

Demonic 2013

Chapter 2013 Cage

The pillar transformed the void and proved how solid stage experts carried enough power to change the natural purpose of environments that went past planes and worlds.

The void gained energy, winds, and light as power leaked from the pillar. Noah had given his everything to make the attack fly in a straight line and slam the entirety of its energy on Dinia. Yet, that went beyond his capabilities. He couldn't control the attack completely, so something dispersed in the environment.

The barrier trembled to no end as the void took life... Shockwaves and winds fell on its surface and added dark shades to its invisible structure. The dragons on the island didn't miss that feature and started to roar their anger now that the effects of Noah's roar had waned. Still, Heaven and Earth promptly filled the environment with light that suppressed their raging feelings.

King Elbas and Sepunia could stop themselves rather quickly, but the dragon continued to fly across the void since the golden inscriptions still restrained its wings. King Elbas felt forced to remove part of them to avoid losing the creature among the blackness.

More pieces of Noah's body exploded, but the fiendish armor hid those injuries. Still, the pillar contained an immense amount of energy that required constant control, so he couldn't retract his blades or lose his concentration.

The attack tested Noah's limits. Only his mind and the Cursed Sword were relatively fine in that situation, but his body, dantian, and black hole struggled to keep up with the output of energy discharged by the unstable mass.

Nevertheless, Noah's potential intensified during the process and pushed his centers of power far beyond their structural limits. His law couldn't remain silent after he touched the very peak of the cultivation journey. It had taken him countless years of training and struggles, but he had eventually gazed at that realm.

His dantian reached the true peak of the eighth rank as energy continued to fall from the unstable mass. It felt ready to move forward and step on the ninth rank, but the ethereal blackness didn't agree. Noah's incomplete world still didn't acknowledge his center of power. His potential had to go even further for the breakthrough to happen.

Noah barely managed to mind those sensations as the attack continued to descend. Everything about him had a single goal now. That was the best attack that he had in store, so he had to make sure that it succeeded in killing Dinia.

The unstable mass disappeared after it discharged its contents. Noah could finally raise his blade and inspect their structure. Their tips had cracked, but his dark matter immediately proceeded to fix them. The Demonic Sword healed in no time, but the Cursed Sword would require a bit more to return to its peak.

A deep sigh tried to escape Noah's mouth, but nothing came out as he coldly stared at the energy still falling through the void. He felt drained, but he wouldn't drop his guard until he confirmed that Dinia was dead.

The powerful energy discharged during the attack hindered the experts' perception. Sepunia and Noah had rank 9 mental spheres, but their mental waves couldn't pierce the raging power contained in the falling pillar.

The three experts could only wait silently as the pillar continued to fall until it eventually disappeared from their sight. They didn't know whether Dinia was alive or dead, but a simple conclusion appeared in their minds when their eyes met. That was the best they could do, so they had to prepare for the worst.

The dragon could finally use its wings, and its mind had even reached a relatively stable state. It could understand that it couldn't go back inside the barrier since Heaven and Earth's light wouldn't give it the chance to do anything, so it approached the battlefield. The creature planned to help the three experts defeat the liquid stage cultivator, but everything seemed to have ended when it reached them.

Noah suddenly appeared next to the dragon and grabbed its head before dragging it toward the white cracks near the island. King Elbas and Sepunia also reached those openings and joined their companion in the inspection of the void under them.

The dragon roared in anger and struggled to escape Noah's grasp, but he and King Elbas' waved their hands at the same time to apply a new layer of restraints. The creature found golden formations covering the entirety of its body and a layer of dark matter isolating it from the void. It couldn't even growl in that situation.

Silence filled the void. The energy and winds caused by the pillar expanded and dispersed in the blackness, but nothing came in the experts' direction. The trio waited for a few seconds, but an idea eventually appeared in their minds. Dinia might have really died during the last exchange.

Sepunia diverted her gaze for an instant, but white light suddenly shone around them. That glow didn't come from the cracks behind them, and it also carried a familiar aura.

