

Domain 1001

Chapter 1001

While Femradiel and the others were still fighting Ymir...

Ryan broke into a cold sweat, looking at all the suns. Destroying them probably wasn't impossible with copies of his Mithril Bow of the Dragon God of Time. However, that wouldn't solve the issue. Ryan summoned two hundred copies of Diamond Crossbow and then pointed at the stars before dashing toward Lucifer without any other choice.

"No, no, no," Lucifer said. "First, you will deal with those."

"Force me," Ryan said.

While still holding his bow, Ryan punched Lucifer with his right hand. However, the demon easily blocked the attack, who also grabbed his arm and threw him back toward the suns. While he was trying to gather mana from the suns as well as turning them into coins by using the Diamond Crossbow, Lucifer noticed his plans and began to steal those. While he couldn't still the same amount Ryan could store, it was more than enough to cause trouble.

"Well, if it is like that, then... I won't store mana," Ryan said as he held his bow tightly.

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Using the coins he had, Ryan leveled up his class, and using the mana, he attacked. Lucifer knew that, but he couldn't sense any danger to his life? Did Ryan use time magic to attack him in the future? It seemed plausible, but he was supposed to feel his instincts warning him even if that were the case.

"Oh, well, it doesn't matter," Lucifer thought. "No matter what he tries to do, it won't be enough. Not to mention, he will die here, soon enough."

For a few minutes, they just stayed right there, waiting for the inevitable end of the fight. While Ryan was sweating bullets, Lucifer was looking at him with his expression full of confidence. What was even more troublesome was that just by staying like that, Lucifer could get stronger. Such was the power of his pride. Still, it was better than attacking and making him grow stronger through the power of wrath as well.

"This is going to hurt, Ryan," Merlin said. "I am not the right person to say this, but this plan of yours is quite stupid."

"I didn't ask your opinion," Ryan said.

Eventually, the proximity of the suns made Ryan's skin melt, and soon enough, he was directly touched by one of them. Ryan didn't even manage to stay conscious when that happened. However, much to his surprise, Lucifer didn't feel his presence disappearing either.

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"Is it due to Apollo's power?" Lucifer asked, slightly surprised.

It was faint, but Lucifer could feel Chronus' power in action. It seemed that he was using that to stay alive through that hellish heat. When the next sun finally approached and hit the first, Lucifer teleported away because he didn't want to get caught in the cosmical explosion.

When the two suns collided, the entire region began to tremble. Naturally, the explosion created a supernova that quickly ate away the other approaching suns, which only boosted the phenomenon's power. Lucifer used Teleport several times to keep an eye on things, and even while that happened, he still didn't feel Ryan's presence disappearing.

"His body should have become cosmic dust by now... so how?" Lucifer frowned.

After using Teleport a few more times, he finally moved away from the range of the explosion. The supernova was eating away all the stars in the region, but it wouldn't expand more than that. At that distance, even Lucifer was having a hard time feeling Ryan's presence. Instead of that, he felt something else... danger.

Like an endless hurricane of arrows, Lucifer was pierced by the temporal projectiles shot by Ryan. It shouldn't be possible given that he was being damaged until now... and if that wasn't enough, the attacks weren't ending. Lucifer had become a porcupine of arrows. Each arrow destroyed a piece of his body, and slowly he began to shrink.

"He used that mana to do this..." Lucifer said while his consciousness was fading.

That was right. Ryan used the energy he gathered while attacking the suns to attack Lucifer in the future. Using Foresight, he knew what would happen if he stayed still. Lucifer would move away to that point at that exact time, and that was why he didn't feel danger for his life... it was because he wasn't in the place the arrows were supposed to hit. Not to mention, to make sure that he wouldn't notice until the very last moment, Ryan didn't target him. He targeted the spot in itself.

Eventually, Lucifer got so destroyed that his body just became pieces of flesh floating in space. That took several minutes, and Ryan had to endure the same hellish pain because he also saw that happening in the future. He couldn't risk being counterattacked now.

While unconscious, Ryan escaped the Supernova. He used Temporal Healing to keep himself alive while being toasted down to anatomical level, and he escaped because just like he could make arrows hit an

enemy in the future, he could send commands to his brain from the past, and he had sent the command to use Teleport when Lucifer's body was completely destroyed.

After a while, a shrive made Ryan wake up. He didn't know if it had been the memories of when he was being damaged by the suns or if it was due to something else he felt, but Ryan was itching to erase those memories by using Memory Manipulation.

"Look on the bright side," Merlin said. "You reached the max level in Pain Negation, and all the other skills that decrease damage from pain and fire attacks."

Ryan wished that he had time to smack Merlin, but he didn't. His instincts were warning him that the battle wasn't over yet. He didn't have time to see past that using Foresight.. Unfortunately, he didn't have the chance to confirm if Lucifer's presence had disappeared either.

