Jinhyeok Kang's Covenant arc strategy:



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The situation:

After Jinhyeok returned from the abandoned island, where he faced ancient dragons and a being from Cthulhu named Tulzcha, he found out that an imposter had taken on the disguise of Player Unknown—an alias for Jinhyeok himself. This imposter not only claimed to have the same level of power and abilities as assessed by the Awakening System, but also leveraged Jinhyeok's hard-won victory against a god from Cthulhu and the ancient dragons to paint Jinhyeok as a spy. This narrative suggested that Jinhyeok had been sent by external gods to invade other mythologies and even Earth.

Player Unknown's convincing act gained traction, particularly since he had allied with the Gandhara guilds and the four apostles of Cheonsei mythology, who helped intensify the growing doubt about Jinhyeok. They highlighted weaknesses in Jinhyeok's fighting strategies, particularly his tactic of dividing enemy lines and assigning different tasks to his team members, which led even some of his own allies to question his loyalty. To shield his lies, Player Unknown used an ability granted by the operators known as "Eyes of Chaos," which influenced others to interpret the situation in his favor, making his claims seem more credible.

Amidst this chaos, the operators orchestrated a critical play by issuing a covenant: Jinhyeok had one week to find and eliminate the fake Jinhyeok. If he failed, all restrictions within the Tower would be lifted, resulting in a lawless state. As Jinhyeok watched this unfold during a live event, he was suddenly ambushed in his hotel, realizing that the Gandhara guild and the Tower operators were already on the move to corner him while restricting any means of communication.

Despite their efforts, Jinhyeok managed to escape, evading his pursuers, but not before encountering reinforcements from other groups, including trackers. Although these trackers created a temporary distraction, Player Unknown anticipated Jinhyeok's escape route, leading to another trap. This trap not only became an offensive barrier, complicating Jinhyeok's getaway,

but also rendered the area undetectable—an essential step in Player Unknown's strategy.

Simultaneously, the president of the Awakening Association became aware of Jinhyeok's precarious situation as he dismantled satellites and evaded tracking mechanisms. With the countdown for the covenant approaching, the president began to harbor doubts regarding Jinhyeok's intentions, categorizing him as 'uncooperative.' Perceiving this shift in perception, Player Unknown executed a strategic maneuver by presenting manipulated videos referred to as "memory fragments," extracted from the Tower's highly confidential archives. By interweaving fabricated elements with authentic information, Player Unknown successfully persuaded the president of Jinhyeok's purported involvement in the ongoing crisis.

This manipulation prompted the president to align with Jinhyeok, thereby enabling him to gain the necessary trust to convene a board meeting with leaders from various nations. During this meeting, Player Unknown intended to persuade the attendees, employing Stigma to ensure compliance with his directives. Concurrently, the outbreak had already commenced, as access to lower floors was gradually being permitted, and the timeline for the covenant accelerated due to the intervention of operators.

Within a single day, the outbreak intensified significantly, spreading across the globe. A variety of entities and monsters began to emerge, culminating in Jinhyeok's arrival at the outbreak site in Seoul. From this juncture, Jinhyeok anticipated each move of Player Unknown. He deduced that the imposter possessed similar traits, abilities, and cognitive patterns. Consequently, Jinhyeok initiated his countermeasures at this point.

He approached the situation with the understanding that Unknown would anticipate his escape from the previous trap and would expect him to confront the situation head-on. Unknown's strategy was to place Jinhyeok at the center of attention by announcing to all players to gather at this location. Because of earlier doubts, they didn't fully trust the real Jinhyeok.

Furthermore, by declaring that killing Jinhyeok would not only halt the Covenant but also grant the killer the status of God's apostle and access to Jinhyeok's powers, Unknown made the temptation difficult to resist.

Unknown was aware that players would think that after eliminating Jinhyeok, if the Covenant did not cease, they would turn their attention back to him. All the strongest rankers had come together at this one location, and Unknown planned to enlist the help of operators to accelerate the Covenant outbreak, aiming to ensnare all the rankers along with Jinhyeok's team.

Jinhyeok saw through all of this. Every event that was set to unfold from his return to Seoul was meticulously woven into his plans.

Kang's hypothesis:

First of all, let's outline Kang's hypothesis: Unknown, the player, has been meticulously planning an attack on Jinhyeok's hideout. He intends to lure Jinhyeok out and, even if Jinhyeok manages to escape, Unknown seems to predict every route Jinhyeok might take, setting traps along the way. This indicates to Kang that Unknown has a strong understanding of Jinhyeok's thought processes. Moreover, whatever strategy Jinhyeok devises might also be anticipated by Unknown. However, there's a crucial point missing from this analysis.

Whenever Jinhyeok sets up traps without being directly involved in a fight, it suggests he is preparing for something significant or that his trump card isn't ready yet. This pattern leads Kang to suspect that Unknown may not have fully gained his complete form.

Later, when Jinhyeok arrives in Seoul and confronts the Orcs, he deliberately engages in a grand battle, showcasing his abilities and items. This spectacle leads others to believe he is in that location, thereby drawing Unknown into his plan. By capturing the public's attention, Jinhyeok forces the system to reward him with an additional non-tradable item, known as the incomplete

bookmark, which he plans to use later. The bounty placed on Jinhyeok by Unknown coincides with this transaction, as well as Jinhyeok's edited videos being leaked, which are confidential. This situation arises because the Tower could not uphold its regulations and violated restrictions, necessitating additional compensation for Jinhyeok.

After these events, Jinhyeok uses coin exchanges to purchase three items. With these, he helps Yoosung assume a perfect disguise of Kang, mimicking his mana flow, powers, and speech tone. The goal is to deceive the Gandhara and other guilds seeking to eliminate Kang. This clever ruse allows Jinhyeok to escape, as he can predict where Unknown's hideout is based on his understanding of decision-making.

During the initial confrontation between Jinhyeok and Unknown, both players predict each other's moves so well that neither manages to land a hit. Eventually, Jinhyeok takes a risky gamble, creating a massive shockwave that almost collapses the entire area. Here, he validates his hypothesis, stating, "It's not that you couldn't pull it off; it's that your combat sense isn't at that level yet." With this confirmation, Kang sets his trap into motion.

Kang's confrontation and battle strategy with the Unknown:

After that, Player Unknown begins to use provocative and risky powers, bringing the fight closer distance. Both combatants wield the same swords, but Jinhyeok employs his ultimate move, Final Genesis, turning it into a one-on-one showdown. This not only buffs Jinhyeok but also weakens Player Unknown's abilities. However, using Final Genesis is more than just about diminishing his opponent's powers; it's about combat awareness. The higher the skill level, the greater the awareness in battle. By targeting this awareness, Jinhyeok effectively uses Final Genesis to reduce Unknown's capabilities while choosing an imaginary world where the temperature is "absolute zero."

At this point, both fighters attack the "sensory" aspect of combat, and it's evident why freezing temperatures can undermine one's senses. Jinhyeok goes all out against Unknown, combining his seven crowns to elevate his strength further. With this fusion, he taps into a higher level of his potential, dramatically enhancing his attack speed, magic, and overall strength.

Unknown could leverage his defensive abilities in this situation by utilizing glacial modeling, blessings, and mandala to create shields. However, these defenses are disrupted by the nihilism ability, which interferes with his magic circuit and nullifies his shields. With Unknown's barriers down, what are his options? He employs the ancient barrier to deflect the trajectories of incoming magic bullets. At this point, Jinhyeok activates the Sagittarius barrier to enhance his "falling attacks," using Astraphe as a falling strike against Unknown. While Unknown defends against this, he is caught off guard when Kang swiftly pierces his heart from behind.

