Heaven and Earth, and his law had mutated her existence. His dark matter had even devoured her power, leaving Noah with nothing but a mass of his own energy.

'I need to test this,' Noah eventually sighed.

Robert, Castor, and Rebecca had never stopped inspecting the dark worlds that appeared in the sky. Still, surprise dawned on their face when those techniques vanished.

The dark matter dispersed and flowed back toward a humanoid figure. The leaders could finally lay their eyes on Noah again, but their worry only intensified at that sight.

Noah appeared to be in perfect condition. His injuries had vanished, and his ambition still shone among the sky. Melissa's corpse wasn't in his grasp anymore either, and a curious expression filled his face.

"What did you do with her?" Rebecca shouted, but Noah didn't mind her in the slightest.

Noah kept his eyes on the sky. His attention would go on the blinding pillar every once in a while, but he seemed to have no intention to move.

Robert heaved a loud sigh. Noah's behavior spoke clearly to his mind. It was evident that Noah was waiting for Heaven and Earth to do something.

Castor studied Robert's expression before moving his attention on the pillar. He had also understood what had happened, but hope still shone in his eyes.

Rebecca eventually reached the same conclusion as her companions, and her eyes also fell on the blinding pillar. She had tasted Noah's power first-hand, but she didn't dare to lose faith in Heaven and Earth.

The light didn't move nor change its behavior. It continued to illuminate the sky, but it didn't send any power to resurrect Melissa. Heaven and Earth remained silent at her death.

"Where are you keeping Melissa?" Castor asked as his hopes began to crumble.

Noah didn't even hear the expert. His whole attention was on the pillar. He struggled to believe that he had succeeded in the task, but Heaven and Earth's silence was slowly clearing his doubts.

'I told you that she was dead,' Night snorted through the mental connection. 'I never joke around when it comes to light.'

'We are dealing with powers that we can't understand,' Noah replied. 'It's only normal to be careful.'

Night didn't speak anymore. Truth be told, the Pterodactyl shared Noah's doubts, but the world was clearing them. Heaven and Earth didn't even seem to notice Melissa's death. They remained silent and ignored the battlefield altogether.

'We really did it!' Noah shouted in his mind, but he quickly suppressed the happiness that was trying to reach his expression.

A cold smile appeared on his face as he turned toward the three experts. His ambition even skyrocketed once he confirmed the death of his solid stage opponent. Noah had consumed his potential for Night in the past, but his law was generating more of it after his last achievement.

"I told you," Noah announced in a cold tone. "Your immortality is quite weak. Your rulers didn't even notice that she is dead."

His cold laugh followed his taunt. Noah had yet to turn the battle in his favor, but he had taken the first step toward that goal.

"How can he accomplish so much?" Castor snorted while focusing on Noah. "He is only a liquid stage hybrid. One of my fingers should carry more power than his entire existence."

"It's clear that we are dealing with a monster," Robert sighed. "I have never seen such a powerful existence. He lives in a different realm."

"What's up with you?" Rebecca snorted at that comment. "Did you start to like him? We can't allow ourselves to go soft against him."

Rebecca and Castor had a closer relationship with Melissa. The three of them had ruled over a floating lake since the beginning of the crisis. They knew Robert from before the Devils, but he was nothing more than a name in the previous political system for them.

Melissa's death had created tension in their relationship, especially since Robert didn't appear bothered by the event. He had accepted it silently without showing any sorrow.

"Don't you dare to question my loyalty toward Heaven and Earth," Robert replied, "But don't expect me to underestimate my opponents blindly. He deserves our acknowledgment and respect."

Robert then pointed at Noah before shouting a question. "What's your name?"

One of Noah's eyebrows arched. He didn't expect that development, especially since Otto had learnt his name from Heaven and Earth.

"Noah Balvan," Noah replied, and the ambition that flowed out of his figure added deep meanings to his words. "Defying Demon works too."

"You can call me Robert," Robert shouted. "You have my deepest respect."

Robert performed a bow that surprised his companions and Noah. His loyalty toward Heaven and Earth couldn't stop his actions. The expert had to express how he felt. His very existence demanded that.

"Maybe you aren't a lost cause," Noah laughed. "What do you think about switching sides? I'm sure I can rearrange your existence. Though, it might require a few deaths."

"You should ask this after defeating me," Robert snorted.

"Too late," Noah growled as his greed spread through the sky. "I already want you."

Noah raised his swords and prepared himself to resume his offensive, but a heavy pressure suddenly fell on the entire area. That energy came from the white pillar, and its arrival forced every battle to a stop.

The improved sharks, the Devils, and Noah instinctively turned to look at an empty spot in the sky. They could feel that something was about to come from that area.

Robert, Rebecca, Castor, and the other cultivators fighting in the distance imitated their enemies. They pointed their eyes at the sky and waited for Heaven and Earth to make their move.

The pillar of light suddenly released a massive amount of its energy and sent it toward that spot. The blinding radiance of the sky intensified as the whiteness created an immense vortex.

'Don't tell me,' Noah gasped while studying the vortex.

The portal led toward higher areas of the sky, but Noah knew that the other side of the Immortal Lands didn't have other forces. Still, he had learnt from Great Builder about the existence of other organizations hidden in the white layer that surrounded the higher plane.

A series of human figures slowly came out from the blinding center of the vortex. Multiple powerful auras spread through the sky and covered the entire region.

The white radiance slowly dimmed and revealed the army that had gathered in the sky. Noah almost couldn't believe his consciousness when he sensed a rank 9 aura spreading from that group and covering entire regions with its heavy pressure.



However, a second breathtaking event followed the arrival of those troops. A roar came out from a distant spot and made the entire battlefield tremble.