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When Ryan teleported to where Lucifer was, he confirmed his fears. The demons' presence hadn't disappeared yet. Not to mention, his flash was slowly moving to the place where his heart was supposed to be.

Ryan prepared to attack and destroy even the atoms of his body. Still, then Ryan noticed that all the energy he was supposed to have stored thanks to Conversion had vanished... all the energy he had obtained while enduring a supernova for several minutes had vanished.

"Oh, shit... this is bad," Ryan opened his eyes widely. "I guess Femradiel needed that energy... oh well, I guess that confirms that Ymir has been defeated. He couldn't endure this much energy, could he?"

Regardless, Ryan didn't have time to waste thinking about that. He had to turn Lucifer's body into nothing. He began to bombard those bits of flesh with temporal and holy arrows. Still, while he caused damage, Ryan failed in destroying them completely. At some point, all the flesh stopped moving and then began to tremble. Ryan didn't like that and increased the output of the attacks. However, it didn't change anything. Those numerous pieces of flesh began to grow, and in the blink of an eye, they became ten meters tall replicas of Lucifer.

Lucifer

Class: ???/???/???

Race: —

Rank: —

Health: ???/???

Mana: ???/???

Stamina: ???/???

Strength: ???

Dexterity: ???

Speed: ???

Intelligence: ???

Endurance: ???

Control: ???

Mentality: ???

Luck: ???

Recovery: ???

Willpower: ???

Coins: —

Status: —

Skill List

Offensive Physical Skills: ???, ???, ???

Passive Physical Skills: ???, ???, ???

Spells: ???, ???, ???

Support Skills: ???, ???, ???

Ryan used Absolute Appraisal, but he only found the same status screen in all of them. After a while, all the replicas opened their eyes and glared at Ryan. More than ever, they really wanted his blood.

“You surprised me,” Lucifer said. “I find it hard to believe that someone aside from those two would be able to do that... ah, Ymir just died. You people are really something else.”

Despite his calm attitude, Ryan didn't let Lucifer fool him. One can genuinely master wrath when it can control it... being angry without losing their cool... That was the worst type of enemy Ryan could think of. Another thing that proved that Ryan's guess was correct was the fact that each replica was growing bigger. At first, Ryan couldn't quite imagine Lucifer being able to destroy the universe, but now he could.

“You seem exasperated instead of happy, why?” Lucifer asked. “You should feel happy for your friends accomplishments.”

Some of the replicas flew toward Ryan, and even though he stopped them with his arrows since their overall power was smaller than before, Ryan still got hit from behind when another one used Teleport. Ryan didn't see that one coming, but he felt his spine almost breaking...

Before the next attack came, Ryan used Foresight in one of his eyes while he used the other to attack the Replicas. Even when dozens of them surrounded him, Ryan still managed to fight back and stop their advance. However, Ryan felt the number of presences around him increasing. His face turned pale when he saw Lucifer creating even more replicas of himself. What was scary was the fact that the replicas weren't connected to each other like the replica he could obtain using Aphrodite's power. Those were powerful in their own right and could even grow stronger or die without affecting the real Lucifer. There was even a real Lucifer now? As far as his senses were telling him, all those replicas were real enough to become the real one in case the others died.

“This seems like trouble,” Merlin said, for the first time sounding really worried.

If those were real, then that worked well for Ryan. He used Wolf's Greed and began to steal their dexterity. This time, Ryan felt Lucifer's anger increasing. He was pissed that Ryan was using his technique against him... that was really stupid, so Ryan just continued.

Your Dexterity has increased by 2000 points.

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Eventually, Ryan was forced to stop because just like he could steal the status of all of those, they could steal his mana. Since there were so many, Ryan lost all his mana instantly. Ryan was lucky, though. If it weren't for Lucifer's pride, he wouldn't steal only his mana. He would steal all his other status. Thinking logically, it would be the best way to defeat him, but Lucifer's pride wouldn't allow him to do that.

The replicas began to teleport around and attack Ryan. Although he could fight back using the mana he was regenerating, Lucifer stole the rest of his mana to prevent Foresight, so Ryan began to get hit again.

“Hey, Ryan, I have an idea,” Merlin said while Ryan was being used as a volleyball by the replicas. “If you fight without that bow and keep doing that for a while thinking that you want to defeat him by yourself, you may gain the sin of pride. The power of pride given by the system will strengthen your status up to ten times.”

“... No thanks,” Ryan said while he was using Conversion to turn the pain and the impacts into energy and immediately transfer them to his Soul Eater. “I tried to create a path for myself without relying on anyone’s help, but I eventually learned that I didn’t achieve anything by doing so. I only accomplished this much because I finally gained true friends. Besides, this was my plan to begin with, if I don’t do my part of the plan, I will look really stupid.”