This was all part of Unknown's plan: to bait Kang into executing a successful attack, ensuring that Unknown's blood lands on Jinhyeok's body. The blood then serves as a medium for the ability "space restraint." This is why Unknown preemptively used the ancient barrier to defend himself—he knew the activation conditions required a ten-second window. During this phase, Unknown also employs Maestar, which reduces the range of movement while inflicting devastating attacks, especially since defensive spells like invincibility or the blessing of stars cannot be used. While Maestar is limited in range, its immense damage potential is unaffected due to the space restraint in play.

In this scenario, Jinhyeok intentionally walks into the trap set by Unknown. The gap created was essential for inserting the virus he engineered into Unknown's body, continuously assaulting Unknown's senses to keep him unaware of the attack at that critical moment. Although the virus's effects would reveal themselves later, Jinhyeok was prepared with other strategies to counter the combination of Maestar and space restraint, making his fall into

the trap inconsequential. Meanwhile, Jinhyeok's virus trap halts Unknown's updates, preventing the operators from identifying any faults as they scramble to assist Unknown in troubleshooting. For a while, Unknown is rendered unpredictable, which is crucial for Kang's own strategy in the next phase of their confrontation.

Development in Seoul:

While events unfold in one area, a forceful outbreak occurs in Seoul. Jinhyeok's teammates are busy assisting other guild members in managing the chaos. The rapid escalation of the situation raises doubts about the identity of the unknown assailant, as Jinhyeok wouldn't typically resort to such drastic measures, especially when it puts his friends in danger. The Awakening Association, previously allied with the unknown faction, has not sent any reinforcements, and Gandhara, who initially supported the unknown, is also unaccounted for. This leads to widespread suspicion about the unknown's true motives.

In light of these developments, Yoosung is instructed to seize this opportunity to quell internal conflicts. Jinhyeok emphasizes that their priority shouldn't be to save other guilds; instead, they must focus on resisting the onslaught with whatever support they can provide, waiting for a crucial moment when a mage will appear to surrender to them. The identity of this mage and how they relate to Jinhyeok's plans will be revealed later.

Confrontation with gods:

Returning to the main confrontation, the unknown breaks through the final genesis, establishing communication and a teleportation bridge to the Cheonsei mythology apostles. This allows all present apostles to synchronize their abilities, transforming the area into a mythological realm that recreates the floor of the Cheonsei gods. With the direct presence of these deities, Jinhyeok finds himself isolated, cut off from any external communication and allies, making him a prime target for the Cheonsei gods. In this precarious

situation, Jinhyeok realizes he needs an invaluable item known as the incomplete bookmark—a critical trump card for the challenges that lie ahead and which also serves as a counter to their strategy.

It takes 10 minutes for the incomplete bookmark to activate its effect, so during that time, Jinhyeok must hold onto the apostles' powers. Having successfully recreated the myth, they reached the 45th floor, and the deities of Cheonsei would be arriving soon. As anticipated, the goddess of death, Kali, arrives first. When Jinhyeok faces off against four apostles and Kali, he struggles to keep up. Ganesha also intervenes, adding to the challenges he faces.

Once the 10 minutes pass, the incomplete bookmark's ability, "Forceful Spatial Transfer," summons Demon King Belial. In that moment, Jinhyeok cleverly convinces Belial to hold on for a bit longer and stirs his animosity towards Ganesha, who is wielding divine power, allowing Belial to endure further.

As the second transfer of the incomplete bookmark approaches, Jinhyeok's earlier negotiations that resulted in a peace treaty between Olympus and Norse come into play, as both pantheons gather for a meeting at the same location. This coincidence brings both Olympus and Norse to the scene simultaneously. Additionally, Jin-hyeok is able to summon Angel Gabriel due to the spatial movement of Norse, which causes the entire Yggdrasil to appear. While this aids in buffing the warriors, the divinities are furious, as Yggdrasil is a critical stronghold in Jotunheim that must be protected and was brought into this chaotic situation unnoticed.

The gods are displeased and not inclined to ally with Jinhyeok, despite his previous assistance. However, Jinhyeok had anticipated this reaction. When I mentioned he procured several items through a coin exchange, it wasn't solely for Yoosung's disguise; it was also to manipulate the current situation to shift the divine favor towards him and provoke war.

He pulls out items for convergence and alignment, including Goebbels's microphone, which enhances the reliability and charisma of his speech—an essential tool for any demagogue. Yet, this alone isn't sufficient to sway the crowd of gods. He combines this with the last album of the Master Magician and the Watchmaker's Toolset. The fusion of these three relics boosts the main item's effectiveness, enhancing the microphone's dazzling and agitation effects.

Once this fusion is complete, he begins addressing the gathered deities to capture their attention momentarily, ensuring they focus on his main negotiation. Jinhyeok reveals a crown that, while not part of the seven crowns of the tower, has equivalent power and diverse abilities. He explains that he can create crowns, a seemingly absurd notion, since a crown is merely a relic crafted by someone. With the right formula and materials, he claims he can also produce crowns. This revelation triggers a sense of urgency in Cheonsei, compelling them to hurry to eliminate him.

Jin-hyeok also proposes to share the formula for crown creation, which the gods reason is logical given the preceding events and the overall impact of his speech. Coupled with their inherent greed for power and authority associated with crowns, they agree to forge an alliance with Jinhyeok and turn against Cheonsei mythology.

Alliance with Gods and Full-scale war:

After the alliance is formed, Jinhyeok commands a powerful force comprising Olympus, Norse gods, the demon king Belial, and the angel Gabriel, totaling 10,000 units. In stark contrast, Cheonsei mythology boasts a staggering 100,000,000,000,000,000 units, thanks to the immense number of deities within their lore. To ensure his troops remain motivated and obedient under his leadership, Jinhyeok sets up a comprehensive surveillance system to monitor the battlefield and document events as they unfold. He announces that, for the time being, he will be the sole leader, observing the performance of his subordinates without designating any troupe leaders among them.

Through this monitoring, he plans to identify those who excel in combat. He will then reward those top performers by providing them with the formula for creating crowns, ensuring that, for now, everyone is compelled to heed Jinhyeok's leadership.

As time passed, the main troops of the Cheonsei gods began to assemble, including Brahma, Vishnu, Rudra, Garuda, and Shiva. With the war on the horizon, the forces of Olympus and Norse joined as the vanguard, featuring Thor and Hercules. They marched through the frontlines accompanied by 500 cavalrymen from Garuda and Rudra. The two deities then engaged in battle against Thor and Hercules; however, the latter two fighters were in sync, thanks to a motivational boost and strategic instructions from Jinhyeok. He had effectively anticipated Garuda and Rudra's simultaneous movements.

After an hour of fighting, the four warriors were equally exhausted. At that critical moment, Jinhyeok arrived. Utilizing one of the twelve constellation barriers, which weakened sensory perception based on polarity, he discreetly altered the dynamics of the battle without the four noticing. Jinhyeok, having transferred through the shadows, drew Rudra's attention toward Thor and Hercules, seizing the opportunity to strike. This maneuver not only disrupted Rudra's positioning but also allowed Jinhyeok to meet his criteria for copying abilities. His strategy was to intervene in the vanguard battle, fostering a sense of camaraderie and rivalry among the participants, thus paving the way to acquire an ability from one of them.

