

Demonic 2331

Chapter 2331. Over

Coldness filled Noah's face, but he didn't feel any surprise. He had always been partially sure that the landmass would have been the first to fall. Still, that acceptance didn't make the scene any happier.

The lifeless half of the landmass fell into the void and disappeared among its blackness. A monstrous cry came out of the immense creature, and Shafu fell prey to the anger expressed in that voice.

Shafu echoed the landmass' anger before pushing the whole structure down again. Heaven and Earth stood on the sky as they waited for the attack to land on them, but Noah didn't let that reckless behavior continue.

Noah suddenly replaced Shafu. The dragon disappeared from the higher plane and left him on the upper edge of the giant creature.

The landmass was still falling due to the momentum accumulated in the previous charge, but Noah grabbed it to stop the attack. The creature fought against that decision, but the damage prevented it from expressing its full power.

The veins on Noah's arms bulged as potential flowed into his body, giving him enough strength to send the landmass flying away. The creature voiced another angry cry as the crystal figure grew distant, but Noah didn't hesitate to throw something at it.

"Calm down," Noah ordered as Shafu returned to the higher plane and reached the landmass. "I can't have you go crazy too."

Shafu growled in acceptance before wrapping its arms around the maimed landmass. The latter wanted to fly back toward Heaven and Earth and fight, but Shafu started to communicate with it in an attempt to calm it down.

Noah's reptilian eyes darted left and right to study the entirety of the landmass. The creature had lost part of its massive figure, but it was still strong. It could still express its power. It only had to adapt to its new form.

Noah's gaze went on Heaven and Earth once the inspection ended. The crystal figure didn't seize that opportunity to resume its offensive. It only stood still to wait for Noah to do something.

"Your organization is falling apart," Heaven and Earth taunted. "We underestimated you, but your limits are becoming clear."

Noah didn't answer. His world was running dry, but he had enough of it to push himself past his limits. He could even ration it to save some energy for the future exchanges, but that had never been his style.

Dark matter came out of Noah's figure and expanded around him. The dark world took form, and his companions appeared in the open. Snore, Night, Duanlong, and the parasite hovered at his sides and waited for his orders.

Potential soon followed. Noah summoned the entirety of his energy reserves and emptied his ethereal blackness to empower himself and his companions.

Snore and the others even called upon their innate abilities to double down on that power-up. The void bent under the immense pressure generated by Noah and his companions. Part of that blackness even shook as they tried to come to life and help in the battle.

The scene was majestic. Noah was expressing the accumulation of his entire life to channel it into a single assault. It really seemed that he wanted to put everything he had into one last attack, but Heaven and Earth remained wary of eventual tricks.

June and the others wanted to help, but they couldn't. The destruction in the area was too intense, and their presence would even threaten the stability of the technique. Their chance would come after Noah launched his attack, but they couldn't do anything now.

Dark-red light came out of Noah's eyes as his violent thoughts reached insane levels of power. He stopped thinking and let his destruction guide his actions.

The entirety of Noah's being transformed into an avatar of destruction. He temporarily embodied his most powerful aspects to give birth to an offensive that could hurt his opponent.

Heaven and Earth wanted to put an end to that behavior. Their plans involved a far stronger version of Noah to add value to their victory, but the incoming offensive threatened to ruin that.

Noah was virtually exhausted right now. He could still call back part of his potential, but his world was currently empty. The ethereal blackness would also remain like that unless he achieved something with his offensive.

In short, Heaven and Earth would lose their opponent if Noah's attack failed. Still, their hands were tied. Interrupting that offensive would only disperse Noah's power, and weakening themselves on purpose wouldn't grant him any potential.

"Very well," Heaven and Earth eventually announced. "We'll grant you this chance."

Noah had long since stopped listening to his surroundings. His violent thoughts ruled his actions and made him point his blades downward.

The dark world opened to reveal an army of swords, clawed six-armed dragons, and fiendish figures. The unused dark matter flowed toward Snore and the others to reinforce their structures, and they all prepared for their descent.

Everything went silent. Noah didn't speak or roar. He took a step forward, and his companions followed. Yet, everything soon disappeared before materializing on Heaven and Earth.

Chaos unfolded at that point. Explosions, soundwaves, shockwaves, flares, and much more shot in every direction, affecting the very fabric of the void.

A dark cloud made of violent storms took control of that chunk of the sky, and its influence on the void made it impossible for the audience to inspect the exchange. The destruction in the area was too thick for mere rank 9 existences. Only Noah and Heaven and Earth knew what was happening there.

The void revealed its true resilience under that weight. Its space-time array bent and broke in some spots, but that damage didn't affect its functioning. Actually, its structure gained its original form in no time, even while the destruction continued to rage.

The event answered some of Noah's companion's doubts. He had touched the edges of the superior realm with his offensive, but he couldn't make his influence stick. The universe was still outside of his reach.

A humming noise eventually spread through the violent cloud before seeping out of its edges to expand into the higher plane. The storms quieted down, and their energy started to crumble. The offensive's aftermath lost momentum, making it fall into the void.

The void also completely stabilized, allowing the audience to inspect the scene that the storms had hidden until now. The clues revealed by the exchange had already pointed toward one specific outcome but seeing it forced gasps out of some of Noah's companions.

Heaven and Earth didn't move at all. The attack couldn't make them bend or budge, but they didn't stop there. The crystal figure had one arm lifted above its head to show the gory figure trapped in its grasp.

The crystal fingers held Noah's neck in a grasp he couldn't escape. The dark matter had also left his figure, and his swords were nowhere to be seen. The same went for his companions and army. Everything had disappeared.

The injuries on Noah's body were so severe that even Alexander would have struggled to survive them. His figure was nothing more than a series of holes held together by short and thin chunks of flesh. His limbs were miraculously still in their place, but they appeared useless in their current state.

"It seems our plans were misplaced," Heaven and Earth commented. Your rebellion is over."

Chapter 2332. Late

Noah was utterly spent. His world was empty, and his resilience worked overtime to keep him alive. He felt unable to move, and his senses also struggled to retain awareness of his surroundings.

"You are a disappointment," Heaven and Earth commented as they tightened their grasp.

Noah's neck couldn't oppose that pressure. His flesh crumbled as the crystal fingers advanced, and Heaven and Earth didn't stop even after a figure materialized at their side.

"You can't speak about my heir like this," Divine Demon announced as he pressed his hands on Heaven and Earth's exposed side.

Circular formations came out of Divine Demon's arm and landed on the crystals to create a complicated dark-red array. The inscription shone and released a pressure similar to what Noah had accomplished with his previous offensive, but that power soon condensed back into the lines.

Smoke left the circular formations as their color paled and brightened. The attack seemed on the verge of digging through the crystals, but Divine Demon knew that the fumes weren't the result of any damage.

The formations were burning the sparks lingering above the crystals, but the process was hurting Divine Demon's technique. The smoke came from the inscriptions. They were the ones falling apart.

"You wield the power of the old world," Heaven and Earth commented while their light took over the circular formations. "We are the new one."

Smoke stopped coming out of the formations once Heaven and Earth completely overtook them. The inscriptions started spinning, and a torrent of energy soon left their center to crash on Divine Demon.

Alexander descended on Heaven and Earth's bent shoulder with a kick that expressed multiple innate abilities focused on enhancing his physical prowess. The impact threatened to shatter the void, but the crystal figure and the sky under it remained still.

"We have just endured a far superior attack launched by a far superior being," Heaven and Earth stated. "What makes you think that this technique will do anything?"

The Foolery materialized behind Alexander and bit on the arm keeping Noah lifted. Its attack didn't do anything, and the arrival of its hunger didn't improve the situation either.