“Oh, well... I guess you have your own weird pride,” Merlin said.

After he got sick of being hit like a ball, Ryan suddenly attacked. Using Power Shot, Angelic Arrow, and Time Skip, he bombarded a single replica of Lucifer with dozens of projectiles in a single instant that the replica turned into dust in front of his very eyes.

You obtained 555.369.252 coins.

“I guess this is doable,” Ryan said after raising his chin and facing Lucifer.

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Lucifer’s aura changed again. A mere human trying to raise his chin in front of him... that wasn’t something he could tolerate. While he kept making replicas leave his body as if he was some kind of virus, Lucifer made the already existing copies attack Ryan with dark spheres of energy. Just hitting him a few times wouldn’t do. He had to make sure his body would be destroyed down to an atomic level since he had Chronus power.

Ryan began to move around and dodged the attacks. The replicas didn't grow strong enough as the previous original, so he could do that much. However, suddenly, a replica teleported behind him and then grabbed Ryan's back, preventing him from moving freely. Ryan used Teleport to escape the next attack, but the replica used Teleport and made his return. Ryan felt his body melting away by the attack that could destroy all types of matter. But in the end, he survived... he was just bleeding from the chest a little, but then recovered WITH Temporal Healing. However, the next attack came, and the demon on his back didn't go away.

Since he was stronger than the replicas, Ryan had an idea that it might work. He used Void World after putting the replica to sleep and then used it as a shield against the dark sphere of energy.

"You..." Lucifer glared at Ryan with vicious eyes.

While Lucifer was doing that, he exterminated another replica with the previous combination of skills. Power Shot, Angelic Arrow, and Time Skip. It was a combination that consumed a lot of mana, so Ryan needed some time to prepare.

Upon noticing that such strategies won't work against Ryan unless the replicas grow stronger faster, Lucifer decided to change his strategy. The replicas created numerous arrows made of corrupt energy, and Ryan raised his guard. While he could control all types of energy now, he could only withstand so much at the same time. He may not lose his mind, but his mind still will suffer some damage and leave him wide open.

Instead of dodging them, Ryan summoned hundreds of copies of his Diamond Crossbow and pulled the trigger when the replicas began to fire. For a while, nothing happened since Ryan had the skills to hit the corrupt arrows before they could hit him, but that didn't change anything. Lucifer still was replicating himself, and the copies were growing strong...

"What about this, Ryan?" Merlin asked. "I finally analyzed Lucifer's skills, you can now obtain the classes related to his pride."

"Man, you are noisy..." Ryan said and then sighed. "I don't need any more power ups. I will shatter this guy's pride and his existence with what I already have."

Ryan began to hold his bow more tightly than usual, and Lucifer understood that he wanted to attack him in the future again. He was making some of his replicas steal his mana all the time, but it seemed that wasn't enough...

Lucifer didn't want to do that since it would weaken his main body, but in the end, he decided to use all his mana to speed up the Replication process. With more replicas, he will be able to steal more mana and gain strength faster. So, Ryan would eventually be put in a corner.

Ryan clicked his tongue when he saw what Lucifer was doing. In the blink of an eye, the two hundred replicas became eight hundred. While none of them were real trouble to him in a one-on-one fight, the fact that they could all steal his mana was troublesome. Thanks to that massive number, his mana was being stolen even before he could do anything with it.

Without any other option, Ryan went to hand-to-hand combat. The first replica that tried to block his attack broke its arms by doing so, but four other demons attacked Ryan from behind. However, Ryan attacked them after grabbing the replicas by the arm and spun its body to crush all of them at the same time. Ryan gained some mana and coins from it, but the other replicas stole that. To make things even worse, while he had killed three demons, fifteen others had appeared.

"You can't take a break, huh, Ryan," Merlin said.

"I wish I could take a break from your nagging," Ryan said.

What was the best way to eliminate a high number of enemies? Use area of effect skills. However, given that the enemies were replicas of Lucifer, that wouldn't work. Not to mention, there was the problem of mana... Before Ryan could find a solution to that predicament, Lucifer made half of his replicas attack him with Corrupt Arrows and the other half to steal his mana. That was a really troublesome combination...

In the end, Ryan just let those hit him. Aside from the pain, Ryan also felt his head being taken by dark thoughts. These weird images made him question if he had lived or everything he saw over the past year had been an illusion. Seeing Ryan contorting himself like that made Lucifer smile from ear to ear. But then suddenly, the smile disappeared when the heads of seven copies exploded for no apparent reason. He felt the use of time magic, and he also felt Ryan recovering his mana a little bit, but he had no idea what had happened.