Jinhyeok unleashed a powerful attack combining Destructive Mandala and Nirvana with blood magic, effectively disrupting Rudra's inner Qi when he was already fatigued. This made Jinhyeok's poison take hold, leaving Rudra unable to continue fighting. Garuda, realizing the dire situation, retreated with Rudra, allowing Jinhyeok to successfully absorb one of Rudra's abilities: the Call of Thunderstorm. He fused it with the Holy Spear of the Thunder God and abilities gained from Guntaffer's skill book (Cloud Catalyst

and Wind Realm), successfully creating the Holy Lance that surpassed the power of the Wind God.

Jinhyeok then signaled Brahma by immediately enhancing his level and hinting at possessing the powers of Zeus and Rudra. Meanwhile, he strategically gaslighted Thor and Hercules, who were unhappy about his interference in their battles. He shifted their focus from pride and honor in individual combat to a collective victory for their myths. By emphasizing his priority for them as the vanguard, he promised the spoils of war—materials and formulas—in exchange for their support. He framed his role as a villain not for personal honor but for the greater good of their people, reinforcing their motivation and favorability toward him.

Unlike Ganesha, who fell for the signal Jinhyeok gave off after killing Rudra and became enraged at Garuda for failing to shield him, Brahma urged Ganesha to remain calm. Brahma took a step back to reassess the situation and instructed the troops to observe the enemy lines, spreading the right wing to attack the enemy's flank without getting lost in the chaos of battle. He mentioned that he would communicate through telepathy if he noticed any changes in the situation. This was crucial, as the right side of the alliance, where Belial and Gabriel were positioned, served as the main power player. Yet, the alliance was incomplete, and it was impossible to eliminate the deep-seated resentment between Eden and the demon realm in just a few minutes. Thus, Brahma decided to utilize this loophole.

Indra led the magic corps toward that flank, but when the demons Belial and Gabriel attempted to counterattack, they couldn't synchronize their formation as expected, with their polar opposite powers clashing. The angels' troupe, due to their conflicting battle styles and abilities, showed hostility toward the demons as well, which only added to the chaos. Seizing the opportunity, Thunder God Indra, following Brahma's earlier instructions, decided to strike in full force. However, Brahma, observing from a distance, grew suspicious of why everything was progressing so smoothly and realized it

could be Jinhyeok's trap. This led him to reassess the situation and utilize Indra's troupe to exploit the gap for an attack.

Just then, Brahma instructed the troops to halt, but it was too late; they had already committed to a full-scale assault. As a result, Indra's troops became aware of changes in the ground and weather caused by Osiris, who unleashed the Wrath of the Great Desert through his holy lance. Indra's forces quickly found themselves trapped in the desert's fury, overwhelmed by an ultimate force that combined fire and sandstorms. Anubis swiftly sent his army of the dead to eliminate Indra's troops without hesitation. The presence and spatial movements linked to the Egyptian myth had gone unnoticed at the start of the battle, nor had Brahma detected them when he attempted to respond.

This oversight occurred because the communication barrier, previously created and maintained by Unknown, had been compromised as he departed with his operators—the virus started to play its part. Vishnu, tasked with maintaining the barrier, found it increasingly difficult to keep up due to Jinhyeok's knowledge of exploiting that very barrier. Seizing the opportunity, Jinhyeok utilized Heimdall for rapid spatial movement to bring the Egyptian myth into play, culminating in the current predicament.

Recognizing the gravity of the situation, Brahma decided to send an additional 10,000 troops to rescue Indra alone this time and reached out to Yor and Asura. Meanwhile, Jinhyeok, observing Brahma's calm demeanor despite the unfolding chaos, began to realize Brahma's next moves and understood that he already had a plan orchestrated for how to counter them.

While Vishnu, Brahma, and Shiva ventured into Narak to reconcile with the Asura and bring him into this war, Jinhyeok traveled to various villages and sites where the achievements and honors of Cheonsei mythology were displayed. He intended to dismantle the faith that the worshippers had in the abstract existence of God. Jinhyeok systematically destroyed temples and statues, tearing down the achievements that upheld the worshippers' ranks

and levels. By obliterating these symbols, he aimed to draw the attention of their focus away from the ongoing war and shift their confrontation to his location, where he could face them directly.

Using tree branches, Jinhyeok meticulously sketched the terrain, detailing the features of the area to strategize his next steps. He knew the Asura would be joining the fray soon, but the timing of Shiva and Vishnu's direct involvement remained uncertain. To gain the upper hand, he needed to select a strategic point that would allow him to control his opponents' movements.

As news of Jinhyeok's chaos in the ruins reached Brahma, he quickly dispatched troops, realizing that his prediction had gone awry, Brahma understood that Jinhyeok sought a swift end to the conflict in order to return to Earth and save humanity from the Covenant's threat.

However, Jinhyeok's actions suggested that he was actually gearing up for a prolonged, full-scale war. Meanwhile, Brahma sent a troupe toward Jinhyeok's location. Two mages, who had caused chaos back on Earth due to the Covenant, secretly arrived at this place, concealing the fact that they were holding prisoners—Jinhyeok's comrades from the Goinmul Corporation. As they made their way in, they ensured that no one noticed their presence.

When Brahma assessed the situation, he recognized that these mages were not the type to engage Jinhyeok in battle. Instead, they expressed their desire for maximum benefit while ensuring their own safety, opting to stay put along with the prisoners. Brahma agreed to their terms and moved on toward Jinhyeok.

As for how the capture and imprisonment of the Goinmul members took place, it was orchestrated by Operators and Player Unknown. Player Unknown had devised a plan to take Jinhyeok's comrades hostage once the battle had shifted to the 45th floor. With assistance from the Operators, who communicated with the two mages beforehand, they instructed them to use their extrasensory perception to find a crack in the Earth's layer that would

lead to the 45th floor and, ultimately, Brahma. To keep this crack hidden from Alice, who is also a divinity, Player Unknown employed an ancient barrier for concealment. However, the mages' keen senses and intelligence allowed them to detect it.

After Brahma, Shiva, and Vishnu departed, the two mages eased the restraints on the Goinmul Corporation. As I mentioned earlier, Jinhyeok had instructed his teammates to surrender to these two mages. He had anticipated the core of the Covenant Apocalypse, predicting its nature, the outbreak, the gathering of all floor bosses, and the forced escalation of the outbreak.

Long before the Unknown initiated negotiations with the two mages, Jinhyeok had already reached out to them by sending Pesis—a being capable of freely traversing all floors. Pesis, along with Frey and Wolyeong, formed a team that journeyed through various floors to gather ingredients and reinforcements from the very beginning. The use of the items they collected will be revealed later in Jinhyeok's stronghold located on the middle floor.

They planned to establish a base in a different location, which will be discussed later. The two mages provided them with a draft of the map detailing the area's terrain, structures, and crucial information regarding anyone they should be wary of before meeting Jinhyeok. After sharing this information, they concealed themselves until Jinhyeok issued his next command.

Meanwhile, Brahma made his way to Jinhyeok's location in the Palatamunsar Gorge, a notoriously rugged area in Cheonsei Myth. Due to its treacherous nature, deploying a large force in this region was nearly impossible, causing the numerical advantage of the Cheonseis to diminish. They couldn't even destroy the gorge, which marked the beginning of the millennium and the birth of the mythology. Brahma soon realized that Jinhyeok had deliberately chosen this location, given its characteristics and the traps he was likely to set.