"There should be a limit to idiocy," Heaven and Earth uttered as corrosive light came out of their arm and engulfed the two hybrids.

Sword Saint descended on Heaven and Earth in the form of a small silver torrent. The attack carried enough power to fill the entire area, but nothing spread in its surroundings. The technique landed on the crystal figure and unleashed everything it had in that single spot.

"Your world has the chance to hurt us," Heaven and Earth admitted. "You are the problem."

June teleported behind Heaven and Earth and stabbed her crackling spear on their back. The impact unleashed a thunderous noise, but the crystals held strong.

"It will take you ages to generate the amount of energy required to hurt us," Heaven and Earth commented while white sparks seeped inside the spear and sent an altered version of its power back to June.

Supreme Thief approached Heaven and Earth from below to apply his sucking force to the crystals' insides. However, a crackling noise left the rulers and destabilized the expert. Supreme Thief's ears bled as his technique lost power.

"Truly disappointing," Heaven and Earth declared. "We hoped to accelerate our growth by using you, but you have no place on our battlefield."

Strange noises started to come out of the center of the crystal figure. A mixture of whooshing, cracking, and clanging sounds echoed past Heaven and Earth and increased the brightness of their body.

"Die," Heaven and Earth ordered as immense energy accumulated on their surface and prepared an attack that seemed able to kill anything under the tenth rank.

Divine Demon and the others felt the urge to retreat, but their instincts told them that the technique wouldn't leave any escape path open. So, the experts doubled down on their offensive to destabilize the attack.

Heaven and Earth ignored those efforts and unleashed their attack, but something massive fell on the area before their energy could expand. An angry growl even accompanied the event, spreading a corrosive effect that destroyed that white power.

Shafu roared in pride as it pushed the maimed landmass downward. The latter had replaced its missing half with a mass of corrosive power that expanded the damage to its structure. That offensive was a suicidal move, but it succeeded in bringing the creature's power toward new peaks.

Divine Demon and the others couldn't avoid that torrent of corrosive energy, but they gladly accepted that attack since it gave them the chance to retreat.

Heaven and Earth held strong for as long as possible, but they couldn't prevent their grasp from growing unstable for a second. Noah seized that chance by mustering everything left inside him and kicking the crystal figure.

The kick freed Noah from the grasp and pushed him outside the corrosive energy. His neck turned into a tiny chunk of flesh in the process, but he ignored that damage as he tried to stabilize his body.

Meanwhile, the landmass continued to unleash its corrosive power. Shafu and the creature had reached an understanding, which involved going all-out even if their bodies were to crumble in the process.

The landmass didn't care that pieces of its structure fell into the void due to the attack's drawbacks. It only wanted to make Heaven and Earth pay for their previous insult. Its behavior was extremely primordial and aggressive, but that managed to bring out its full strength.

On the other hand, Shafu had to deal with the corrosive flares shooting in its direction without forgetting to push the landmass downward. Long and deep holes opened on its giant body, but that didn't interrupt its offensive.

Noah eventually managed to stop his aimless flight through the void, but straightening up his position took the entirety of his concentration. He was exhausted beyond reason, and parts of his consciousness darkened, but he kept his eyes open to inspect the battle.

The landmass and Shafu were basically hovering above the sky, and a river of corrosive energy was coming out of them. Heaven and Earth were impossible to locate among those chaotic and violent waves, but the audience could see the flaws in that offensive.

Shafu wasn't adding much to the offensive, and the landmass was a simple being at its core. The latter wasn't capable of deep attacks. It could only unleash overwhelming power.

That offensive could stop Heaven and Earth for a second, but it couldn't hurt them. They were a superior existence. Damaging it required high levels of depth and power, something that Noah's group had failed to reach.

As expected, the crystal figure soon became visible among the black torrent due to the white light it released. Heaven and Earth flew toward the landmass quickly, and Shafu felt forced to hide it inside its separate dimension once they got too close.

Shafu flew away at that point. It couldn't face Heaven and Earth on its own, but escaping was also a pointless effort. The rulers only needed to raise their hand to enforce a fake space-time array in the area that made the dragon unable to move its body.

Noah could only watch as Heaven and Earth approached Shafu. He didn't have enough power to reach his companion and pull it inside his world. He actually had to force himself to stay awake since his body desperately wanted to hibernate to deal with the injuries.

"Wow, none of you died," A familiar voice resounded behind Noah at that point. "Surprising."

"You are late," Noah snorted.

Chapter 2333. Gifts

King Elbas wanted to tease Noah a bit longer, but the situation didn't allow him to waste time. Golden light flashed behind Noah as King Elbas teleported between Shafu and the crystal figure to express his power.

A golden sea came out of King Elbas and filled half of the higher plane, creating a fiery wall that separated Heaven and Earth from Shafu. His new level became clear by then, and the crystal figure even felt the need to stop.

Divine Demon snorted, and his companions revealed similar reactions, but they all smiled at the sight of the solid stage aura. King Elbas had completed his breakthrough and could finally join the final battle.

"Forgive them," King Elbas announced while stepping out of the fiery sea. "They are lost without me."

"You have always been lost," Heaven and Earth declared.

"Arrogance is my domain," King Elbas responded while pointing an arm forward and turning the golden sea into a series of rivers that converged into his palm.

A mere rank 9 attack couldn't scare Heaven and Earth. They had endured the best offensive the world had to offer multiple times, and they had come out unscathed. King Elbas couldn't change that on his own.

However, the entirety of the energy released by King Elbas suddenly brightened and went through a deep transformation that pushed its power toward a superior realm. The expert turned the sea into a quasi-rank 10 attack without altering his core, and Heaven and Earth could only watch as that technique shot toward them.

A torrent that seemed able to match Heaven and Earth's might fell on the crystal figure and pushed it back on the sky. The attack unleashed its power for a while, creating a sea on the white layer, but everything eventually dispersed.

Heaven and Earth found themselves lying on the white layer. Their crystals didn't suffer any damage, but that didn't change the situation. King Elbas didn't only push them back on his own. He had even broken their posture.

"Did you enjoy being the punching bag of my weak companions?" King Elbas mocked. "Don't worry. I've come to give you a real battle."

King Elbas' figure almost exploded due to the immense shockwave that came out of its center. Flames and flares left his skin to reveal the new power that ran inside him. King Elbas had activated his fake quasi-rank 10 state, but everyone understood that his technique had improved.

The void almost melted due to the intense heat around King Elbas. He burnt with an intensity that the higher plane had never witnessed. He had reached the peaks that Noah had achieved with his last attack, but that was only his basic form.

"I heard you wanted me to join you," King Elbas stated. "You aren't worthy."

Multiple golden spheres came out of King Elbas' body and gave birth to different formations that expanded around him. Countless arrays of fiery lines filled the void and covered an entire quarter of the higher plane as various attacks gathered inside them.

Heaven and Earth barely had the time to stand up before a rain of beams, pillars, and hundreds of other attacks fell on them. The barrage was so thick that flames started to rise from the very sky, even if nothing was burning. King Elbas was altering the very nature of the area, and Heaven and Earth were in the middle of that mess.

The barrage lasted for a while, but it didn't end naturally. The offensive still had a lot of energy when it transformed into a vortex that slowly revealed Heaven and Earth's intact body. They gathered all that power in their palm and didn't hesitate to launch it back at its source.

King Elbas snorted as he let the chaotic attack engulf his figure. That raging energy was impossible to control, but King Elbas was an exception. He let everything fly through him before releasing a series of pulling forces that made it fly back into his body.