“Relying on numbers won’t do you any good,” Ryan declared while grinning from ear to ear. “You’d better prepare something at the level of a supernova, or you will be defeated much sooner than you can imagine. That would be disappointing...”

Lucifer got enraged, and several of his replicas grew stronger exponentially. It didn’t seem like a taunt given how serious Ryan was when he said that, but it didn’t change the fact that he stepped on Lucifer’s pride once again.

When Ryan repeated the same thing a few seconds later, Lucifer understood that those hadn’t been empty words.. Ryan really meant it.

Chapter 1004

Dozens of replicas had to die before Lucifer finally understood Ryan’s tricks... at the very moment of the activation of the skills he used, he used Energy Control to convert stamina into mana. Using the rest of his stamina, he increased the Power of Concentrated Strike and killed hundreds of demons.

“Against opponents of this level, he can fight them without a bow,” Lucifer thought. “I didn’t think Chronus’ power would increase his power so much.”

When the replicas tried to steal Ryan’s stamina and mana, Ryan used his health to convert into energy in the activation of his attacks, and when Lucifer tried to steal that was well, again, he didn’t have enough replicas to prevent Ryan from attacking. Just absorbing the replicas would give the chance to overpower Ryan though and through, but that wouldn’t satisfy Lucifer. He knew that Ryan wasn’t someone who would give in to despair that easily. After all, he came to challenge him alone.

With his new tactic, Ryan managed to stop the growth of Lucifer’s copies. Lucifer’s condition wouldn’t let him mass produce copies of himself for a while, so he decided to use another trick...

Several copies of Lucifer flew toward Ryan, and when he prepared to attack, they suddenly transformed and assumed Femradial’s form. Ryan was caught off guard for a second, and then the demons used that chance to punch him with all their might. The sound and pain caused by his muscles cracking made Ryan wake up and then in the next moment. The heads of the demons exploded.

“Oh... you didn’t hesitate,” Lucifer said, looking visibly amused. “Did you really love her?”

“What a boring demon you are...” Ryan said and then sighed. “Still, you gave me an idea. So, let me thank you properly.”

Before the next demons could dash toward him, Ryan summoned a certain crossbow, and using Time Skip, he pulled the trigger. The creatures protected themselves as they waited for a powerful attack, but nothing really happened. However, when they proceeded to attack again, something hit the interior of their mouths, and their heads exploded. Lucifer showed a baffled expression when he suddenly saw Magma Golems around... Ryan had fired bolts at the demon’s mouths and summoned the Golems.

“My nastiness is returning at full throttle, this might be helpful,” Ryan smiled.

Lucifer grew tired of Ryan. He gave the order for the demons to fuse themselves again. In the blink of an eye, the eight hundred became eighty, and each one of those had almost the same power level as when the original caused the supernova. Despite looking at those, Ryan didn’t show any worry in his expression. If anything, he was grateful for the fact that all his mana wouldn’t be stolen again.

All those demons, with the exception of one, flew around and surrounded Ryan. Thanks to that, Ryan noticed that the original could withstand seeing the replicas being killed. Still, he didn’t want to let his main body suffer the same fate under any circumstances. Before Ryan could think of a way to use that in his favor. The demons dashed to attack him at the same time. When the first one lashed his claws, Ryan saw them distorting the fabric of space again. Ryan used his bow and repelled the claws with his bolts.

For some reason, Ryan focused only on repelling the attacks and the replicas when they got too close. It seemed that was everything Ryan could do since he was against so many enemies. However, Lucifer could feel that Ryan could do more.

When one of the demons finally managed to scratch Ryan’s back and open a large wound, his expression broke into a one of pain. Still, despite that, he didn’t use Temporal healing, and that confirmed Lucifer’s suspicion that he was plotting something...

With Ymir and Chronus out of the picture, Lucifer didn’t have to rush. Still, it would be better to attack and destroy Earth before the people there can prepare and cause any problems. Instead of creating new

replicas, Lucifer raised his arms, and a vast concentration of mana began to take the shape of a sphere of dark flames.

“Ah... this might be bad, Ryan,” Merlin said. “Lucifer is preparing to use a spell that will definitely kill you if it touches you.”

“How do you know that? I survived a supernova, I am sure I can survive that,” Ryan said. “Rather, don’t talk to me, I am busy.”

“Well, I know because I developed that spell. It is called Dark Sun,” Merlin replied. “Aside from fire, it also has darkness, and that can eat everything, even your mana and stamina. Your own energy will fuel the attack that will kill you making you unable to use any spell or skill.”

That seemed like a problem. Still, why the hell did Merlin create such a scary spell? Ryan was right in not asking for his help, a guy who creates something like that can’t be trusted.