To counter this, Brahma sent out Asura, who was leading the Yosu army. Asura focused on keeping himself safe while inflicting maximum damage since he was stronger than Brahma. However, it would later become clear that this decision ultimately played into Jinhyeok's hands. Asura was able to detect all the traps in the gorge, while also unraveling the illusions and concealment set by Loki, who was orchestrating an ambush alongside Valkyrie. This tactic was merely a delay on Asura's end, as Jinhyeok successfully trapped the opposing forces of Brahma and Ganesha. Within an hour, Asura's troop managed to take thousands of armies from the Norse and Olympus hostage.

Jinhyeok was among the hostages, cleverly disguising himself as an old man, a typical Norse drunkard. Prior to this, he had invested in a lupine disguise set and the infimyeongu skill. To mask his magical aura, he also used a special perfume that concealed the reverberation of his powers. The reason the hostages hadn't been killed yet was that they were still individuals from other mythologies, powerful beings, and Brahma intended to utilize them after breaking down their mental magic resistance and brainwashing them. This would boost his efficiency during the war. Jinhyeok had anticipated Brahma's tactics from the very beginning.

As Asura's soldiers moved the captives, Jinhyeok initiated the next phase of his plan. While remaining in disguise, he skillfully used various ingredients and techniques to prepare meals that would trigger the soldiers' desires for delicious food. Typically, these warriors saw food merely as sustenance, devoid of taste. However, Jinhyeok managed to awaken their craving for flavor, making them feel more human again. When the soldiers arrived, he presented himself as a chef from the alliance.

Understanding their caution, one soldier was sent to sample the food first to check for poison or drugs. When nothing suspicious turned up, the others eagerly joined in. As they indulged, Jinhyeok activated a 10-star barrier called "Emotional Flow." He selected this canyon deliberately because its

rugged terrain and rich natural energy made it easier to use high-level barriers effectively. This barrier aimed to recreate the soldiers' emotions, helping them recall peaceful memories from their past amidst the chaos of battle.

Gradually, the soldiers began to fall under Jinhyeok's mind control, as their feelings flowed freely, pulling them away from their grim reality.

Brahma contemplation:

On the other hand, Brahma was contemplating the recent turn of events. Victory seemed assured, with Shiva entering the battlefield while Odin and Athena fled. Meanwhile, Belial and Gabriel were preoccupied with defending themselves, and Thor and Hercules had fallen to the Asura. Arjun's troop of 10,000 sent to Santra Cave had lost contact, as had another strong unit of 20,000 that had ventured into the mountains. The main gods of Cheonsei didn't pay much mind; their own forces had barely suffered a scratch. However, Brahma couldn't shake off his suspicion regarding Jinhyeok's inaction during the Asura skirmish or his failure to assist Odin and Athena to shift the tide—especially when he had the capacity to do so.

Brahma speculated that Jinhyeok was considering the bigger picture, potentially waiting for the right moment to strike when their defenses were down. He noted the unusually high number of prisoners captured and pondered whether Jinhyeok intended to use Brahma's own strategy of "enemy utilization through brainwashing" to infiltrate the main Cheonsei base while gathering their forces. Brahma also realized that Jinhyeok could exploit their own enchantress, who had lost contact, to turn against them during a surprise attack.

Cautious not to reveal his thoughts to Ganesha, Brahma decided to play the part of the unwitting participant, planning to counteract their moves at the last moment. He briefed his bodyguards on his strategy. Soon after, a group of Yogis from the Asura army brought in the captives. The absurd magical

powers they displayed indicated their authenticity as the major deities of the alliance. As Ganesha and the other gods neared the captives to break their mental resistance and attempt a brainwash, the captives swiftly freed themselves from their handcuffs, revealing concealed invisible weapons. Both the captives and Yogis charged towards Ganesha.

Caught off guard by their rapid response, Ganesha and a few others struggled to react effectively at such close quarters, barely creating distance from the incoming attack. While preparing to counter, Brahma, having completed the array in the area, activated his recreation ability, turning soldiers against one another. His bodyguards charged in from behind, swiftly taking down both the Yogi and the prisoners. In the aftermath, as they eliminated everyone, Brahma and the other gods were left bewildered when a mask fell off the face of a corpse they had assumed belonged to a member of Goinmul. Instead, they discovered that these were actually Asura soldiers—the same ones who had gone missing in the mountains. Jinhyeok had skillfully disguised their temporary powers using berserk items to mimic their auras, just as he had done for himself. This would also lead to a strike on the main base, but the primary goal was still unfolding in Jinhyeok's next move.

Jinhyeok realizes that by now, Brahma would have eliminated the fake captives and is left puzzled about Jinhyeok's intentions. Upon entering the main base of the Asura, he stands before Asura and removes his mask, revealing his identity. However, Asura doesn't confront him directly until Jinhyeok displays his abilities, which mirror those of the soldiers Asura commands, raising suspicions about what Jinhyeok did to his troops and why he has come alone. Even though Jinhyeok is among the strongest rankers, he cannot take down an army of millions single-handedly.

Jinhyeok unveils the web of lies he has crafted, claiming that Cheonsei is seizing this opportunity to eliminate Asura's forces, essentially betraying him. He presents a clip recorded at Ganesha's palace, capturing the moment the

fake captives were summoned and subsequently killed by Brahma. The footage has been cleverly edited to show Ganesha summoning the fake captives and Brahma executing them, all while disguising the fact that these individuals were not what they seemed.

Although Asura's bloodlust shifts toward Cheonsei in response to this revelation, he remains wary of how Jinhyeok acquired this information and why he is presenting it to him. In reply, Jinhyeok explains that he discovered the truth using drones that surveil the entire battle area, emphasizing that Cheonsei's intent remains unchanged. Despite their temporary alliance with Asura, they are still enemies, and releasing Asura from imprisonment could lead to their own destruction, even if they manage to eliminate Jinhyeok.

The intent of Cheonsei remains unchanged; despite their temporary alliance with Asura, they remain adversaries. The possibility of releasing Asura from confinement poses a risk of their mutual destruction, even if they manage to eliminate Jinhyeok. Consequently, Cheonsei has opted to use this opportunity to allow Asura to engage in combat in perilous areas against Jinhyeok's alliance, thereby systematically depleting Asura's warriors—a strategy Asura understands to be both efficient and logical. Asura recognizes that he is not in a position to mount a rebellion at this time, as his main forces are dispersed throughout the canyon, a location he does not fully comprehend. In contrast, Brahma possesses the necessary knowledge of the terrain, allowing Cheonsei to eliminate Asura's forces at will.

Furthermore, Asura remains unsure why Jinhyeok is revealing this information to him. To elucidate his motivations, Jinhyeok has orchestrated a presentation that illustrates how Asura's comrades have been sacrificed, despite their efforts to protect others. This presentation highlights instances of betrayal, including Alice being forsaken by her clan, Andrea being abandoned by her parents, and Teressa being exploited because of her benevolence. Jinhyeok expresses his disdain for being manipulated and

subsequently discarded. He explains that the Goinmul was a group formed to support individuals in the lowest state and who have been abandoned.

Asura begins to resonate with Jinhyeok's sentiments, recognizing that they share similar afflictions. He realizes that the reason for Jinhyeok's warning stems from their shared experiences; individuals who endure similar fates cannot harbor animosity toward one another. During this discourse, Jinhyeok activates a communion that enhances their feelings of empathy. He subsequently persuades Asura to join this alliance. It is unveiled that from the outset—when Jinhyeok attacked the temples, drawing out the opposition and leading Brahma's judgment to send Asura's troupe into the canyon—Jinhyeok's objective was to isolate Asura, ensuring that no one would intervene in his manipulation of Asura.

