

Chapter 23 - Hold on.

"So, how do I use that?" Lukas had the character profile open. However, he didn't know what to do. Lukas searched his mind for something the system had told him and remembered one thing.

The system told him to use the characters to facilitate his experience with the system. But how would he do that?

"Can I just summon him here?"

[ Do you wish to summon a character? ]

And below the message, a list of characters appeared. It was like the pick list from a fighting game like Street Fighter. It had the character's art and all his stats. Lukas had two characters to choose from.

The strange-looking woman or man named Ekaterine and the character named Abarai Renji. Of course, he chose Abarai. He didn't want to summon a Rank E character like Ekaterine.

At least Abarai had the appearance of someone who could fight; he was holding a sword in the image shown by the system.

"Then summon him." After Lukas' request, the window closed, and something began to happen. A magic circle with unknown patterns appeared in the dungeon corridor just before him.

A golden circle that glowed faintly.

"Urgh-" But the glow suddenly increased, blinding Lukas for a second. He closed his eyes and waited for the shine to disappear. When the light faded, Lukas slowly opened his eyes.

The magic circle disappeared, and in the place where he was standing before, a strange person appeared.

A man with a delinquent appearance, with red hair and wearing a cloth on his head, like a bandana. He was a little taller than Lukas and had a physique similar to Lukas.

No, he was better. He was older and had probably trained for many years. Lukas couldn't compete against him.

"Are you Abarai Renji?" Lukas asked. His eyes shone with the sudden appearance of a man holding a huge strange sword.

"Huh, where am I? What's going on?" Abarai kept his cool but was quite surprised. "I was walking and... Who are you?" Abarai looked at Lukas with a threatening look.

Lukas was not startled and took a step forward.

Abarai stood on the defensive.

"I need your help; as soon as we deal with this problem, you will come home." Lukas looked at the [ Timer ] just above Abarai's head. It was a timer in red.

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Lukas had less than 30 minutes to deal with the goblin problem. After that, Abarai would disappear.

"What kind of problem? What a strange place." Abarai put his great sword on his shoulder and looked around, swinging his red hair. Lukas was amazed at his appearance. He didn't think it would be like this.

The characters shown in the system were drawings, but now Abarai had been transformed into a real person. He thought it might look strange, but their appearance was pleasing to the eye.

'I wonder what Rias Gremory will look like if I can get her out in the gacha. Will her appearance in person be as beautiful as her design?'

"I'm asking, what kind of problem? I'm running out of patience."

"You've probably never heard of it. We are inside a dungeon. There are some people there, can you hear?'

"Hm?" Abarai sharpened his hearing and began hearing some people's voices and strange, incomprehensible screams. They were the noises made by the goblins, an unpleasant sound.

Of course, there were also the explosions caused by Lana's magic. However, she was running out of magic again, and her attacks were being cast at longer intervals.

"A large number of monsters is attacking them. I want you to help me deal with them." Lukas picked up the two blades he had put on the ground and swung them, throwing blood from the goblins all over the floor.

Unfortunately, some blood had already dried up and stained his weapons.

"I understand. I can help you; I have nothing to do now."

"You are acting in a better way than I thought. Your appearance was a bit threatening, but you are unexpectedly kind." Lukas said in a monotone tone. He was praising Abarai; however, he didn't like that at all.

Irritated, he said some rude things, but Lukas didn't care. The time was passing.

He took steps toward the group of people fighting with their lives at stake. Abarai came right behind, with a serious look on his face, looking around and analyzing the structure of that place he had never seen before.

'Who is this guy? How did he manage to bring me here? And what sinister mask is this?' Abarai kept thinking about everything that was happening. But he couldn't understand.

He just wanted to help this man and go away to his home.

Lukas, ignoring Abarai's mutterings, approached where the battle was taking place.

"Looks like I arrived at the right time." Lukas smiled from beneath his mask.

Junior was wounded and couldn't take any more fighting, Lana was at her limit, Robert was going into despair, and Marcus seemed to be reaching his limit. This group would not last for long.

"But this is amazing; you killed many of them."

Hearing Lukas' voice, Lana turned to look at him. "Hey, what took you so long?! Who is he?"

"He's a guy I summoned to help."

"Summoned? What do you mean?"

"Never mind. Just stand back and leave the rest to us. Minus your leader, I want him to hold them for just a few seconds."

Lana looked at Robert at her side and took his arm. "Come on, Robert." She helped him to his feet and then called out Junior's name.

When Junior saw Lukas, whose eyes shone through the holes in his mask, and Abarai was right behind him holding a giant sword and emanating an intimidating aura, he realized it was time to retreat.

"Hey, leader, hold on for five more seconds," Lukas said. That was the time Lukas needed to activate his skills.