Before Lucifer could make that attack grow too strong, Ryan fired Draconic Bow towards it. Three of the replicas didn’t manage to dodge the attack and were pushed forward. The Dark Sun and Lucifer didn’t even try to dodge it. Thanks to it, the replicas were obliterated by both attacks... but the Dark Sun didn’t suffer anything. It didn’t even tremble. Just like Merlin said, it seemed the attack ate away the energy of Draconic Bow.

Although the situation seemed quite troublesome, Ryan didn’t give up. If that attack had the darkness element, then he just had to use the opposite. Soon enough, Ryan recovered his mana, and to make sure that he wouldn’t fail, he converted even his health and stamina into mana when he fired an enhanced to the limit, Draconic Bow alongside Angelic Arrow.

When the two vast concentrations of energy collided, the whole area trembled, and a powerful shockwave sent Ryan, Lucifer, and the replicas flying toward the opposite direction. The energy made him spin and fly away for several minutes while his whole body was hurting like hell, but in the end, Ryan was thankful for that because, in the place which he had been previously, he couldn’t see anything in it, not even the reflection of the stars in the opposite direction... it seemed like a black hole, but Ryan knew that the normal ones couldn’t be seen with eyes alone....

“What was that?” Ryan frowned when he saw the weird-looking distortion in the space slowly disappearing.

“That is a spatial distortion that connects this reality to the void,” Merlin replied. “Don’t get even close to it, that is like a dead dimension. Magic doesn’t work there. I have been trying to study the differences from this to our one, but I have too little data to realize anything. If you get in there, I won’t be able to help you.”

Ryan wasn’t expecting help coming from Merlin anyway, but he thanked them for the warning. That didn’t seem like the underworld where Thanatos and Hades would have the power to do as they see fit; it seemed like a real dimension where souls turn into nothing. Quite the scary place and to think that Ryan and Lucifer’s attacks caused that;

While Ryan looked pretty scared, Lucifer looked excited at the result of the demonstration of his own power. Now that Ryan thought about it, his physical attacks also connected the reality to the Void, but that probably was the first time he saw such an open route to the Void.

“Let’s see; it seems I am not ready yet,” Ryan rubbed his chin thoughtfully.

The demons prepared to surround Ryan once again. The original Lucifer began to create another Dark Sun with a smile on his face; it seemed like he was going to practice the greatest and most exciting sport in the universe with that smile on. His face;

Ryan didn’t have time for that, so he summoned a replica of himself. Naturally, Lucifer frowned. What was he expecting to accomplish with a single replica? Unless he wanted to use it to protect himself from the attack, it was essentially useless. Ryan and the replica used Teleport and then appeared at the same time behind Lucifer. Thanks to that, he didn’t know which one was the original anymore.

The demons quickly approached to stop the two, but they were bombarded by arrows. While neither of them was killed, those two managed to slow them down, and then they punched Lucifer’s back. The creature was sent flying forward, but he still managed to fire the dark sun toward them. Ryan didn’t have time to counterattack, so both of them were engulfed by the massive attack. However, while their presence disappeared, Lucifer knew that Ryan wasn’t dead. One of his replicas began to lose its dexterity at an alarming rate, and then he found Ryan and another replica above the battlefield.

“How meaningless’! what are you hoping to accomplish by doing this?” Lucifer asked.

“Just wait and you will see,” Ryan replied.

Lucifer’s main body grew in size again, and now he was one hundred meters tall. Considering his current presence, Ryan wondered if he could survive even a single punch of that. He had become so stronger that it seemed that the space was cracking around him’!

“it seems that his pride makes him wish for direct confrontations to determine who is the strongest,” Ryan thought. “That would explain why he is so pissed when I am only relying on cheap tricks to make him waste his mana and gather more for myself.”

Lucifer raised his arms, and again and by the look in his eyes, Ryan assumed that he would use everything in his power to kill Ryan with the next attack. That was a great chance to use Wolf’s Greed, but the replicas began to fly around to prevent him from using that. Sometimes they even used Teleport. That wouldn’t be a problem if Ryan could use Wolf’s Greed alongside Time Skip, but he couldn’t.

Ryan didn’t use that until now, but it seemed that was the best time to use it. He had stored some mana in the previous minutes, so it was the perfect time to use it’! while Lucifer was preparing his attack. Using Temporal Weaponization, Ryan created several bows and hit all the replicas. Lucifer opened his eyes widely when he saw the effect of those attacks’! Ryan was stealing all the mana the replicas had, and before they could free themselves, Ryan stole all of their mana.

This time, it had been Lucifer’s turn seeing Ryan with an aura loaded with mana that made the space around him vibrate and distort’! to think that little human would use his power against Lucifer again’! it was really time to end things.