Afterward, Brahma stepped directly onto the battlefield, facing off against the angel Gabriel and his highly resistant troops. The Zion Sanctuary, constructed by the angels, was completely obliterated by Brahma's powers of creation and destruction. His ability to turn imagination into reality, coupled with his "ten seconds of battle foresight," allowed him to decimate the angels' forces with ease. Just as they were on the verge of finishing off Gabriel, Heimdall opened a gate and, utilizing his superior spatial distortion and manipulation skills, successfully rescued him.

Despite the overwhelming odds, the other gods of Cheonsei felt a sense of despair. However, Agni, the fire god, shed light on the situation by revealing that he recognized the location from which Gabriel emerged: Ishukura Swamp. This neglected corner of Cheonsei was teeming with various swamp monsters, a place few gods were familiar with. Agni noted that while it was easy to hide there, being caught would lead to a dead end. Brahma grew suspicious that Jinhyeok had intentionally lured them there, considering how quickly Gabriel fell, indicating that he was conserving energy.

Brahma feared that after bringing them here, Jinhyeok might seize the opportunity to rescue his trapped colleagues, who were likely being guarded

by fewer enemies. Consequently, he called upon Indra to secure the temple. Following Jinhyeok's earlier instructions relayed by two mages, the Goinmul Corporation arrived at the temple, and Jinhyeok himself finally made his way there. He insisted they infiltrate quickly, declaring that Ishukura Swamp was a trap Jinhyeok had intentionally revealed through Heimdall's gate.

Though the temple appeared ordinary from the outside, it was heavily fortified with barriers and protective magic, safeguarding the essence of their powers within. Present at the scene, Jinhyeok activated his ancient barrier using a lost language derived from the Cthulhu mythos. He deciphered the intricate defenses that shielded the temple from unwelcome intruders—a hidden ace that Brahma was unaware of. Placing his hand on the crystal ball at the entrance, Jinhyeok rearranged the runes and formations inscribed on it, unveiling the temple's true form: the aerial fortress Vimana, the most powerful holy relic in their mythology.

Jinhyeok, who is presently here, taps into his ancient barrier—the lost language of the Cthulhu mythos—to decipher and break through the defensive lines guarding against intruders. This was one of his trump cards that Brahma was unaware of. As he places his hand on the crystal ball at the entrance, he rearranges the runes and arrays inscribed upon it. The damaged temple then reveals its true form: the aerial fortress, Vimana, the most powerful holy relic in their mythology.

Leading from both separated sides, Jinhyeok detaches them from this location, placing his faith in their barrier magic—his aim is to gain control of one of their main forces. He adjusts and harnesses the power of Vimana, which he must use to secure the First Lotus, the heart of Cheonsei mythology. Meanwhile, Indra had reached the fortress and launched an attack on Jinhyeok's troops. She harbored resentment over her failure to protect this temple, and Jinhyeok exploited her vulnerabilities by wielding Zeus's powers—her supposed rival—and reminding her of past mistakes during the fight.

Maximizing her hatred and recalling her errors was crucial for fulfilling the conditions to copy her abilities. After Jinhyeok defeats her and moves on, she alerts Brahma that they should shift their focus from the swamp fight since Jinhyeok is aiming for the First Lotus. Unbeknownst to Brahma, as he orders his troops to retreat, Belial and Gabriel lay in wait, preparing to strike from behind, while Cronos and Odin charge back into the fray. Despite suffering considerable damage from the surprise attack, Cheonsei had no opportunity to counter since they were preoccupied with protecting the First Lotus.

As Jinhyeok rides Vimana, he finally approaches the temple where the lotus resides. He waits for Pesis, as he needs her expertise to navigate the intricacies of the inner terrain quickly; her multidimensional map skills are unmatched. Jinhyeok leaves Vimana under the care of Machine Lord Taemin and Yoonhwa, allowing Taemin to utilize it with his abilities to halt the gods' advance. Yoosung will also converge here for reinforcements, accompanied by a troopes of Asura.

When he reaches the temple entrance, he encounters the gate guardian, who poses a question. If not answered within three seconds, divine and phantom beasts will encircle the individual. Deliberately, Jinhyeok refrains from answering in time, aiming instead to confront and tame the divine beasts using mana crystals, mental taming, and communion, thereby bolstering his reinforcement numbers. Once he successfully tames them, he answers the question and gains entry into the temple.

Earlier, when I mentioned that Jinhyeok had trapped Unknown, I realized I had misunderstood the situation a bit. I apologize for that. His trap wasn't flawless, but he was confident it would work because he sensed some inner flaws within Unknown.

This issue was caused by an insider, which would result in a longer time to fix. It was actually Nyarlathotep himself who orchestrated this to absorb Jinhyeok's data and abilities for his own gain. As a result, Jinhyeok believed that Unknown wouldn't join the battle for a while. He analyzed Unknown's

mana growth and data storage and concluded that there was no way it could be restored to its full form in such a short time. Therefore, he didn't factor Unknown into his plans, thinking it wouldn't participate in the main fight—a decision that would backfire later in Jinhyeok's strategy. Additionally, Jinhyeok was unaware that Nyarlathotep was behind this manipulation of Player Unknown; he attributed it to the errors made by the creators when designing Unknown.

Temple:

After Jinhyeok entered the temple's labyrinth with Pesis, they quickly navigated the endless loop of trap paths thanks to Pesis's unique ability. They made efficient use of the divine beasts they had previously tamed, allowing them to move at high speed through the traps without sustaining any damage. Suddenly, Jinhyeok confronted Player Unknown and Vishnu. Unknown revealed that he had anticipated Jinhyeok's actions and proved his point to Vishnu. He then asked Vishnu to hold Jinhyeok off while he secured the first lotus completely.

Caught off guard, Jinhyeok hadn't expected Unknown to interfere so quickly. He had previously sensed Unknown's growth level and believed he would focus on regaining his powers rather than engage in a fight, thinking that interference could lead to greater danger. Jinhyeok realized that either he still lacked the necessary strength to fend off Unknown's interference or someone had obstructed his means of regaining magical power. Regardless, he understood Unknown's intentions as Unknown swiftly made his way toward the first lotus.

While engaged in battle, Jinhyeok attempted to communicate with Vishnu. However, Vishnu began to feel suspicious about this exchange, reasoning that talking during the fight would only waste precious time and put Jinhyeok at a disadvantage. Reluctantly, he decided to listen. Jinhyeok reflected on Vishnu's earlier statement, where Vishnu asserted he would hold Jinhyeok back until

Unknown secured the first lotus. This prompted Jinhyeok to question why Unknown had decided to interfere early in the confrontation.

Given the current situation, Jinhyeok mused that Unknown should have waited until after Cheonsei's fight to intervene. He noted that since Unknown didn't seem to be in peak condition, he likely hadn't regained his full strength. If Unknown was indeed low on magical power due to some incident, he would require a strong holy relic to bridge that gap. Aware that Jinhyeok was approaching, Unknown tried to pass off securing the lotus as his intention, but Jinhyeok suspected his real aim was to absorb it. If Unknown merely intended to keep tabs on Jinhyeok's movements, there would have been no need for him to appear, especially in his current weakened state. Jinhyeok proposed that Vishnu should confront both parties directly to uncover their true motives, manipulating Vishnu's judgment; Jinhyeok guided him toward the lotus room.

