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Though he was angry, that emotion quickly turned to panic when Filipe saw Gerald pinch his sword fingers together before charging over! Now anxious out of his mind, Filipe quickly tossed out his Heavenly Guard Order. Since the Heavenly Guard Order was still an angelic artifact, it was able to block Gerald's Skysplit attack.

Sefore Gerald could use another attack, however, a dazzling light burst from the artifact, temporarily blinding everyone!

By the time they finally regained their sight, Filipe and Elain were nowhere to be seen...

"That b*stard sure runs fast...!" growled Darkwind with a huff. "If he didn't have that angelic artifact, Mr. Crawford could've easily killed him!" scoffed the similarly annoyed Lyndon.

Gerald, however, simply remained silent as he stared at the token on the ground that was still glowing brightly.

Vatching as Gerald picked the token up, Darkwind who was surprised to feel angelic power emanating from the token was prompted to say, "Is that... The Heavenly Guard Order...?"

"Indeed. Filipe had tossed it toward me to block my attack earlier. Regardless, to think this angelic artifact was able to completely block my Skysplit attack! Thankfully, Filipe wasn't able to use the token's full potential... Otherwise, I wouldn't have been able to lay a finger on him when I used your Fierce Wind Palm earlier!" explained Gerald with a frown as he continued

carefully examining the Heavenly Guard Order.

>Despite entering the cultivation realm for so long, this was Gerald's first time actually holding a real angelic artifact...

"I see... Whatever the case is, it's now clearer than ever that our opponent is a strong one. After all, despite being so young, Filipe already has access to the Avatar Rope as well as the Heavenly Guard Order, both heavenly artifacts that were supposedly lost to time. It makes you think how

high the mastermind's cultivation must be..." muttered Darkwind with a frown. More trouble was definitely brewing.

"By the way... How much do you know about the Heavenly Guard Order, Darkwind?" asked Gerald who hadn't heard tales about this angelic artifact before.

"Well, before that, you should know that the Avatar Rope first appeared in the Deitus Realm around a thousand years ago. Countless Domiensch Masters were said to fight over and die for it... With that little exposition out of the way, allow me to share the legendary tales I've heard of the Heavenly Guard Order! From the rumors I've heard, the person possessing the artifact is capable of controlling both wind and rain. What more, as an angelic artifact of heaven and earth, the Heavenly Guard Order is said to even be able to seal devils to protect the land!" replied Darkwind.

"My master told me some tales as well. During ancient times when the Land of Gods was facing a catastrophe, a Vizkaunt had thrown the Heavenly Guard Order into the secular world to suppress heavenly tribulations! However, as time passed and the

heavenly tribulations subsided, the Heavenly Guard Order simply vanished, never to be seen in the secular world or cultivation realm till this very day!" added Lyndon.

"So... From what I've gathered, not only can the Heavenly Guard Order control wind and rain, but it can also seal devils? But why doesn't it seem that powerful, then? Can it really do all that..?" asked Gerald whose interest had been piqued.

"Well, for one, Filipe probably doesn't know how to properly use it. After all, he used it as a means of defending himself, of all things. Regardless, while it's true that it used to be able to control wind and rain, it's sadly lost that function!" replied Darkwind.

"Elaborate..."

"Essentially, during ancient times, Vizkaunts and Zearls lived in the sky, and they used the Heavenly Guard Order to order other Vizkaunts to cast rain clouds! It's the reason why rumors that the token was able to control

wind and rain exist. Regardless, the Deitus Realm is now mostly empty, and without them issuing more orders for rain clouds, we have to rely on

the natural transition of Cosmo-energy for wind and rain to continue existing in the secular world... Either way, though the token can't control the wind and rain anymore, it is still a rare and powerful angelic artifact that can seal devils!" explained Darkwind.

"So the Deitus Realm is now empty... To think that so many within a powerful civilization could be wiped out so mysteriously!" muttered Gerald.

"I know, right? Regardless, all the remaining survivors of the Deitus Realm are said to carry great secrets with them... And as you previously said, they've even been abducting people from the secular world!" replied Darkwind who was clearly referring to the Sun League.

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Naturally, Gerald knew who he was talking about. After all, he had been trying to track them down ever since his fiancée was kidnapped by them... Till this very day, he still had no idea whether she was dead or alive... "Regardless, though nobody knew what exactly happened in the Deitus Realm, it's undeniable that they left behind quite a number of heirs. After gradually dividing the secular world, they ultimately formed the cultivation realm we know today," added Lyndon.

Upon hearing that, Gerald was reminded of the time he had searched the tomb of his previous incarnation. At the time, he had seen a painting of a huge tree falling from the heavens... And when it touched the ground, it was revealed that the tree was covered with numerous corpses of heavenly soldiers.

Could those corpses be connected to the destruction of the Deitus Realm...? That aside, Gerald was also pretty sure Sister Indigo and the others were from the Deitus Realm.

The more he thought about it, the more his thoughts swirled. Eventually shaking his head, Gerald then suggested for the three to head back and start finding out how to use the Heavenly Guard Order.

Meanwhile, back at the Trilight Church, the four disciples were still discussing how to deal with Gerald. However, they all widened their eyes in shock when they saw Elain carrying an extremely weakened Filipe into the building!

<Plabbergasted, Master Greendrake eventually brought himself to ask, "Filipe?! What happened?!"

"S-senior wanted to capture Gerald earlier, but Gerald was simply too strong for us...! Senior suffered a lot of injuries...!" exclaimed Elain. "What? You attempted to capture him?! Filipe, that's a death sentence! You already know that he defeated me!" said Master Trilight in shock. "Don't worry, he may be strong but he can't hurt me too badly...!" replied Filipe.

"How could you still be so stubborn at a time like this, you brat?! Just look at yourself! It's clear to all that your spiritual essence has been heavily damaged!" retorted Master Greendrake as he pulled up Filipe's clothes to check his chest... Only to see a big, black bruise there...!

It was also at that moment when Filipe who could no longer hold the pain coughed out a mouthful of purplish blue blood!

Vatching as the shocked Elain quickly recoiled, Master Sevenom quickly commanded, "Quick! We need to treat Filipe, Eldest Senior...!" "Don't touch him! Gerald made sure to shatter all his meridians, so if we're not careful, he could have his spiritual essence destroyed! In fact, he could even die on the spot!" retorted Master Greendrake as he furrowed his brows.

"I... I don't want to die, Father...! I never expected him to be that strong...!" whimpered the pale-faced Filipe who could no longer retain his cool façade.

Shaking his head, Master Greendrake then ordered, "Bring me a vital-reclaim pellet!"

Just as Master Trilight was about to feed Filipe the pellet, the stone statue enshrined within the church roared, "Feed him that if you want him to die faster!"

Upon hearing that, all four of the surprised disciples quickly snapped out of it before respectfully declaring, "M-Master...!"

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