Lucifer made all the replicas move to his side, and then he began to absorb them. That was something Ryan didn’t expect’! it seemed that Lucifer had outsmarted his outsmarting’! as silly as that sounded. Lucifer grew in size again, and for the first time, Ryan heard Merlin gulp.

“Well, it was good to know you, Ryan,” Merlin said.

“I can’t say the same thing’!” Ryan said and then sighed.

Ryan was finally out of ideas. He didn’t know what to do to counter Lucifer’s last power-up. Maybe if he goes back in time and’! when Ryan considered that. He noticed that he had another option, he could use the bow on his left hand. It’s not like he had originally planned’! Ryan approached the bow to his head, and then he used Weapon Assimilation.

Congratulations! The skill Legendary Archery has reached the max level.

Congratulations! The class Angelic Archer has reached the max level.

Congratulations! The skill Arrow Cannon has reached the max level.

Congratulations! The class Draconic Hunter has reached the max level.

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Ryan felt the power of every single member of the alliance passing through his body. Not to mention, he gained thousands of status points from the classes from the skills level-ups. Ryan’s power-up had been so crazy that even Lucifer looked at it with amazement. However, a large grin suddenly appeared on his face.

“This is it! This is how we should determine who is the strongest of the universe!” Lucifer said in Absolute ecstasy.

“I would rather use my brains or my arrows skillfully instead of this,” Ryan said. “Oh, well’! if it can help make you turn into dust, then I will gladly use it.”

Ryan didn’t have to use a proper bow to attack, but he still made the same move he always does when he is firing a real arrow. All the energy inside his master manifested in his aura, probably because that was the arrow shot that he wanted to fire’!

In the end, Lucifer fired a moon-sized dark sun toward Ryan, and Ryan's aura took the shape of an arrow and then flew towards it. The massive explosion caused by their attacks quickly engulfed that whole galaxy and even made the entire universe tremble.

When the vast concentration of mana disappeared. It seemed like a colossal hole suddenly appeared in the cosmos.. Countless stars disappeared, and the largest portal that connected the reality to the Void stayed open for three months, and then it eventually closed, but no one left it.

Chapter 1006

Several months had passed after the last battle, and although there were some vibrations across the cosmos showing everyone that Ryan still was fighting Lucifer, after a while, those stopped showing the end of the battle. His allies began to think that Ryan had died. After all, more than half a year had passed since everything went silent.

His allies were worried about Femradiel because she was about to give birth and she spent this whole time completely relaxing. Well, most of the survivors began to relax while they were fixing the whole planet. The dungeons didn't disappear, and monsters still were spawning, but at that point in time, they were considered new species of the planet.

Femradiel was taking a nap while enjoying the sunlight of the early morning on a certain beach in Miami. It was a nice place that she really enjoyed since it was much different from her previous timeline. After restoring the whole region by herself, Femradiel built a house and began to lazily slept around every day while waiting for Ryan's return and her kid's birth. She was so relaxed that she snored pretty loudly, but she suddenly stopped when she felt a presence appearing.

"Hello, it has been a while," Isis greeted Femradiel with a smile.

"Yes, it has," Femradiel scratched her sleepy face. "How is everything proceeding?"

"I guess we are almost there, some of the elder gods even began to leave to other planets, those who were young were never too eager to return to Earth, after all," Isis explained. "I guess only the oldest generations see Earth like their only home."

Femradiel frowned when she heard that. Even the youngest of the elder gods were at least thousands of years old' ¦ Regardless, Earth still had plenty of room for so many people. Although many humans and some of the elder gods tried to use Reset and revive some people, their powers had limits. Even Isis and Odin could only use so much mana at a single time without damaging their bodies and spirits. Thus, going back in time for more than a month was nearly impossible.

"I know that is asked this many times, but' ¦" Isis said while looking around. "Are you really okay waiting here?"

"You are such a worrywart," Femradiel shrugged.

Rather than that, Isis was starting to think that Femradiel was in denial. Most of the elder gods could use Foresight now and see the future ahead in a couple of days, but none of them saw Ryan returning. That is why Isis, Athena, and even Loki visited her pretty often. Loki only comes to do some pranks, but he always stays for a while as well.

"Well, come to visit us once in a while too," Isis said. "Everyone is asking for you."

"I will, once Ryan returns," Femradiel said.

Isis nodded while making a slightly complicated expression. She really had no idea what to say at times like these, even though she was so long-lived. Regardless, after that, she disappeared, and Femradiel resumed her nap.

After a couple of hours, the plane suddenly began to tremble. Those who had good senses noticed that the whole world was being covered in a new layer of mana. No' ¦ it seemed like the mana in the world was expanding by someone's control. The elder gods didn't think they would have to face another enemy that could do that kind of thing any time soon, but they prepared to fight. Although that happened near her home, too, Femradiel didn't wake up. Not even when another presence suddenly appeared around her.