Meanwhile, Jinhyeok proposed that if what he said was true, it would be wiser to halt the war, as their true enemy wasn't Jinhyeok himself, but someone who was backstabbing them from the shadows. As Vishnu and Jinhyeok entered the room, they were shocked to find it transformed; the enchanting heavenly fragrance had vanished, replaced by a suffocating demonic aura. The unknown had already absorbed the first lotus and achieved his prime state. Thus began a fierce one-on-one battle between Jinhyeok and the unknown. They adapted to each other's attacks, countering expertly, yet neither managed to land a blow. The unknown anticipated Jinhyeok's moves, knowing he would seek a way out. While doing so, he had taken precautions by summoning the four shade reapers, heralds of doom, who quickly surrounded everyone in the room. The unknown predicted that Jinhyeok would try to leverage Vishnu's influence to stop the war, negotiating with Cheonsei and ultimately confronting him. However, anticipating this, the unknown summoned gates at the exit, from which Shub Niggurath's black goats surged forth, leaving Jinhyeok with no chance to escape safely with Vishnu.

On the other side, at the mid-level floors where Jinhyeok's bases were established, Tulzcha and some of Shub's apostles arrived seeking revenge for the events of the Shub Niggurath arc—during which the Murim masters had also battled. Tulzcha had come not only for retribution but also to dismantle Jinhyeok's reinforcements completely. The empire and Murim, who had formed a peace treaty thanks to Jinhyeok's efforts, now banded together to confront Tulzcha and his forces. Initially, it seemed like a one-sided fight, but the Empire and Murim showcased unexpected resilience, inflicting significant damage on their adversaries. This realization struck Tulzcha; he understood that Jinhyeok must have prepared for this confrontation in advance.

Before the current covenant arc, when Jinhyeok faced Tulzcha on the abandoned island, he had discovered unique ingredients there. Mixing them with other components, he crafted an armament capable of both defense and significant damage against lesser entities of Cthulhu, such as the apostles and Tulzcha himself. When I mentioned that Jinhyeok sent Pesis, Wolyeoung, and Frey to gather ingredients from various locations, this was the context.

Within just 10 hours, Tulzcha found little success, as the Empire and Murim utilized hit-and-run tactics effectively, sustaining minimal injuries. They soon realized that the Murim and Empire were employing various poisons in their attacks. However, after analyzing those poisons, it became clear to Tulzcha that they couldn't affect any being on the 50th floor. He remained baffled, unaware that within those ordinary poisons, Jinhyeok had cleverly included a blend of plague and corona tails, replicating the very tactics he had previously used to defeat Tulzcha.

Back to Jinhyeok's battle, the damage inflicted was evident. The Earth was on the brink of destruction due to the Covenant, and even beings from the 50th floor were sent to obliterate Jinhyeok's bases—which later turned out to be futile, as I mentioned before. Jinhyeok made it clear that his priority wasn't to save Earth; instead, he aimed to put an end to the war and eliminate Unknown. He communicated to Alice that he would create an opening for

them to seize Vishnu and persuade Cheonsei, shifting their target of hatred onto Unknown to halt the war and bring the other factions—like the apostles of Shub and the four Shade Reapers, as well as the Knights of the Book of Revelation—onto his side.

As these forces rushed in to surround them, Jinhyeok fused the Crown of Strength and Speed and donned it, amplifying his powers to their peak. He noticed that Alice and Teressa had prepared to escape at full speed, while Oesis identified the most likely route for their getaway. Teressa and Vishnu worked together seamlessly to enhance Vishnu's field of rejection, enabling them to withstand the oncoming assaults from Shub's apostles and the Black Goats.

Meanwhile, Jinhyeok, who was wearing the crowns, broke through the four reapers and closed in on Unknown. He unleashed various types of attack magic using swords and summoned multiple Tomb Grave Arms to tackle different opponents simultaneously, raising their chances of escape. Finally, Jinhyeok activated the primary ability he had reserved as a trump card for their escape. He initiated an earthquake and combined it with his rift and adaptation stats, maximizing its power in line with the Crown of Strength. The entire temple shook, and lava surged from beneath, allowing him to evade Unknown's surprise attack.

Reaching the ceiling, Jinhyeok unleashed his unique spear, Downfall. Though not suited for close-quarters combat, this ability could annihilate everything in its path, including the user. Activating the Sagittarius Barrier bolstered his strength while the Downfall ability propelled him towards the floor, causing the entire temple to collapse into ashes. Fortunately, he managed to escape just in time. Before striking the ground, he summoned his ancient spirit beasts, channeling the Gnome and Earth Spirit to carve out an escape route, while the Wind Spirit harnessed the air flow to pinpoint the fastest way out.

Hunt for Nerconomicon:

By the time Vishnu had arrived at the Cheonsei Mythologies base and convinced them to cease hostilities, everyone had convened for a meeting. Earlier, Jinhyeok requested compensation during Cheonsei's negotiations, specifically a golden orb. Utilizing it, he gained access to the holy relics warehouse, where the deal allowed him to select one weapon. Jinhyeok made the correct choice, knowing it would perfectly fuse with his daggers for the battles ahead. He called upon Orun and the Blacksmith from Olympus to collaborate in crafting the weapon quickly, following the formula Jinhyeok had provided.

After witnessing the unknown taking its prime state and the intervention of outer gods, Jinhyeok was able to predict their future reinforcements and intentions. This realization prompted him to focus his efforts on eliminating the unknown rather than concentrating on Earth, a decision that will become clear once he confronts his target.

To prepare for this battle, Jinhyeok utilized the vast resources of the largest blacksmith shop in Cheonsei, collaborating with Hephaestus and Orun to merge the Crimson Lotus and Vajra with his two daggers. Meanwhile, there were moles within Cheonsei who conspired with Nyarlathotep, negotiating terms to recover holy relics and incite internal conflict within the alliance. They aimed to eliminate Ganesha and fabricate injuries to frame other mythical beings, one of the reasons being that Vishnu required Ganesha's heart for a material. Additionally, Nyarlathotep wanted to erase all evidence before his departure to keep Jinhyeok unaware of his presence.

As the daggers were being forged, a horde of 10,000, led by the unknown, approached, accompanied by the goats of Shub-Niggurath and other lesser monsters from the Cthulhu mythos, along with one of the main gods, Ghroth the Harbinger. Jinhyeok rallied his own troupe to counter the unknown, but soon realized that his trump card—a device he was developing—wasn't ready

yet. He instructed Belial and Artemis to move it to a strategic advance point, from which it could influence the entire area with maximum effectiveness.

As the unknown signaled his forces to storm the fortress, Jinhyeok's alliance prepared to defend their base. In the midst of this turmoil, Jinhyeok devised a plan to survive the confrontation while securing an overall victory. He dashed in another direction after passing through the gate, pulling out an old jewelry box and a worn fountain pen. Using a lost language that would be incomprehensible to most, he wrote a message that only Ghroth could understand. The fountain pen, which concealed "truth," and the jewelry box that contained clues to the Ouroboros Labyrinth hinted at the necronomicon's location. This suggested that Jinhyeok possessed a few leads that could help him deduce the whereabouts of the Necronomicon, which contained vital information about the Cthulhu mythos.