"Don't be too hard on yourself," King Elbas reassured. "You are quite strong, but my power goes beyond that. Being unable to alter it isn't your fault."

Heaven and Earth didn't answer, but King Elbas' joke explained his previous feat in words that his companions could understand. The rulers could compress and send back his attack, but they couldn't alter its nature, which had allowed King Elbas to reabsorb it easily.

"Xavier!" The Foolery shouted as it sprinted at full speed toward King Elbas.

The Foolery's idiocy came into play during the sprint. The pig basically teleported next to King Elbas while retaining its incredible momentum. The scene hinted at an imminent crash, but nothing remotely similar happened.

A golden membrane appeared around the Foolery and dispersed its momentum as soon as it teleported. King Elbas had countered the pig's idiocy with a single move, but that didn't stop his companion from sticking its tongue out in an attempt to lick him.

"We are literally fighting the most powerful existence in the world," King Elbas sighed when he saw a wet patch appearing on his left arm. The tongue didn't touch him, but the Foolery had licked him anyway.

"Being ourselves is the whole point of this fight," The Foolery commented as it lifted its head in satisfaction.

King Elbas didn't know what to say. He inspected the area where the Foolery had ignored his golden membrane and heaved a helpless sigh. He couldn't reason with the pig, and the latter had even spoken the truth. It was better to remain silent and focus on the battle.

"Alright," King Elbas cleared his throat. "Gather up! No stupid attacks under my watch."

The rest of the team teleported next to King Elbas, and a series of complaints reached his ears. No one liked that behavior, but King Elbas had predicted that reaction, and he didn't care about it.

Specks of golden light left King Elbas' body and flew toward his companions while his level fell back into the solid stage. The fragments reached the experts and fused with their figures before giving birth to different effects.

Alexander, Wilfred, and the Foolery saw a torrent of energy invading their bodies and activating their healing properties. Their injuries closed in an instant, and Wilfred's arms even regrew.

Supreme Thief and Sword Saint gained pieces of armor with different effects. Supreme Thief's gear mostly aimed to protect his body from any drawback, while Sword Saint's item focused on making him overcome the limits of his body.

Divine Demon's speck transformed into a jug of wine accompanied by a cup. The beverage didn't hide any unique technique, but it was good enough to make Divine Demon laugh once he sniffed it.

As for June, King Elbas gave her a remarkable energy boost that could force her Perfect Circuit to skip many levels. She directly gained access to a form of power that would have usually taken multiple exchanges to obtain, and the sparks that seeped out of her skin expressed her happiness.

"I'll coordinate the offensive now," King Elbas repeated in far kinder words. "The two great idiots are with me. The others must focus on exploiting the openings we create."

"What about Noah?" Divine Demon asked.

"If he can't come back," King Elbas announced. "He doesn't deserve a place in this battle."

The Foolery wanted to complain, especially since everyone except for Noah had gotten something from King Elbas. Yet, a series of stern gazes fell on the pig and forced it to remain silent.

Chapter 2334. Gist

The Foolery wasn't completely an idiot, but some aspects of worlds and the ninth rank still escaped its understanding.

Noah's situation was quite complicated. For starters, he was still in the liquid stage, so any form of help would have only slowed down his growth.

King Elbas could have given Noah something to fix his body, but that would have left him with sheer physical strength. King Elbas could probably do something for Noah's potential at his current level, but that would have only pushed him to replicate the previous pointless exchanges.

The final battle was reaching its climax, and everyone knew that. However, the group had yet to inflict a single injury on Heaven and Earth, and King Elbas' previous show of power inevitably revealed difficult truths.

Heaven and Earth had amassed countless worlds in their existence. Their attacks didn't carry much diversity, but their opponents were to blame for that. June and the others simply didn't allow the rulers to do as they wished.

Still, believing that a bunch of rank 9 experts had managed to corner such a powerful being was simply unreal. King Elbas had proved that point with his offensive. The crystal figure hid much more than incredible resilience and infinite power.

Heaven and Earth were a quasi-rank 10 being. That would typically put them outside the reach of every rank 9 expert, but Noah's group was an exception. Divine Demon and the others could survive multiple exchanges, which was enough to place them above the limits of the ninth rank.

King Elbas' fake quasi-rank 10 state didn't reflect the real version of that level of power. However, his breakthrough into the solid stage had empowered his incredible technique and had brought it closer to expressing what the cultivation journey intended.

In theory, King Elbas would have been enough to hurt Heaven and Earth. After all, his companions were already getting close to that. Yet, the rulers had endured his attack quite easily, revealing how their power probably went beyond what they showed.

King Elbas had yet to complete his calculations, but something told him that their current firepower wasn't enough. He could help his team touch the levels of power required to hurt Heaven and Earth, but he needed depth too, and he couldn't handle that field alone.

"Let's go," King Elbas eventually exclaimed while disregarding his hesitation and doubts.

The Foolery and Divine Demon followed King Elbas closely, and they soon appeared in front of Heaven and Earth.

Divine Demon waved the hand holding the cup of wine and created a series of circular inscriptions that fused to build a cylindrical structure that accumulated power.

The Foolery opened and closed its mouth multiple times. It bit the air while its hunger intensified and its existence deepened. The pig even wanted some of its attacks to slam on Heaven and Earth, but nothing reached them.

That outcome surprised the pig. Heaven and Earth had yet to do anything, so it couldn't explain why its attacks weren't landing on the crystal figure.

King Elbas solved those doubts with his next move. His figure exploded with fake quasi-rank 10 power as he stretched his arms and moved them in a circular motion.

The gesture engulfed the area in a pale-gold domain that revealed the power expressed by the pig and Divine Demon. An ethereal version of the bites and a bright red beam appeared in front of the two experts and drew close to King Elbas.

The fiery spear materialized in King Elbas' grasp as he altered the structure of his companions' attacks and forced them to point forward. He also thrust his weapon, and the gesture sent everything toward Heaven and Earth.

Flames came out of the ethereal bites and golden shades fused with the red beam as they flew forward. Those attacks reached Heaven and Earth's sides and unleashed far more power than expected while revealing special effects.

The fiery pillar unleashed by the spear reached Heaven and Earth's chest at the same time. The three attacks pushed the crystal figure deeper into the sky and forced it to kneel, but its skin survived the blows.

The Foolery and Divine Demon suddenly saw energy coming out of their figures. They didn't do anything, but they could sense how that power belonged to them.

The two experts inevitably turned toward King Elbas, who had closed his eyes. His hands had even started to perform mysterious gestures that added ethereal effects to the whole pale-gold domain.

The energy released by the Foolery transformed into multiple ethereal mouths that teleported on Heaven and Earth. The pig had used its idiocy to create bites that didn't require any physical attack.

Divine Demon's energy fused with the cylindrical structure and added complicated inscriptions to its circular formations. Schools that Divine Demon had never witnessed empowered his creation and allowed it to release an even stronger version of his temporary higher energy.

Those empowered attacks fused with the previous offensive and immobilized Heaven and Earth. The latter had already come up with a counter, but that new wave of power made their preparations useless.

An outsider would fail to understand what had happened inside the pale-gold domain. Anyone could guess that the Foolery and Divine Demon had relied on their unreasonable power to create even stronger techniques, but the truth was far different.

Divine Demon and the Foolery didn't do anything. The pale-gold domain had forced their worlds to activate and unleash techniques they didn't consider possible before.

"What are you doing?" Divine Demon asked as he hurriedly refilled his cup of wine.

"I'm forcing your dumb worlds to blend inside my reality," King Elbas shortly explained. "I can finally add some reason to your attacks."

