

Chapter 346: Angel-Devil War

“Is that so?” said Morris before summoning a disturbing creature that was the combination of many different mid-level devils. It had three bodies stuck together, while the lower part appeared to be an enormous octopus.

Dante used his Body Magic to turn into a small muscular giant 5 meters tall. At the same time, numerous bones sprout out from Zenon’s back as he uses his Bone Magic. Furthermore, the two could still use the magic attribute from when they were a devil host.

Gravity Magic: Presence of the Demon King

Dante used Beelzebub’s Gravity Magic to increase the gravity in the surroundings.

Spatial Magic: Spatial Mana Domination.

Zenon created a cub that surrounded the group, and inside that cube, he had absolute control over mana. So, he can cancel spells if he wishes to. Meanwhile, Morris’ abomination of a creature opened its mouth to shoot different attribute attacks.

The first head shot a jet of purple poison, the second head had a fire element and the third wind.

Edward calmly watched these people perform. He created an Anti-Gravity Shield around to block Dante’s attack. As for Zenon’s spell, it was useless to him since his control of mana was even better than those loved by mana, which this spell is ineffective against.

As for Morris’ creation, he only looked at it and said: “Silence.” With Zagred’s Word Soul Magic, this creature could no longer open its mouth, causing their attacks to explode their heads. Regrettably, as devils, they could regenerate.

Meanwhile, Dante took this opportunity to rush toward his opponent. His Body Magic granted unimaginable physical and healing capabilities, making him perfectly suited for close combat.

And he knew that most wizards were weak to close combat. And even if they were not, they could not compete with his overwhelming strength. Unfortunately, he miscalculated this time.

Once he arrived in front of Edward, the latter punched straight in his face, sending him crashing on the floor while leaving a fist mark on his deformed face.

Furthermore, Dante sensed an unknown and strange energy nullifying or delaying his regeneration. So, he quickly used his magic to its full extent.

“Bind,” said Edward, and chains appeared to capture Dante, rendering him useless. Zenon went on the offensive as his bone spike rushed toward Edward. However, his attack was a distraction as he separated a few dozen bone spikes to free his body.

Meanwhile, a Time bubble came out of Edward’s body and, before Zenon could react, encapsulated him, rendering him immobile since time had stopped inside.

In this short time, Lucius managed to remove the Anti-Magic Arrows from his back. And for his next step, he opened the 7th layer of the Underworld and summoned all the devils under his control.

There were hundreds of thousands of them, and they all had the same Angel-Devil Form that Lucius and the Dark Triad had.

Edward ignored Lucius as he looked at the calm Morris; he then sneered before using the Origin Grimoire to summon the Shikigamis from the Spirit World. He asked for their help to subdue all these devils.

Then, he suddenly appeared between Lucius and Morris. Before they could react, a black sphere enveloped them, rendering their magic useless.

Spatial Magic: Anti-Magic Domain.

Edward created a cube-like space similar to Zenon before filling that space with Anti-Magic to create a pseudo Domain where magic is nullified. He then watched as Lucius punched the cube's edge with all his strength.

Although he had the enhanced physical abilities of Lucifero, without his magic, he was not strong enough to break this spell. Meanwhile, Morris slowly disintegrated while his pet lay in the cube, also useless.

Under Edward's control, the captured Dante and frozen Zenon flew into the cube before it became smaller until he could hold it in his palm. After selling these three, he looked at the confrontation between the Shikimamis and the devil. And after noticing his side had the advantage, he opened a portal to another place: the Underworld's 8th Layer.

"I guess I cannot escape my fate," said Morris calmly.

However, Edward ignored him but looked at a throne where a skeleton dressed in dark gold armor sat.

'Satan's dead body? It seems he really is dead. Nevertheless, he would make a great Undead,' thought Edward, looking at Morris, who seemed to be establishing some sort of ceremony.

"I always suspected that God had a pawn on the mortal plane. I did not expect it to be you."

"Father offered me something I could not resist."

"Let me guess: knowledge."

Morris was slightly surprised before smiling: "I had a feeling that you and I were candid spirits."