If Jinhyeok or anyone else were to get their hands on it, there would be a real chance for all the other myths to combine their strengths in order to strategize against them and potentially take them down. This is why the Outer Gods prioritize the seizure of the Necronomicon. Ghroth realized this and shifted his focus solely onto Jinhyeok, which changed the dynamics significantly. The Unknown couldn't convince Ghroth any longer; even as a mid-tier entity, he still looked down on lesser beings and took pride in his superiority. Furthermore, Jinhyeok had run off on his own, and Ghroth could see from his vantage point that there was nothing surrounding him. The Unknown couldn't stop Ghroth from pursuing Jinhyeok, while simultaneously, Goinmul and the Mythology Alliance charged in to handle the Unknown's troupe, capitalizing on the opening created by Jinhyeok's withdrawal from the main confrontation. Everyone rushed in to keep the player known as Unknown from becoming a third variable in the one-on-one showdown between Jinhyeok and Ghroth.

It's understandable that Ghroth would chase after Jinhyeok—not just for the reasons already mentioned, but also because in a straight fight, Jinhyeok

would be outmatched due to the significant power difference; Ghroth could easily take him down in a single blow. Jinhyeok was aware of this too, which is why he set this trap in motion. Soon, his setup would come to fruition as he had instructed Belial and Artemis to place strategic devices at crucial points.

Jinhyeok didn't activate any unique abilities or summon the Coronation of Napoleon, as he wanted to reserve them for the final showdown or in case an unexpected variable intervened. Instead, he utilized residual moonlight to create ten clones of himself. While these clones weren't as potent as the original, they could mimic his aura to mislead others and conceal Jinhyeok's true self. The plan was to escape and stall for time, but within minutes, Jinhyeok sensed that Ghroth was swiftly annihilating all the clones. He soon realized that Ghroth had activated one of his primary powers, "One-Eyed Moon," which was capable of delivering psychological attacks that induce despair, madness, and fear—enough to break even universal entities and unravel their sense of reason.

This psychological assault was just a secondary effect; it also foretold the "End of Realm," signaling the death of all beings—living and non-living alike—through elemental disruptions and widespread natural disasters. Ghroth's gaze was fixed squarely on Jinhyeok as the forest around them decayed, leaving a void in its wake. Jinhyeok pushed himself to his maximum speed, donning the Crown of Speed while activating his Tomb Grave Armor and the Unique Spear of the Twelve Tasks, shielding himself from the catastrophic effects of the One-Eyed Moon. Ghroth was notably impressed by Jinhyeok's resilience and ability to maintain his composure despite the overwhelming effects of the psychological attack. Then, Jinhyeok unleashed his Cheronosphere and Primeval Flame, targeting Ghroth with magic bullets infused with immense power.

Despite the two abilities boosting the bullets' destructive power, Jinhyeok understood that it wasn't sufficient. Consequently, he activated eight Swamps of Poisons and Plague, which he had previously used against Tulzcha. This

turned the flames from the bullets sticky, primarily affecting Ghroth's area instead of spreading out, and mixed in deadly poisons meant for the Primeval Beungs. Although its impact was minimal, everything in the area was reduced to ashes. As he restrained Ghroth's position, Jinhyeok immediately summoned a Frost Spear, which froze everything in its path. However, even with this prior assault combined, Ghroth remained unscathed and oblivious. Jinhyeok had no intention of landing a critical hit; rather, he aimed to make it appear as if he was employing all his might and still failing to inflict damage. This was to incite Ghroth's ignorance, treating Jinhyeok as a mere plaything and allowing him to buy time until Belial and Artemis completed their setup.

Jinhyeok wanted to save his defensive abilities, Invincibility, and Blessing of Stars, for later. He instead summoned a troupe of undead monsters, including Death Knights and dragons. The advantage of using Death Knights was that they were immune to the psychological attacks of the One-Eyed Moon since they were already dead. They charged in without fear of their own demise. Jinhyeok then moved in the opposite direction, employing Mentra Taming and Red Land Riding to quickly adapt to riding the dragon as it soared at full speed. Ghroth realized that Jinhyeok had chosen to fly away, knowing that his powers were most effective on solid ground, yet he proceeded with his plans. Confident that Jinhyeok was powerless to kill him, Ghroth reveled in the joy of "toying" with his enemies.

Ghroth unleashed the Light of Destruction, another trait of the One-Eyed Moon, which burned away base elements and reduced them to nothingness, erasing concepts altogether. The Death Knights evaporated before they could react, and Jinhyeok barely escaped as the light rapidly approached. Ghroth detected various magical powers and a cloud of distant sky distorting into different shapes. Ancient beasts, including a Pried and Hooded Crane, were manipulating the weather, but their powers couldn’t effectively counter the light. Fortunately, the brief delay allowed Goguma to utilize the Void Dragon's Breath Sword of Condemnation. Before the unknown adversary could intervene, Jinhyeok had extracted magic crystals from Cheonsei's relic

room, using them to buff Goguma at the perfect moment. With that blow, he halted the One-Eyed Moon's attack and redirected it toward Ghroth using a technique similar to the one he previously executed on the unknown foe at the temple.

The attack's magnitude, enhanced by the dragon's internal energy and mass, came crashing down with incredible speed. Although Ghroth defended himself with an ancient shield, the impact only resulted in smoke and no damage. However, one moment of inattention was all Jinhyeok needed. Wielding the Spear of Zeus and the Dragon Slayer Sword Balmung, he exploited this gap to strike seven points on Ghroth's body. Jinhyeok had learned that Ghroth's heart shifts throughout his body, so he calculated the flow of magical energy and targeted seven potential locations where it might be. He used his best swordsman skills to empower Balmung, aiming to penetrate, but only managed to scratch Ghroth's outer layer, causing minimal damage.

Ghroth was left terrified upon realizing Jinhyeok understood his inner workings regarding heart movement. He thought all hope was lost with his reinforcements gone, unaware that Jinhyeok had been inducing his sense of ignorance, feeding his desire for control to buy time. As the setup was complete, Jinhyeok's devices had expanded the barrier's range, covering the entire realm. The primary ability of this device was to align all twelve constellation barriers created from lost language and form a thirteenth constellation barrier, which possessed the highest peak of power, capable of countering a divinity like Ghroth. When the space distorted and the One-Eyed Moon appeared, it was immediately blocked by the thirteenth constellation barrier, nullifying all powers directed toward it.

Continuing to attack, Jinhyeok aligned his strikes with the other twelve constellations, maximizing their effects. He utilized techniques like Call of Stars in conjunction with Sagittarius to amplify the destructive power of Starfall, and combined Pisces with Frost Spear to enhance its effectiveness.

The barrier had a notable effect on multiplication, increasing the number of attacks and making it unpredictable from which direction they would come. Thanks to the Libra Barrier, the gap between Jinhyeok and his opponent narrowed, enhancing his traits as well. This combination was made possible due to the device, enabling the 13th constellation to recreate primordial snakes that assisted him in cornering Ghroth. This forced Ghroth to use Shagais Roots, his other holy lance, since the One-Eyed Moon had been nullified. The surface of the sword split horizontally, revealing a single eye that represented his lance.

Activating the primordial snake assist transformed the battlefield as falling stars morphed into serpents targeting Ghroth, reminiscent of "the serpent that devours the planet." Its gaping mouth seemed endless, evoking a sense of vastness even in Ghroth's line of sight. Meanwhile, Shagais Roots unleashed its full power, creating a powerful purple mist storm that surpassed even the "Light of Destruction" trait from the One-Eyed Moon. As the 13th constellation's snakes clashed with the tentacles of Shagais Roots, Ghroth unleashed his full strength to break through and finish off Jinhyeok.