"Phew' ¦ it seemed that worked," Ryan said.

“You owe me one,” Merlin said.

“Let’s hope I won’t regret this later’!” Ryan frowned. “It seemed that I also returned on time.”

“You can only blame your paranoia for that,” Merlin said.

“Just shut up for a second and let me enjoy this moment,” Ryan said and then approached Femradiel.

She was supposed to have good senses, but she didn’t even notice Ryan’s return. What a letdown’! Nevertheless, her belly was big, and she seemed more than healthy enough to sleep like that, so Ryan couldn’t have asked for more. Still, the temperature was increasing on the beach, and even though Femradiel had the endurance of a dragon, the baby didn’t. So, Ryan carried her in his arms inside the beach house. The interior of the place was quite fancy, so Ryan felt quite weird inside it.

After finding the bedroom, Ryan put Femradiel there, and then he sat while offering her a lap pillow. She stopped snoring and then began to laugh in her sleep. Eventually, Femradiel woke up, and instead of welcoming him, she began to lecture Ryan.

“You are late!” Femradiel said.

“My bad, I wasn’t so sure that he had died, so I had to do some cleaning up,” Ryan said. “Lucifer was a tough bastard, his flesh was sent flying to many galaxies, so before he could regenerate, I searched for those parts and destroyed his remains. After that, I began to work on something else.”

“And you didn’t have time to return for a minute?” Femradiel asked, still angry.

“Well, I was pretty far away’!” Ryan shrugged. “And this new project required me to visit many planets. Even now, my replicas are working like crazy to finish it.”

“What did you do?” Femradiel asked.

“Well, unlike someone, I figured that to prevent future problems, we will need some layers of defense,” Ryan said. “That is why I am activating the mana of various planets and turning them into domains, my domains. If someone troublesome appears on those planets or even nearby them, I will know.”

“You complain about me, but whom did you ask for help with that?” Merlin asked. “Your ability to develop spells is lousy, after all.”

“You are still here, Merlin?” Femradial asked.

“For the time being, yes,” Merlin replied. “But my influence is over, don’t worry, I am not here to impose.”

“That is good’ ¦ for your own good,” Femradial said.

“Yikes’ ¦” Merlin said.

“Anyway, let’s visit everyone!” Femradial said. “It is time to rub on their faces the fact that I was right, they looked at me like I was a kid who believed in Santa Claus while waiting for you.”

“Well, well’ ¦ they really think that I am that unreliable,” Ryan said. “Not like I care, but’ ¦ let’s wait for a bit. You are approaching the ninth month, right? Let’s take it easy for the time being in order for the delivery to be without any problems.”

“Hehehe, I suppose that is fine,” Femradial said while giggling.

“So, how is everyone going?” Ryan asked while he was patting Femradial’s head.

“Well, I only heard a few things from those who visited me,” Femradial replied. “Since you skipped the work of restoring the planet. They stayed busy for almost six months. Although they fooled their allies once, Athena and Loki were mostly fine. The other elder gods apparently had no reason to hate them after losing fair and square. Loki is travelling around while causing trouble to everyone and Athena is making sure to discipline those who don’t believe that they can keep their desire to use their new powers.”

“That is good, I was thinking of erasing the memories regarding those powers of everyone I could,” Ryan said.

“When did you become so shady?” Femradiel frowned. “Anyway, Alissa is working alongside Fang Shi and now and then she also helps the pendragons.”

“Good for her, It seems she is finally moving on with her life,” Ryan said.

“Well, her and Fang Shi had a special connection, after all,” Femradiel said. “In the other timeline, he had become Orgar.”

“Really? That is quite shocking!” Ryan frowned. “She went to look for a way to bring back Orgar and she found his past self? How crazy is that?”

“Also, Natasha gave birth to three girls and she often asks us to visit her,” Femradiel said.

“I am glad to hear that someone else also had a bit of faith in me,” Ryan said.

“Actually, most of those who doubted your return were the elder gods,” Femradiel said. “They were just trying not to admit that your stubbornness is your greatest attribute.”

“I am not sure about that!” Ryan frowned.

“Let’s see what else you missed Yahiko and Haruna’s marriage,” Femradiel said. “Mohammed began to travel around using dungeons to establish a good relationship with the dungeon masters since they went quiet after those battles.”

“I suppose both were good things,” Ryan said. “Still, Yahiko to go after his subordinate. My image of him was different. What about the guys in South America?”

“Lucas and Gustavo’s group were probably the busiest of humans, the vegetation of that part of the continent suffered a lot and they want to restore everything,” Femradiel said.