Multiple lights materialized in the void and filled the battlefield. They flew in every direction and built a massive array of formations that sealed the area. The three experts immediately tried to cross the cracks, but formations that their attacks couldn't break materialized on their path as soon as they turned.

"Elbas!" Noah called.

"I can only weaken them!" King Elbas shouted after a quick inspection of the formations. "I don't think you can buy me enough time."

"I can't affect them," Sepunia stated after trying to fuse her pinkish energy with those white lines.

"Of course you can't," Dinia's voice suddenly spread in the void.

The glow of the cage slowly converged toward the center of the area and took Dinia's shape. The expert had ditched the inscriptions on his body, but his skin now released a natural radiance that made him hard to inspect.

"You have my compliments," Dinia announced as his voice echoed through the white formations. "You have touched the peak of the cultivation journey, even if it has taken your joint efforts to accomplish that. My perfect self acknowledges your power."

Noah inspected Dinia as his instincts filled his mind with pure terror. He felt drained, and deep injuries worsened his condition. His ambition had improved, and it continued to empower his existence, but the drawbacks would eventually arrive, and facing them inside the void was far from ideal.

Fighting wasn't an option, especially since Noah was out of ideas. He could still unleash Shafu, but the latter would only be able to buy a short time.

The same went for his other companions. They had returned inside him when he flew toward the cracks, but they were struggling to leave the separate space now. They could understand the tragic nature of the situation, so they wanted to put their lives on the line, but Noah wasn't letting them out.

"It's sad that you have forgotten what matters the most at this level," Dinia continued while spreading his glowing arms. "You had the power but not the depth. You have touched the solid stage but only in terms of raw energy. Your attack didn't carry meanings able to hurt me."

"Focus on weakening the formations," Noah ordered before storing his blades. "I didn't want to do this now, but I don't see other options."

King Elbas and Sepunia frowned in confusion, and that feeling intensified when they saw the fiendish armor vanishing. Noah revealed his injured state to his companions, but they immediately noticed how his injuries enlarged instead of closing. A shrill noise even accompanied the event as roots started to expand from his open chest.

Chapter 2014 Escape

The parasite was the result of the Demonic Form, one of Noah's oldest spells. The creature didn't feel the same affection as the other companions, but it held a special place in his mind due to its connection with the technique that had allowed him to reach his current state.

The transformation into a proper living being had enhanced its destructiveness, but it had added troublesome features to its existence. The parasite fed on Noah's energy and tissues, but the black hole limited that process. That slowed down the plant's growth and allowed him to control when to give it enough power to trigger the breakthrough.

Noah wanted his body to be near the ninth rank before triggering the plant's breakthrough. He feared what the parasite would be able to do after stepping into the ninth rank, but Dinia didn't give him other options.

The expert's eyebrows arched in surprise when he saw that Noah's injuries were expanding. Dinia couldn't inspect the insides of his opponent's body, but his knowledge gave him the chance to come up with a fitting conclusion. He knew that only the parasite could cause such an odd reaction.

The shrill noise that accompanied the growth of the roots resembled the cry of a magical beast... The parasite was expressing its ecstasy. The black hole had finally stopped hindering its constant hunger, so it could feed freely on everything that its structure could reach.

Noah's centers of power had enough energy to fuel a breakthrough to the ninth rank when it came to the parasite. Still, he allowed the roots to reach the insides of the separate space to grant them more sources of power.

Night and the other companions knew what Noah had in mind. A normal breakthrough wouldn't be enough to deal with Dinia, and his assets didn't follow regular paths either. The parasite had to be like the Cursed Sword and Night. It had to reach a state that suited Noah's incredible standards.

Dinia had no words to express how he felt during the scene. Noah had already revealed immense power. His last attack had touched the very peak of the cultivation journey, but his existence still hid trump cards.

It was impossible to put a label next to Noah's name. His potential was boundless. No other existence had ever come close to accumulating so much power in such a short time and without relying on Heaven and Earth. Even mighty experts like Supreme Thief and Great Builder fell short in that field since they had ended up losing once.