"Maybe. But I would never sell my soul for things I could get myself. Now, are you going to resist?"

Morris just smiled, but Edward suddenly appeared before him before placing his finger on his forehead, sealing and controlling his soul. Then, he sensed the power of the Universe Will, trying to eliminate Morris's soul, but he was ready this time.

He used his Origin Grimoire to cancel God's Universe Will before searching Morris' soul for information. And he did find something.

In his early years, Morris became infatuated with researching magic at all costs to unravel its mystery. So, when a mysterious being contacted him in his dream and offered him the knowledge he could never dream of in exchange for working for it, he quickly accepted.

His first task was to help the devil open the Gate of the Underworld while keeping tabs on them. Then, recently, his task was to acquire Satan's remains. Unfortunately, accessing the 8th layer was not easy, and even Lucius did not know how to and might not even know of its existence.

After getting that information, Edward was not satisfied since he had only learned very little about God. So, he placed his focus on someone else who might know more: Astaroth.

This devil survived since the ancient war and should know a lot more information. Lucius's Soul Magic allowed him to suppress Astaroth's soul and take control of him and his magic. Of course, Edward believed that the injury he gave the latter few years prior also contributed to his success.

Nevertheless, it was not a complete success since Lucius appeared to not know about God or even the 8th layer of the Underworld: these were secrets that Astaroth should know and should have learned from him.

Edward removed Astaroth's Soul from the cube and slowly searched through his memories. Although much of it was blurry through time or some outside force, he did learn a lot.

God and Satan were the first creatures in this universe, and they each served the purpose of maintaining the balance of the world: they were responsible for guarding the afterlife.

After a creature died, it would be judged in the underworld. If they lived a good and morally upright life, they could go to Elysium and turn into angels. If they were horrible in their lifetime, they would be

punished for eternity in the underworld. And if they live a neutral life, then they can reincarnate and try again.

Everything was normal until Satan got greedy. He discovered that the sinful souls he punished in the underworld could increase his power if he swallowed them. So, he began to tempt the races in the mortal plane to commit more sins so they would go to the underworld after death.

And, of course, God was not happy with this, so he wanted to stop his counterpart and former friend. Unfortunately, the war expanded and got out of control until the Wizard Sage appeared and sealed these two.

Edward frowned after learning this. He previously thought Satan and God fought for a chance to transcend this universe, but it appears he was wrong.

“Something is wrong with this information,” he muttered. From the information he got about God so far, he appeared to be a cold and calculated individual, not someone who would do something for the greater good of all the races in the mortal plane.

After reviewing the information again, he found a few anomalies. The first one was Satan’s death. He sacrificed much of his life force to increase his strength and severely injured God. Then, he used the Afterlife to reinforce the seal on God.

As such, since the war, the soul of 80% of the dead people of this world will turn as energy to reinforce the seal; this is the reason it has lasted for hundreds of thousands of years since the war.

After that, Satan did not resist when the Wizard Sage sealed the underworld, prevented all devils from entering the mortal plane, and died soon afterward.

“His actions were not like someone consumed by his lust for power, but out revenge and anger,” commented Edward on Satan’s action.

Another anomaly he discovered was a battle Astaroth experienced between Satan and God. Although they appeared evenly matched, based on God’s facial expression and eye movement, he could tell the latter was not really trying.

Oftentimes, he would look at one of Satan's openings, but instead of taking the opportunity to attack, the latter ignored it. Furthermore, when Satan suddenly boosts his power to use a surprise attack to defeat his opponent, the latter would easily respond while making it look like he had suffered.

'With this evidence, there is a high chance that God started the entire war because of his goal of transcendence.'

After coming to this conclusion, Edward raised the threat level of God for their confrontation. Nevertheless, the Elysium Invasion was less than a month away, and Nacht had already infiltrated these. So, he will know all the answers soon.

He then gazed at Satan's remains.

'The Soul is already scattered. However, I could use Astaroth, Beelzebub, Lucifero, Lucius, and the Dark Triad's souls to create a truly powerful undead as my aid.'

He proceeded to take Satan's remains away before taking out the Diamond Origin Grimoire, which was the final piece.