"Ooh," The Foolery gasped. "We are too strong to be left on our own, right?"

"I didn't say that," King Elbas snorted.

"You totally did," Divine Demon laughed. "You could have simply asked for our help."

"I'm the one helping you!" King Elbas cursed.

"Xavier, Xavier," The Foolery squealed while rubbing its head on King Elbas' side, uncaring of the golden flames burning it. "Stop being so shy. We know you have achieved this power to fight with us."

"They are breaking free," King Elbas declared when tremors ran through Heaven and Earth and began to push back the attacks falling on their figure.

"I wil-," King Elbas began to say, but Divine Demon interrupted him.

"Leave it!" Divine Demon shouted. "I got the gist of it."

Divine Demon waved his free hand, and hundreds of new lines materialized on the cylindrical structure, bringing its power toward new levels.

King Elbas didn't know what to say. Those inscriptions didn't belong to any existing school, and they even had conflicting behaviors, but Divine Demon somehow made them work together. He had actually achieved a level of power that the pale-gold domain struggled to identify.

"I also got the gist of it!" The Foolery announced before launching a massive fart that filled the whole domain with an awful scent.

King Elbas didn't understand the reason behind that action, but the Foolery soon solved his doubts. The awful scent started to shine with azure light, giving birth to multiple plants. The latter then shattered to turn into pure energy that created thousands of ethereal attacks around Heaven and Earth.

The new power added to the offensive shattered Heaven and Earth's counterattack and forced them on the sky again. The Foolery and Divine Demon had escaped King Elbas' reason again, but they had achieved great results.

King Elbas could only sigh at that sight. His companions refused to stick to a single plan no matter what he did, but that was fine for now. Everything worked as long as they managed to suppress Heaven and Earth.

Chapter 2335. Branches

Noah could understand what was happening even if his consciousness struggled to remain awake.

The pale-gold domain radiated meanings that spread into every corner of the higher plane and partially explained its purpose. Noah knew about King Elbas, the Foolery, and Divine Demon, so it didn't take him long to connect the dots.

'He matured a lot,' Noah couldn't help but think when he compared the current King Elbas to his version in the Mortal Lands. 'Maybe he only changed.'

The old King Elbas would have never allowed the existence of companions, but his current behavior went far beyond that. King Elbas had actively accepted that the Foolery and Divine Demon thrived in unreasonable fields, so he had developed a technique that could make use of those abilities.

The pale-gold domain wasn't only an expression of King Elbas' reality. It also helped him study and understand his companion's techniques. That inspection allowed him to empower those abilities and stuff them into a joint offensive.

Divine Demon and the Foolery were so unreasonable that their power often escaped King Elbas' technique, but the latter accepted that outcome anyway. Everything was fine as long as the overall offensive reached decent levels.

Noah almost laughed when he saw King Elbas compromising with his unreasonable companions. The three had spent entire millennia teasing each other, but that had probably helped in the grand scheme of things. Strangers and random friends couldn't achieve that teamwork. That joint offensive was possible only if the involved experts shared complete trust.

The scene was majestic, especially in Noah's vision, since he knew how deeply everyone had grown. Yet, Heaven and Earth didn't let that power faze them. Actually, a counterattack arrived before King Elbas' expectations.

Ethereal mouths, crimson beams, and a torrent of fiery golden light crashed on Heaven and Earth to keep them stuck on the white layer, but those attacks quickly lost power. The three experts weren't to blame for that. The rulers had simply found ways to counter them.

The ethereal mouths released clanging noises that pushed them back whenever they closed on the crystals. The scarlet beam forced Heaven and Earth to summon a half-spherical shield, while the golden pillar transformed into a vortex that converged in their hands.

King Elbas imposed his will on the pale-gold domain and made the half-spherical shield disappear, but a new one came out of Heaven and Earth to block Divine Demon's attack.

A wave of power came out of King Elbas to enhance his will and affect an even deeper part of the domain, but Heaven and Earth countered that with a simple soundwave that hindered that influence.

King Elbas moved his focus elsewhere at that point. His eyes shone as he pointed them at the crystal figure. A foreign force tried to pierce Heaven and Earth's body, but nothing King Elbas did seemed to work.

King Elbas changed his approach again. His will went back to the pale-gold domain to create an ethereal force that slammed on Heaven and Earth. His goal was to affect the structural stability of those crystals, but his attack fell way too short.

Heaven and Earth quickly stood up, and his opponents couldn't do anything to hinder the process. The rulers glanced at the pale-gold domain for a few seconds while multiple attacks failed to reach their crystals until a series of white roots came out of their body.

The roots expanded through the scarlet attack and fed off its energy to grow into a bright and tight array. The pale-gold domain started to suffer due to Heaven and Earth's pressure, but new opponents materialized around them during that counterattack.

June unleashed a massive and fearsome torrent of energy as soon as her figure materialized. The sheer violence released by her lightning bolts forced Heaven and Earth to bend forward and support themselves with their hands.

Sword Saint didn't hesitate to unleash a piercing attack aimed at the center of Heaven and Earth's back. His silver blade filled the domain with intense sharpness that threatened to cut his companions, but the crystals endured the blow.

Wilfred slammed his massive arms right next to the silver blade's landing spot. His body fell in the middle of Sword Saint's raging sharpness, but he disregarded all the injuries opening on his body to unleash his physical strength.

Sword Saint and Wilfred's joint offensive pushed Heaven and Earth on the sky. Supreme Thief arrived at that point, and he relied on the protection of King Elbas' armor to draw a massive amount of energy from the crystal figure before launching it above him.

Alexander caught the unstable mass of white energy and trapped it into a pitch-black barrier. His eyes shone with red light as he inspected that power, and a smile soon appeared on his face.

"Let's try this!" Alexander shouted before his entire body lit up with different colors that summoned multiple innate abilities.

Lightning bolts carrying various shades left Alexander's body and dived into the pitch-black barrier to absorb Heaven and Earth's energy. The attacks transformed into a dog-like silhouette, and Alexander didn't hesitate to slap it once the process ended.

The slap added insane momentum to the dog-like silhouette and made the many lightning bolts flying through its insides release thundering noises. Many of those sparks even clashed to generate explosions, but the entirety of their energy came out only when they entered Heaven and Earth's reach.

June and the others had retreated by then. The dog-like silhouette enveloped the crystal figure and unleashed its power, creating a multicolored explosion that expanded through the pale-gold domain.

Some of the energy in Alexander's attack came directly from Heaven and Earth, so a few lightning bolts managed to seep through the crystals. However, when the explosion dispersed, everyone saw that the rulers were completely fine.

"All of you are disappointing," Heaven and Earth announced while straightening their position, but a wave of corrosive energy enveloped the area and forced them on the sky again.

King Elbas and the others had to retreat to escape the attack's range, and Shafu used that chance to push the landmass closer to the sky. The latter slowly crumbled as it unleashed its power, but its angry growl expressed its lack of interest in that damage.

"Rearrange the battle formation, you idiots!" King Elbas shouted as he went back to the solid stage while creating a larger domain that could endure the corrosive energy at its center.

King Elbas, the Foolery, and Divine Demon remained side by side to unleash a joint offensive. Divine Demon and the Foolery weren't really bothering about that teamwork, but King Elbas made sure to alter reality in their favor.

June, Supreme Thief, Sword Saint, and Wilfred occupied distant areas of King Elbas' domain to launch massive attacks converged on Heaven and Earth. Their offensive would usually clash and fail to achieve its full power, but King Elbas handled that part and turned it into a joint technique.