“I guess growing up seeing so much green would make them miss it after a while,” Ryan nodded to himself. “Still, I didn’t think they were much of environmentalists. I can’t see how six humans with draconic powers can speed up that process, though.”

“They are having Isis and Poseidon’s help, so I am sure they will soon see great results,” Femradiel said.

“Isis is one thing, but Poseidon too?” Ryan frowned. “That is probably the most insane thing I have heard in all my life.”

“While he isn’t much of an environmentalist, he can easily turn seawater into proper water to shower the whole world,” Femradiel explained. “Apparently, in exchange of that, humans promised him to stop connecting their sewers to the oceans.”

While that was a good thing, Ryan didn’t expect to hear that. It felt more than a bit weird’ still, considering Poseidon’s behavior, he normally would just trash the civilization of those who dare to dirty his oceans.

“Now, about your friends that are our closest neighbors now’ still,” Femradiel said and then looked at Ryan.

“What?” Ryan asked.

“Aren’t you going to say that they aren’t your friends like usual?” Femradiel asked.

“I am past that,” Ryan said. “Friends might be too much, though. Brother in arms is more than enough. We all fought to protect this planet, after all.”

“That is kind of boring,” Femradiel said. “Anyway, Daniel and Cole’s group began to travel around in order to stop the dungeon masters who are trying to take advantage of the situation since we are

shorthanded. Those guys had a lot of military friends, so they are doing a pretty good job. I didn't see a single monster in months."

"I didn't think their influence would reach this far'!" Ryan said.

"Actually, I am the one responsible for keeping things in order on the East Coast," Femradiel said proudly. "I visited all the dungeon masters and I said that I would trash their worlds if they try to control the monsters and damage the world or what we rebuilt."

"Well'! I never imagined that you had such tact for diplomacy," Ryan said while forcing a smile.

"Your acting skills could use some work'!" Femradiel said and then sighed. "As for Mia, Zoe, and Arthur, they are working together to build some sort of international school where they can teach basic things and common sense for the kids that will be born in the future. It seems that their growth speed decreased since the mana level in this planet stabilized, but most kids still are growing two times faster than before."

"Heh, school'!" Ryan said.

"You wanted to become a teacher, didn't you?" Femradiel asked. "Why not help them?"

"I wanted to be a teacher, but I guess that working as a special force that will hunt down troublemakers across the cosmos suits me better," Ryan said.

"You are still planning to fight?" Femradiel asked. "Are you expecting me to raise our daughter by myself?"

"Don't worry, that was why I was setting the domains, I can attack everyone without leaving your side," Ryan explained. "Wait, are you sure it is a girl? I kind of wanted to have a boy'!"

"Why?" Femradiel asked. "Girls are cuter and more obedient."

“Well, if my first kid will be a girl, then my fight will never end,” Ryan said. “I will have to chase away many brats that will try to approach her. I get it! Only someone who is able to defeat me will have the chance to marry her.”

“You sound so stupid saying that with a straight face’!” Femradiel facepalmed.

Those two giggled, and then Merlin let out a sigh. Observing them was just too weird and made him a bit jealous since his wife was busy most of the time and treated her work very seriously.

“Well, I leave you guys alone,” Merlin said. “The Ranger’s Domain spell is already completely under your control, Ryan.”

“Got it,” Ryan said.

“Come to think of it, I never told you my real name, did I?” Merlin asked.

“Your name is Merlin,” Ryan frowned.

“It isn’t’! how stupid can you be?” Merlin asked after sighing again. “My name is Leon and as I said, you owe me one, and I will need your help with the next project. I will return in a few years. See ya.”

The sphere actually disappeared, and Ryan sighed in relief. He finally would have some privacy, but it seemed that he wouldn’t stay from Merlin for long’! or Leon. Ryan thought that was a really annoying name’!

“That is a good name,” Femradiel said. “What do you think of Lenore? Or Leonor? Leone? Leona?”

“Do you want to change his name and gender without asking him?” Ryan frowned.

“I was talking about our daughter’s name’!” Femradiel frowned. “Leona seems beautiful and strong’! it seems like the name of a golden female paladin would have.”

“Leona’! Leona,” Femradiel smiled while rubbing her belly.

Ryan smiled as well, seeing that. Call him crazy, but he had imagined a scene like that crossing his mind when he went to face Lucifer. That was why he said that he had a good feeling about that battle. To make that scene reality, he did his best.

“Thank you, Ryan,” Femradiel said. “I love you.”

“I don’t dislike you either,” Ryan said.

Femradiel looked at Ryan with reproachful eyes and then pinched his side. That had hurt quite a bit, but it only made Ryan smile.

“Just kidding’! I love you too,” Ryan said. “I love you both.”

The End.