Dinia eventually snapped out of his amazed state. He wouldn't let the parasite complete the breakthrough. He pointed a hand toward Noah and released a wave of white light large enough to hit his three opponents.

Sepunia couldn't help but turn when she sensed the incoming mass of energy, but King Elbas immediately called her name in a scolding tone. Noah had given precise orders, so they had to trust him, even if the situation appeared hopeless.

The attack carried enough power to kill the three experts at the same time, but something suddenly interrupted its flight. The wave of white light seemed unable to enter the void in front of Noah, but Dinia soon noticed that his opponents didn't summon any barrier.

The wave of light didn't stop flying forward. It simply shattered as soon as it came too close to Noah. A dense and dangerous aura had filled the void in front of him and had created a dead zone that transformed into nutrients every form of energy that dared to enter it.

Dinia understood that he had helped the parasite's breakthrough with his attack, but those thoughts lasted in his mind for less than a second. The amazement that he was experiencing didn't allow him to feel anything else.

Noah didn't only have more surprising assets. Their power could also deal with Dinia's attacks. The parasite had turned into an all-devouring creature during the breakthrough. It expressed the peak of Noah's destruction, and the purity of that power made it able to deal with techniques that were far above his actual level.

Dinia didn't give up. It immediately launched more attacks forward, but nothing could survive the power expressed by the parasite during the breakthrough. He even struggled to understand how such a simple creature could reach that level of destructiveness.

Noah felt conflicted. The parasite was reaching a level of power worthy of his standards, but he couldn't stop thinking about the number of nutrients that it would require after the breakthrough. His

calculations became pointless every time the plant revealed more of its potential. He couldn't prepare for what was about to come.

The shrill noise intensified as branches started to grow from the roots stretching into the void. Pure black flowers soon appeared there, but they wilted quickly and left behind multiple seeds.

Roots soon grew from the seeds and intensified the corrosive influence that filled the area. Those plants instinctively stretched toward sources of power, and Noah had to call upon the entirety of his control to prevent them from approaching his companions.

Dinia knew that launching attacks only helped the parasite, but he couldn't stop either. He had to try to stop the plant, and his world also prevented him from accepting that he couldn't pierce that corrosive aura.

"That's not a living being!" Dinia shouted as the entirety of his body shone to send its light on the expanding roots. "That's an abomination that can only destroy! No one can control its power!"

"You aren't supposed to control destruction," Noah explained as the parasite continued to consume his body.

Dinia cursed and continued to launch attacks, but he stopped his attempts to get rid of the parasite when he sensed a rank 9 aura spreading inside the cage. The shrill noise even went silent to announce the end of the breakthrough.

Noah immediately used the black hole to remove the roots that had expanded inside his separate space. He even limited the number of nutrients that the parasite could draw from his body, but he didn't stop its expansion in the cage.

More seeds appeared in the void and gave birth to other roots as the parasite's main body continued to generate flowers. The plants soon reached the glowing formations that isolated the area and started draining their power.

Holes appeared on the cage, but the formations quickly fixed them. The white light spreading in the area also fought against the corrosive power radiated by the roots. Dinia couldn't find a solution, but that didn't stop him from containing the threat.

Dinia wanted his perfect self to defeat the parasite, but the situation didn't allow him to focus on his world. Killing Noah and his companions had the priority, so he gave his everything on delaying the destruction of the cage. The plant was using an immense amount of power, so Noah would die if he continued to rely on his assets for a bit longer.

Noah knew that he couldn't provide what the parasite required in that stretched form. Even the energy absorbed from the glowing formations wasn't enough to satisfy the plant. He had to leave now, and his companions didn't hesitate to show the result of their work when he turned toward them.

The formations had weakened in the spot behind the experts. Noah didn't even need to point at that spot to send roots forward. The parasite immediately devoured the white lines and opened a path toward the cracks. Dinia was powerless in that situation, so he could only watch as the three experts and the restrained dragon left the void to return to the stormy regions.