Alexander was the only one who didn't take King Elbas' help for granted. He used multiple innate techniques to study the scene before activating other abilities to fill the gaps in the offensive.

The pale-gold domain lost its natural shades and even shattered at some point due to the immense power accumulated in its insides. King Elbas couldn't preserve its integrity, but he could summon a new one once the offensive dispersed.

Nevertheless, a series of ethereal attacks ran through the waves of energy before converging toward the experts. Even Shafu saw those branches-like structures stretching toward it and piercing the landmass in the process.

Everyone silently decided to retreat, but the incoming attacks were too fast. The ethereal branches pierced the experts in multiple spots before the evasive techniques brought them away.

Chapter 2336. Masterpiece

Noah knew that his condition wouldn't improve soon, but he suppressed the urge to hibernate even if the process could accelerate his recovery. The battle would have ended by the time he woke up, and he didn't want to die in his sleep.

Still, his efforts only made him able to inspect the scene. Noah saw his companions reappearing in different areas of the void with multiple holes in their bodies. Part of their energy had also disappeared, and the white branches were to blame for that.

Heaven and Earth stood on the sky with a tree-like structure growing out of their body. They didn't do much with that technique, but they didn't disperse it either.

King Elbas only needed an instant to find weak spots in the white tree. The golden light released by his domain intensified as he shot forward and brought Divine Demon and the Foolery with him. His will affected reality and turned the branches into nothing more than hovering energy, which allowed the offensive to resume.

The clash involving the higher plane's major players returned to its heated state. King Elbas made sure to control every aspect of the offensive, but Heaven and Earth appeared way too strong to crumble under his tactics.

King Elbas had access to the best techniques and companions in the world, but Heaven and Earth could easily match and overpower all of that. It almost seemed that the rulers were having fun slowly draining away their opponents, and the effort didn't require any special technique.

'What have you become?' Noah wondered while violent exchanges unfolded in his vision and kept his senses awake.

Heaven and Earth's cultivation journey had always been incredibly peculiar. Even unique beings like Noah, Divine Demon, and King Elbas couldn't match what the rulers had faced to reach their current state.

The rulers had fused two different types of journeys during their path toward the peak. Their initial intentions had also been relatively pure. They had created a superior form of energy and used it to benefit their species.

Still, trouble arrived once the world rejected that assimilation. Magical beasts that directly countered Heaven and Earth appeared, forcing them to evolve once more.

Heaven and Earth's second peak form had been full of problems. The chaotic mass of worlds and meanings had countered the magical beasts, but it had also weakened their foundation. Moreover, the rulers had started to lose their individuality in that mindless pursuit of power.

Noah and his organization had played an essential role in bringing Heaven and Earth back on track. They had forced the rulers to perform a third evolution that involved individuality and multiple meanings.

Nevertheless, Heaven and Earth weren't showing much during the final battle. They wielded quasi-rank 10 power, so their many meanings could give birth to diverse and effective attacks, but none of them felt special. None of them carried something that only the rulers could unleash.

That was the core of Noah's worries. He knew Heaven and Earth had something powerful in store, and the sky remained a problem. There had to be something more behind that white layer and crystal figure, but it seemed that his group couldn't force the rulers to reveal it.

Overall, that final battle felt like a failure on Noah's side. He had brought the best experts he could find at the very end of the cultivation journey, but they were falling short in front of a being far stronger than them.

'Why are they still holding back?' Noah wondered, but he could find many reasonable answers to that question.

First of all, Heaven and Earth didn't need to go all out. According to the current state of the battlefield, they would achieve victory without needing to reveal anything. Saving energy was always the wisest option if possible, and Noah could accept that.

Moreover, waiting would allow Heaven and Earth to see how far their opponents could go. The sole presence of Noah's team was a unique event impossible to replicate, especially when it came to the defying power wielded by some of its experts. Even if it was only out of curiosity, Noah could justify that behavior.

Of course, all of that had immense confidence as its foundation. Noah believed that Heaven and Earth wouldn't hesitate to reveal their true power if they felt threatened. He felt sure that the rulers would directly kill them if the action could benefit their imminent breakthrough.

Something in the battle hinted at a deeper purpose, but Noah couldn't find answers to that. Heaven and Earth probably had some use for his companions' worlds, which could make sense, but he didn't care too much about it. He couldn't do anything with that piece of information.

However, the majestic scenes that kept unfolding in Noah's vision eventually forced a reaction in his world. The ethereal blackness softly trembled for an instant before going completely silent again.

The event obviously surprised Noah. His condition was so poor that any potential generated by his world went to his centers of power, and that situation didn't change. He didn't experience any surge of energy or anything similar. Yet, a reaction had happened, and he couldn't ignore it.

Noah watched the exchanges closely and inspected their every detail in the hope of replicating the previous reaction and understanding its cause. Nothing happened for a while, but eventually, his world shook again.

'What is my existence trying to tell me?' Noah wondered as his confusion increased.

The ethereal blackness remained empty, but it shook from time to time. The event had no special rhythm and lacked a specific cause, but it existed, and Noah couldn't explain it.

Then, Noah started to notice that those strange reactions happened more often if he kept his attention on his companions. He didn't know why, but seeing the immense power they released and their struggles against a far stronger opponent triggered something inside him.

Clarity slowly overcame the muddled and dark areas of Noah's consciousness. He regained some degree of control over his thoughts, and his overall condition began improving as answers showed their faces.

Noah wasn't gaining anything special from inspecting his companions' techniques. Their worlds weren't the point either. Still, the sole fact that they were there triggered something deep in the ethereal blackness.

'They are here,' Noah thought. 'They are here, at the peak of the cultivation journey.'

The countless memories shared with his companions flowed in Noah's vision and reminded him how far all of them had gone. It also showed him how deeply he had helped them. He didn't do much for some, but his mere presence had unlocked paths that would have taken those experts far longer to find.

'They aren't just here,' Noah thought. 'I brought them here.'

Noah turned to glance at the barrage of ice behind him. The Eternal Snake was no exception. He was a piece of the final battle that he had allowed to exist.

'I see,' Noah sighed before shaking his head. His moment of weakness had almost prevented him from noticing something so important, but he couldn't stop seeing it anymore now.

Another exchange unfolded, but Noah didn't worry about the injuries that his companions suffered. He smiled as a simple thought ran through his mind. 'I created all of this. This is my masterpiece.'

Chapter 2337. Crack

King Elbas knew that the situation was getting rough even before his companions suffered significant injuries. He had reached the point when he had seen enough exchanges to predict the rest of the battle, and he didn't like the direction of his thoughts.

The experts had reached Noah's conclusions. King Elbas knew as much as him, so he could see the issues in Heaven and Earth's current behavior. The rulers were hiding something, and his team didn't have enough firepower to draw that out.

Of course, King Elbas acknowledged the likelihood that Heaven and Earth couldn't use their true power. Everything was possible with a quasi-rank 10 being aiming to complete its breakthrough.

Heaven and Earth could have decided to save energy for multiple reasons, but King Elbas remained quite sure that they were playing with him and his companions. It simply didn't make sense for such a strong being to be unable to do more.

Exchanges started and ended, but the outcome never changed. King Elbas and the others unleashed everything they had and even tested new abilities, but Heaven and Earth always came out on top.

It would have been fine if the offensive left marks on the crystals, but that wasn't the case. King Elbas and the others were wasting energy and time against an unstoppable and unflinching opponent that didn't show any weakness.

The issue also involved other fields. King Elbas and the others grew stronger with each exchange, but the results didn't change. They always brought Heaven and Earth close to their breaking point before finding an overwhelming offensive flying at them.