Noah's instincts shook again. He could understand the power behind that roar. The cry belonged to a rank 9 magical beast that had announced its d.e.s.i.r.e to fight the cultivators from the sky.

### **Chapter 1690 - 1690. Surprise**

'What is even happening?' Noah shouted in his mind.

The battlefield had turned upside-down in a matter of seconds. Two rank 9 existences had suddenly announced their presence. Noah didn't even know where to begin to create hypotheses.

Noah could understand that Heaven and Earth's plan featured the troops living inside the sky. He could see that the army of cultivators that had come out of the vortex wielded weapons that made his instincts scream in fear.

However, he didn't expect a rank 9 magical beast to be nearby. Noah expanded his consciousness to inspect the source of the deafening scream, and his senses almost went dark when they reached his target.

A tall white lion had appeared on the horizon. The creature was quite big, and its mane seemed able to fuse with the environment. Space bent whenever its hair fluttered in the wind, and Heaven and Earth's laws fell apart during that process.

'The second mutated species!' Noah exclaimed in his mind.

His prediction had turned out to be correct. Noah had guessed that other living beings could have benefited from the mutations, but he didn't expect that they would involve a rank 9 existence.

'The specimen must have lived in the windy regions,' Noah thought. 'It would explain why it didn't clash with the sharks and didn't react to the Devils.'

Noah wanted to study the lion further, but he couldn't waste time in that situation. He couldn't remain on the battlefield anymore. The fight had entered a realm that he couldn't affect.

Robert, Rebecca, and Castor seemed to share his surprise. They appeared unaware of the details behind Heaven and Earth's plan, and the arrival of the rank 9 specimen left them speechless.

Still, they didn't panic. The three leaders knew that the new troops were on their side, and cultivators were generally stronger than magical beasts anyway. The rank 9 expert could take care of the lion.

"Only a rebellious will could give birth to such a filthy creature," The rank 9 cultivator whispered, and his words spread through entire regions.

Noah's ears hurt when the expert's words reached him. They seemed able to dig right through his existence and ruin his centers of power. They sounded like weapons meant to destroy Heaven and Earth's enemies.

The lion didn't remain silent at that announcement. A second deafening cry came out of its mouth and destroyed the soundwaves generated by the cultivator.

Both Noah and the weaker cultivators suffered during the clash between the two rank 9 existences. Mere words and roars were enough to make them puke blood.

Noah didn't dare to linger in the area. He didn't even feel the slightest tinge of hesitation. His figure disappeared as he entered the Shadow Domain and began his great escape.

"I'll kill you before dealing with that creature," The rank 9 cultivator announced, and his words reached the insides of the Shadow Domain.

Noah saw cracks spreading through the edges of his dark dimension. His technique crumbled in mere seconds, and the white light of the sky soon shone on his figure again.

The soundwave generated by the expert's voice didn't hurt him at that time, but Noah didn't take joy in that feature. The event had proved that the cultivator could deal with the Shadow Domain easily. His greatest movement technique had failed him.

'What do I do now?' Noah wondered as panic began to spread through his mind.

Noah knew the answer to that question. There wasn't much that he could do in that situation. Even his defying power couldn't handle rank 9 existences.

"What are you waiting for?" Noah roared while turning toward the lion.

The cultivators couldn't understand that language, but Noah didn't obtain the d.e.s.i.r.ed effects. The lion wouldn't take orders from a weaker existence. The creature remained in the distance, and its eyes only minded the rank 9 cultivator.

"Heaven and Earth sentence you to death," The rank 9 cultivator announced while raising his hand toward the sky.

His fingers began to close to form a fist, and a heavy pressure surrounded Noah at that gesture. The attack followed the cultivator's action. Its pace matched the movements of the expert's hand.

Noah saw the world closing on him. Heaven and Earth's whiteness gathered around him and created a shrinking prison ready to squeeze his body to death.

There was no way out of that situation. Noah couldn't deal with that amount of power. His movement techniques and Shadow Domain were useless against the cultivator's energy.

"Is your power just for show?" Noah roared toward the lion. "Does a single human scare you so much?"

Noah continued to throw taunts toward the lion. The rank 9 specimen was his only hope to escape the cultivator's attack, and his cries slowly managed to anger it.

The pressure closed quickly, but it suddenly halted when a second rank 9 aura appeared in the distance. The human troops couldn't help but stare in disbelief at the arrival of another rank 9 lion.

The lions shot forward, and the ground began to tremble due to the might released during their movements. Roars also filled the environment and forced space to twist. The pressure around Noah soon shattered under the assault of those soundwaves.

Noah used that chance to deploy the dark world again and try to escape as fast as possible, but the shockwaves ended up destroying his technique. It seemed that his personal dimension was too weak to endure that offensive.

'Fine,' Noah snorted in his mind while spitting a mouthful of blood. 'I will endure this with my body.'

Noah shot in the distance without deploying any additional technique. He didn't even rely on spells since they were mostly useless in that situation. The roars or the cultivators would simply destroy them with their pressure.

His figure transformed into a blade that pierced the sky and left the region in an instant. Noah had chosen his direction randomly, but he didn't care about his destination as long as it didn't lead to more rank 9 existences.

Noah flew as fast as he could. Soundwaves continued to land on his body and interrupted his technique, but he always resumed sprinting. It didn't matter how much blood he spat during the escape. Remaining on the battlefield wasn't an option anymore.

The rank 9 man appeared annoyed to see Noah escaping, but he didn't try to catch him. The soundwaves made the sky too fragile, and even his spells suffered against two powerful magical beasts.

Noah flew at full speed until a few familiar figures appeared in his vision. King Elbas and the rest of his team saw Noah and gestured to him to follow them.

Noah didn't hesitate to do as they said, and he soon ended up in an underground structure covered with golden inscriptions. His team had already built a temporary home, and that was enough for the time being.