That fueled the hypothesis that Heaven and Earth were playing with their opponents. The rulers seemed to adjust their power depending on the enemy's offensive. Ordinary experts would have lost hope after understanding that, but King Elbas and the others were different, especially the former.

'There has to be a limit,' King Elbas thought while coordinating another offensive.

The fabric of reality shook as King Elbas imbued it with his will. The golden domain acted as a catalyst for his companions' attacks and altered part of their nature to make them focus on specific fields.

Divine Demon and the Foolery seized the initiative, but everyone else soon followed. Even Shafu and the landmass played their part at the end, and King Elbas made sure to join them with a special weapon concocted specifically for that battle.

King Elbas had used his spear at the beginning of the exchange, but he had summoned a draconic head once the landmass attacked. The item worked as an extension of his hand that launched nine different golden beams and blended them with the corrosive energy.

The landmass filled the void with dark storms, but golden shades appeared among them and redirected most of their power toward their center. Black and gold gales came to life as they spun in a spherical motion before diving toward Heaven and Earth.

The gales went through a second transformation right before the impact. Their golden color flowed toward their tip, turning them into pointy attacks that released a sizzling noise.

That sound intensified as soon as the gales landed on Heaven and Earth. The golden tips almost fused with the crystals and allowed the corrosive power to reach deeper parts of the rulers' body.

King Elbas knew that Heaven and Earth's energy reserves were way too big to even aim at exhausting them. However, everything would change if he could pierce those crystals and study the core behind them.

Heaven and Earth launched soundwaves and created their white tree, but the golden domain suppressed all of that. King Elbas was using the entirety of his power to alter reality in his favor, and the two companions at his sides helped greatly.

The Foolery was too stupid or uncaring to devise a specific technique. It only wanted to eat the intense energy released by Heaven and Earth, so King Elbas turned its hunger into vortices and placed them in the middle of the tree.

Instead, Divine Demon had a far better battle sense. He helped the offensive by placing a series of dragons that roared back at the soundwaves to disperse them. Those cries also expressed deep destabilizing properties that aided the gales in their efforts.

By then, June and the others had learnt that King Elbas could handle a lot of power, so they didn't hesitate to add more attacks to that offensive. Alexander and Supreme Thief could tune their abilities to make King Elbas' job easier, but their companions didn't care enough to alter their techniques.

King Elbas felt the urge to curse as a sea of information filled his mind and forced him to summon scanners and other inscribed items to process it. Still, no words came out of his mouth since he was too focused on the whole process.

Heaven and Earth appeared on the verge of breaking. Techniques left their body and shattered under the many attacks and influences around them. They were exposed, with only their crystals defending them, and the scene finally filled their enemies with some hope.

"You are indeed capable," Heaven and Earth eventually spoke while in the middle of their offensive, "But we are your limit."

King Elbas' concentration didn't waver for even a second. He was ready to deal with any defensive measure, but he didn't expect the attacks to come from somewhere else.

Ten pairs of giant hands came out of the sky and unleashed massive beams that converged on Heaven and Earth. The process had been so fast that the experts had to interrupt their offensive to avoid suffering any damage.

Ten pillars crossed Heaven and Earth position and created an impenetrable area. Bright white light illuminated the void and showed the crystal figure in all its power. The rulers stood there, bathed in their own energy, and their opponents could only admire their splendor.

The pressure that only quasi-rank 10 energy could generate spread into every corner of the higher plane. The array of inscriptions and all the experts hiding inside them would have instantly died if Pellio and the others weren't managing their defenses.

Heaven and Earth appeared able to fuel the evolution of an entire world, but they had no interest in that. They kept that power all for themselves, and the pillars showed just what their opponents had to overcome to win.

The pillars had flaws. They weren't deep in terms of meanings, but their quasi-rank 10 energy surpassed King Elbas' fake quasi-rank 10 state. No one could overcome Heaven and Earth when it came to sheer power, and the attack made that point clear.

"Why are you still struggling?" Heaven and Earth asked while waving their hands to point at their body. "This is merely an avatar that can contain our greatness, but we remain the sky. We understand the desire to believe in your delusions, but this battle should have shown the difference between us multiple times already."

A series of snorts resounded among the experts, but no one gave a proper answer. King Elbas ignored Heaven and Earth's statement because he was too busy developing weapons inside his body. He had long since decided to test things out until his body turned into dust.

"A blade that can hurt you," Sword Saint eventually whispered, and his words strangely attracted Heaven and Earth's attention.

"Is your path helping you?" Heaven and Earth wondered.

"Is finally born," Sword Saint concluded, and the entire world turned dark.

The pillars were still in their place, but they became unable to radiate their light. Something able to suppress quasi-rank 10 energy had appeared, but Heaven and Earth couldn't pinpoint its location.

Then, a black line connected two opposite edges of the higher plane while making sure to pass through Heaven and Earth. The event was barely visible, and it didn't even release any noise or shockwave. Yet, it opened a crack in one of the crystals on the rulers' chest.

Chapter 2338.Callings

The crack was nothing significant. It was slightly more than a dent in an otherwise perfectly intact and powerful body. Yet, everyone knew what that event meant.

Heaven and Earth glanced at their surroundings before lowering their face to inspect their chest. The pillars were still in their place, but their white light couldn't spread through the void. Also, their impenetrable body had finally suffered some damage.

The rulers raised their head to look in the distance at that point. Their eyes appeared unable to pierce through the darkness that had enveloped the higher plane, but a figure eventually flew past that clouding membrane.

Noah reappeared in the open. His body didn't show the slightest injury, and the sheer pressure radiated by his presence twisted the void. He seemed too heavy for that space-time array, and his every gesture left marks that the universe took a few seconds to remove.

Noah didn't look at Heaven and Earth. His reptilian eyes wandered through the void and flickered whenever he noticed something new or odd. He appeared in a daze but not confused, and the rulers' presence wasn't enough to bring his attention back to the higher plane.

"I feel the universe," Noah whispered, and his voice generated soft soundwaves that shot in every direction.

Roars and growls echoed from the soundwave. Screeching noises mixed with them and expressed all the aspects contained in Noah's world. His voice didn't carry any actual power, but it was strong enough to survive the travel through the higher plane.

Noah was partially oblivious to the event. He noticed the strange properties of his voice, but he didn't care about them. His eyes and senses as a whole were uncovering something so interesting that it almost made him forget about Heaven and Earth.

Different callings reached Noah's senses and invaded his mind. He could almost hear voices hidden in the invisible and formless fabric of the universe. The void carried forces that echoed grand meanings, and some of them resonated with Noah's world.

Little by little, Noah became able to differentiate between the different callings. They were mere echoes of stronger structures, but he could still find their natures. Destruction, creation, anger, pride, and far more came out of his figure in an attempt to touch those similar meanings and discover their secrets.

The aspects of Noah's world established a faint connection with the universe and revealed multiple paths hidden far away from his position. It was hard to discern between distance and depth, but Noah

didn't care about those details now. He only wanted to admire the existence of a superior cultivation journey.

'The universe has paths for my aspects,' Noah thought as he bathed in the multiple meanings that had invaded his mind. 'I can pick one of them right away.'

The callings slowly transformed into promises. Noah felt tempted to join one of those vaster and deeper paths while he listened to the echoes resounding through the void.

A smile appeared on Noah's face, and June recognized the feeling hidden behind that gesture. Noah was truly happy, but his expression hid coldness that she knew far too well.

'None of you is me,' Noah thought. 'None of you can give me the power I seek.'

A tremor ran through the void around Noah, and his companions struggled to study that reaction. It seemed that Noah's surroundings had grown denser even without adding fabric to those areas.

Only Heaven and Earth had an idea of what was happening, but their expression didn't reveal anything. The rulers simply waited for their opponent to make his choice.

'No,' Noah thought. 'I don't want anything from you. I'll take what I need once the moment comes.'

The callings in Noah's senses transformed into screams that expressed pure rejection. The universe sounded unhappy and abruptly halted its connection with Noah. The interruption resembled a loud explosion that only he could hear, but the event didn't cause any damage.

"Funny," Noah chuckled as his gaze remained on the void. "It seems I'll be busy as soon as I get out of here."

"Don't overestimate yourself," Heaven and Earth responded. "The universe eventually calls everyone."

"You," Noah voiced as his attention finally went to Heaven and Earth. "It's time to stop playing around."

"You are overestimating yourself," Heaven and Earth announced as they stretched an arm forward. "We have long since been ready for your breakthrough."

The pillars sent the entirety of their energy toward Heaven and Earth, and the latter made it flow through their arm. Their hand shone and began to fend off the darkness, but their attack didn't shoot forward. Instead, it flew above their head to crash on a random area of the sky.

Gasps resounded in the area, but Heaven and Earth suppressed any form of surprise when they inspected the scene. Their arm wasn't in its original position. Someone had lifted it to make their attack miss.

Noah inspected the crystals seized in his grasp. He had only needed a sliver of potential to overcome Heaven and Earth's physical prowess and lift their arm. Still, that limb felt too firm even for him. He needed his blades to damage it.

Heaven and Earth put strength into their arm, but the effort didn't free them from Noah's grasp. He was far stronger than they had expected.

"We were right," Heaven and Earth exclaimed. "You are the perfect stepping stone."

"Get serious already," Noah ordered.

"We don't take orders from-," Heaven and Earth said, but an immense force suddenly crashed on their chest and flung them in the distance.

The attack had been too fast. King Elbas and the others had struggled to follow Noah's gesture. They actually didn't know whether he had moved at all or not.

Heaven and Earth found themselves lying on the sky. Their figure was mostly intact, but the small crack had turned into a long cut that ran through most of their chest.

Small cracks even tried to expand from the wound's edges, but the crystal suppressed that lingering destruction to prevent further damage. Still, the event made one thing clear. Noah couldn't only hurt them. He could completely overwhelm them.

Noah exploded with power while Heaven and Earth remained on the sky. A solid stage aura emerged from his figure and spread in every corner of the higher plane. The void darkened due to his influence, and everything started to tremble when two swords appeared in his grasp.

"I told you to get serious," Noah exclaimed, and the tremors intensified.

Pride reeked out of the intense tremors. King Elbas and the others could sense the oppressing and domineering force that Noah was radiating. His voice could carry undisputable orders, and Heaven and Earth ended up in their target.

"You are indeed the greatest expression of the cultivation journey," Heaven and Earth declared, and Noah swung his arms.

The gesture appeared seamless. Noah's blades cut through the void without meeting any hindrance, but King Elbas and the others felt that something heavy enveloped the whole scene.

A massive force eventually materialized before Noah. A giant slash that connected two extremities of the higher plane formed in front of him and instantly expanded to reach Heaven and Earth.

The attack carried multiple meanings, but nothing about it resembled the chaotic violence that Noah usually expressed. The slash took the form of a curtain that split most of the higher plane into two different areas and made the crystal figure disappear.

Chapter 2339.Echoes

The black curtain remained in its place for a while. No violent wave, explosions, or other types of destructive forces spread past the slash's structure, but no one dared to underestimate its power.

Sword Saint wanted to praise the attack, but he remained silent. Noah had reached the solid stage. The final battle had truly begun now, so the time for jokes was over.

The curtain slowly dispersed without shattering or crumbling. Holes opened in its structure as its energy reserves became empty until the entirety of the attack simply vanished.

The disappearance of the slash didn't bring new light to the higher plane. Everything remained dark, but that didn't prevent the audience from finding Heaven and Earth. The crystal figure was still on the sky, and the cut on its chest had transformed into a deep fissure that revealed its insides.

Everyone's eyes fell in the opening. Noah had finally removed the annoying crystals that prevented the experts from studying Heaven and Earth's insides, but the scene didn't bring clear answers.

The crystal figure had a core, but its shape was strangely familiar. The item was a white sphere with the same shades as the sky. The meanings it radiated also matched those of the white layer.

Sparks, lightning bolts, and other strands of energy left the white core to enter the crystals and fill them with different meanings. Heaven and Earth could decide the type of power to send to their body, and their options appeared limitless.

The white core didn't stay still. It spun, but its seamless shades made it appear motionless. Each complete rotation released a thunderous sound, and the crystals around it echoed it.

The crystal figure was more than a simple avatar. It was closer to a proper living being than a weapon. Heaven and Earth didn't spare resources to build that body, but now it carried damage.

"A replica of the sky," Noah exclaimed.

"Don't pretend to understand us, Noah Balvan," Heaven and Earth declared while straightening their position. "We are outside your understanding. We stand in a realm that no being from the cultivation journey can see."

"You walk two paths," Noah responded. "That's your greatest power and flaw."

"Our path is our own," Heaven and Earth stated. "We express the cultivation journey and the structure of the universe. We are a being and a world, but no division exists inside us."

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Noah's eyes flickered as understanding dawned upon him. King Elbas and some of his companions also reached similar conclusions and started to pay attention to their surroundings. They could almost predict that the sky was about to act.

The white core eventually completed another rotation, and a thunderous heartbeat came out of it. Still, that sound didn't stop at the crystals. It seeped past Heaven and Earth and reached the sky.

The entirety of the white layer echoed the thunderous noise and intensified it. The sky seemed to come to life as an ominous aura seeped out of its surface and enveloped it. Its light also brightened and pushed back part of the darkness created by Noah's presence.

King Elbas and the others understood that the sky had joined the fight. The pillars from before had only hinted at what that white layer could do, but Heaven and Earth would hold anything back now.

"We have to thank you," Heaven and Earth eventually continued. "Your rebellion pushed us toward this form, and your death will complete it."

Ten pairs of giant hands came out of the sky as soon as Heaven and Earth spread their arms. Immense energy gathered inside them while the crystal figure joined their wrist to imitate the technique. The rulers and the white sky were performing the same movements simultaneously.

Nevertheless, a giant figure materialized next to a pair of hands before they could release their attack. Snore bit down on those structures and spat a black sea that turned them into dust.

Something similar appeared on another pair of hands. A series of black lines materialized on their palms until the entire structure crumbled. The white rain didn't reveal anything until Night decided to step up and show its new might.

A seed teleported between another pair of hands and seeped through their fabric to feed on it. Soon, multiple roots pierced the structures and absorbed their energy, making them vanish from the higher plane.

A high-pitched noise came out of Noah's figure, and dark-red light engulfed a pair of hands before unleashing pure violence on them. Black lines spread while cracks opened and enlarged to destabilize the structures. Needless to say, the latter didn't last long.

A giant slash fell on another pair of hands and covered them into a black cloud. That gas didn't linger in the area for too long, and an empty space appeared when it dispersed.

Fiendish figures and six-armed dragons materialized on two more pairs of hands before self-destructing. The explosions filled the area with intense sharpness that pierced the structures and turned them into broken items.

A pair of hands suddenly vanished, and a burping noise came out of Noah's figure. Duanlong then peeked past Noah's shoulder to inspect the area, and its strange mouth opened to absorb another piece of that technique.

Shafu roared at that point. New power flowed through its body and replaced the weak chunks of its body to bring its figure to the utter peak of the ninth rank.

The roar didn't seem to carry any attack, but the last pair of hands closed under the effects of an invisible force. The clash between the two palms opened cracks in both of them, and energy seeped out of those openings, turning the structures useless.

All of that happened at the same time and in the span of a second. The entirety of Noah's world had shown its new might. Snore and the others had instantly countered Heaven and Earth's massive technique, but the offensive wasn't over.

Heaven and Earth suddenly slammed on the sky. The impact released a soundwave that suppressed the thunderous noises that had filled the higher plane, but the rulers ignored that outcome. Their attention never left the figure standing above their damaged chest.

Noah stood on the crystal figure with a foot pressed on the joint wrists. His physical prowess wasn't enough to damage that body, but he promptly pointed his swords downward to unleash an attack.

Two black lines came out of the blades and disappeared in the next instant. The attack had been incredibly fast, and two holes opened on Heaven and Earth's shoulders.

Those small openings appeared inconsequential, but the power accumulated in Heaven and Earth's palms started to disperse. Noah didn't only pierce the crystals. He had also damaged critical parts of the avatar to scatter its technique.

"Your destruction can see us," Heaven and Earth commented.

Snore, Night, the parasite, and Duanlong materialized behind Noah to stare menacingly at heaven and Earth. Shafu imitated that behavior without getting close, but the rulers remained able to sense its angry gaze.

"I told you to get serious," Noah repeated.

Tension spread through the higher plane. Noah's words were impossible to misunderstand. Heaven and Earth's previous massive display of power didn't express their peak.

Heaven and Earth remained silent for a few seconds, but the corners of their crystal mouth soon turned upward. A laugh eventually came out of it, and the entire sky echoed their voice.

Chapter 2340. Crystals

The rulers and the sky laughed, and their tone soon gained monstrous properties. Everything grew heavier inside the higher plane, but Noah and his companions easily handled that pressure.

Noah, Snore, and the rest of his companions were ready to launch an attack, but he never gave the order. The white core inside Heaven and Earth spun faster, sending different waves of energy to the crystals, but the nature of that power eventually changed.

Noah's senses had reached an insane level of power. He could feel the very universe with his consciousness now. Nothing could escape his gaze, but Heaven and Earth were up to something that even he failed to understand.

The white core stopped releasing various types of power to fuse on two different fuels. One of them was similar to the higher energy, even if it felt slightly stronger, but the other was something that Noah didn't recognize. It resembled matter, but it hid far more behind its dense fabric.

Danger assaulted Noah's senses, but he didn't retreat. His swords descended, and his companions unleashed their attacks. The entire area darkened and became impossible to inspect from the outside, but nothing actually touched Heaven and Earth.

"We shall accept your request," Heaven and Earth announced while the dark energy around them failed to reach their body. "This struggle it's pointless, but we owe you that much."

Noah's eyes darted left and right. His attack was right there, but all the power accumulated in the area couldn't advance. Heaven and Earth had done something that stopped that offensive and created a safe half-spherical space around them.

The safe area expanded and pushed Noah away. Noah retracted his companions and swords to make that invisible force hit him. His body endured the attack, and his senses got to work to study its nature.

The dark energy dispersed and allowed the rest of the higher plane to witness the scene. Noah flew backward as Heaven and Earth left the sky and started to advance through the void.

The laugh continued to echo through the white layer, and its monstrous aspects only intensified as time passed. The thunderous heartbeat radiated by the spinning white core also gained the same tones, which put the crystal figure and the sky in complete harmony.

Noah could disperse his momentum almost immediately, but he let it push him away until he understood what was happening. His figure stopped in the middle of the higher plane at that point, and Heaven and Earth soon saw his cold reptilian eyes pointing back at them.

"We have accumulated countless worlds during our long life," Heaven and Earth announced. "We have also been this very higher plane and more during that time. We express the best of the two paths, but that's not our limit anymore."

A denser and stronger pressure suddenly came out of the crystal figure and the sky. Something had changed, and its effects were evident. Heaven and Earth didn't go through any power-up, but their might had multiplied.

"Hybrids and even superior beings like you can only pale in front of us," Heaven and Earth announced. "We own the last possible evolution, and this is our energy."

Heaven and Earth pointed their arm forward, and a violent mass of white power gathered in their palm. The white energy was so unstable that flares shot in every direction and flew until they landed on the sky. Some even reached the mass of ice and easily dug through it.

Energy that the higher plane had never seen gathered in Heaven and Earth's palm. Its instability intensified, but the rulers and the sky appeared unaffected by its pressure. An instinctive fear filled Noah's mind, but he reacted to it by unleashing his potential.

The higher plane darkened as Noah's influence thickened. His aura expanded and met the new light radiated by Heaven and Earth, creating an ethereal conflict that gave birth to countless explosions.

The darkness and light couldn't coexist. Destruction and detonations happened whenever they touched, but the areas around Heaven and Earth remained clear. Their mere presence there seemed able to stabilize the whole battlefield.

Noah pulled back his arms to place his wrists on his waist. The grip on his blades tightened as potential flowed toward multiple aspects of his world. Roars, high-pitched noises, and screeches came out of the blades as power accumulated among them, but Noah waited for his opponent to act first.

Heaven and Earth's laugh ended when the unstable energy in their palm shot forward. A partially solid river shot forward and transformed into a crystal-like form of energy during its flight.

Noah pushed his arms forward once the spiky energy entered his range. The very void seemed to move away as he moved the immense power accumulated in his weapons and launched it toward his opponent.

The seamless mass of black fuel that shot out of Noah took the shape of a giant sword right before clashing with the crystal energy. The two attacks met in the middle of the void, and the entire world shook due to the impact.

Winds, shockwaves, flares, and much more flew in every direction. The blade appeared able to sever away chunks of the white energy, but the latter carried more power. Also, it was denser in many aspects, which eventually made it overwhelm Noah's attack.

The crystal energy advanced through the massive blade and overcame its power. The process depleted part of Heaven and Earth's attack, but most of it still crashed on Noah.

The exchange flung Noah in the distance, but the energy around his figure soon vanished, leaving only some white dust behind. Noah stopped in the middle of the void and promptly grabbed the remains of Heaven and Earth's attacks, which turned out to be tiny crystals.

The crystals were powerless, and they soon shattered under Noah's innate pressure. Yet, they added enough clues to the hypothesis in his mind. He had understood what Heaven and Earth had done.

"You developed your own energy," Noah commented. "Well, energy might not be the right word for that."

"Our version of the higher energy expresses the cultivation path," Heaven and Earth explained. "These crystals express the world path. We only had to fuse them."

The process was obviously more complicated than that. Heaven and Earth had to go through major tribulations due to their fusion with the world. It was safe to assume they had met similar problems when developing that energy, and their product remained far from stable.

Noah understood all of that, but his curiosity ended there. He had no words to describe Heaven and Earth's true form, but those labels probably didn't exist. They simply were Heaven and Earth.

"Do you still think you can beat us?" Heaven and Earth asked when Noah raised his swords to prepare for another attack. "We will use the sky from now on."

Noah didn't answer. He was still exploring the full extent of his new power, and Heaven and Earth were a perfect training dummy. His potential flowed toward even more aspects of his world, but the rulers also made their move.

Heaven and Earth's hand lit up again, but similar scenes happened in every corner of the higher plane. Multiple arrays of unstable spheres materialized across the void and released dangerous flares while gathering energy.

The entire world was against Noah, but he didn't back off. Instead, his sharpness skyrocketed as he placed his blades on his forehead. Snore and his companions also came out, but everything in his vision turned white at that point.