The ensuing chaos caused countless single eyes to appear, covering the entire universe. Jinhyeok successfully manipulated the situation to induce a one-on-one confrontation, generating both ignorance and intense interest that led to an all-out power struggle. His goal was to have those eyes encompass the universe, creating conditions to replicate the One-Eyed Moon by recalling its haunting single eye, thereby inflicting maximum mental damage.

This activated the final ability of the barrier's residual snake, allowing everything to penetrate through the eyes. Despite their high offensive power, the eyes were vulnerable to illusions due to their quantity. Jinhyeok skillfully used the snakes alongside illusionary and sensory distortions to bring forth Ghroth's deepest traumas. Typically, such tactics wouldn't work on Ghroth unless his opponent matched the outer gods' level. However, by disrupting his

primordial essence with the 13 constellations while bolstering his own power, Jinhyeok succeeded in creating an illusion that trapped Ghroth in a cycle of trauma.

Facing this intense mental onslaught caused Ghroth's attacks to slow, allowing Jinhyeok to finally defeat him and successfully acquire the One-Eyed Moon ability. As a reward for achieving the impossible under such adverse conditions, the tower offered Jinhyeok a choice of two items from six. He opted for free access to enter the 50th floor, which he planned to use for preparing for the next war after the Covenant. He also chose an SSS-class random treasure box, which had a one-in-a-million chance of yielding something he desired. However, Jinhyeok knew how to manipulate the odds and saw this as a crucial trump card to flip future events in his favor, especially given the unpredictable challenges ahead.

Base Infiltration:

Unknown managed to infiltrate Jinhyeok's base, skillfully avoiding all the detection barriers he had set. This enigmatic individual contacted Belus, who served as Alice's butler but also operated from the outside as a strategist, waiting for the perfect moment to strike while leaking information. However, effective leaks had been nearly impossible until now, as Jinhyeok kept his plans under wraps, only assigning specific tasks and leaving no room for gossip. Together, they plotted to isolate Alice and take her hostage, preparing methods that would not only neutralize their powers but also manipulate their minds to comply with their wishes.

Unknown had coated his daggers with special potions, waiting for the right moment to ambush them during the night, skillfully distorting the space around them so that no one would realize what was unfolding. Meanwhile, Jinhyeok visited two blacksmiths, providing them with Shagai roots he had retrieved from Ghroth's sword and high-level magic crystals crafted from Ghroth's heart. This not only enhanced the daggers' success rate and power but also diversified their capabilities. In a short time, he had the newly

upgraded daggers, referred to as the "First Blade," ready for action. With these formidable weapons in hand, Jinhyeok planned to strike a deal with the high floor manager, Shylock, knowing that success in this deal would grant him access to the best items needed for probability manipulation.

Games with Shylock:

Although there are other methods, such as those seen in the first-floor labyrinth arcs, Jinhyeok decides to summon Shylock for a deal. By acquiring items through Shylock, he aims to diminish the variables linked to probability manipulation, ultimately paving his way to what he desires. When he participates in the infinite wheel transaction led by Shylock, the first step involves weighing his requests. Jinhyeok knows that no amount of money he places on the scale will equal the value of the items he seeks, given Shylock's notorious nature. However, he plays along, not wanting to reveal that he thoroughly understands Shylock's tactics.

After setting down his weapons and a pile of coins, Jinhyeok scribbles something on a piece of paper and places it on the scale. To his surprise, this causes the scale to tip in his favor. The scale's movement draws upon Shylock's desires. In what Jinhyeok wrote, he cleverly proposed that he wouldn't need to pay if he became a test subject and perhaps died during the experiments—considering Shylock's reputation as a ruthless human experimenter, Jinhyeok's standing as a top-tier ranker would surely pique Shylock's interest. Should Jinhyeok survive the next three experiments, he would be granted the item he craves.

Shylock pulls out a collection of thousands of poisons and curses. Jinhyeok realizes that Shylock must possess a variety of poisons, likely aware of Jinhyeok's standing as a tower manager. To his astonishment, Shylock even presents the poison combination that Jinhyeok used against Tulzcha, confirming Jinhyeok's suspicions. Jinhyeok then requests to retrieve his weapons, arguing that with his side of the scale being heavier, they need to

balance the weights so Shylock cannot refuse. Jinhyeok does not want to part with his weapons after this encounter.

While Shylock concocts new poisons by mixing old ones, Jinhyeok remains composed, able to resist these lethal substances. Moving on, Shylock unveils poisons and curses from the 50th floor, including Devil's Pain and the Cross of the Antichrist, combining various demonic materials to create an exceptionally heinous poison. Once infused, the blood qi flow controlled by blood magic and heavenly demon arts falters, nullifying all of Jinhyeok's defensive spells and poisons. His body ignites with pain, causing him to bleed from his eyes and nose and to cough up blood.

Before Shylock prepares another poison, Jinhyeok retrieves an item he arranged beforehand. While two blacksmiths reinforce his first blade, he searches for a doll capable of channeling curses, named 109 Curses. In reality, it simply spreads the user's curses throughout the area. Given that the area is restricted by barriers to prevent external interference, the caution displayed leads to them being unwitting victims of the poisons and curses that enter Jinhyeok's body. This process continues until Jinhyeok decides to stop. While the system confirms that the experimental party cannot attack or harm Shylock, Jinhyeok's actions are deemed defensive, allowing him to circumvent any rules.

Unable to endure the curses and poisons any longer, Shylock concedes defeat, marking the end of the second experiment. During the third test, Shylock presents a special relic known as "God's Faithful Henchman." This item embodies a type of transaction made with the consent of the target, requiring God's approval as well.

Once confident, one must wholeheartedly obey God's words and serve faithfully in all endeavors. Jinhyeok, using this principle, sought to make Shylock his reluctant servant. He crafted an item and placed it outside the barrier, which would call out to Rick Hennessy in half an hour. Meanwhile, Jinhyeok pretended to be in a state of panic, buying time before responding.

Rick, feeling cornered after Jinhyeok had outmaneuvered him in the second test, resorted to using cheats and unfair methods to deal with him. In a desperate move, Rick activated God's Droplet, an ability that directly countered Shylock's power, nullifying any unreasonable contracts made in the name of the divine. Since the two relics were fundamentally oppositional, their activation would cancel one another out and potentially devastate their surroundings.

Shylock had brought his entire treasure set, hoping to find the best items to trap Jinhyeok, so the loss would be catastrophic for him. However, Rick was prepared to sacrifice that relic to save Jinhyeok, as he owed his promotion to high floor manager to Jinhyeok's previous intervention against Hasting. Jinhyeok cleverly made Rick feel indebted, understanding that Rick's disciplined and principled nature wouldn't allow him to abandon his benefactor.

Seeing that Rick was genuinely willing to relinquish the relic, Shylock conceded defeat. As a result, the restraints on Jinhyeok were lifted after he successfully completed all three tests, allowing him to acquire the items necessary for perfect probability manipulation within the SSS class treasure box. Though he had gained an advantage over Rick this time, he remained unaware of Rick's true motives.

As Rick departed, Jinhyeok sensed a faint, translucent energy flow emanating from the other side of the castle. It dawned on him that an unknown entity had used his barriers to obscure the struggle taking place there, indicating a fight involving Alice and Teressa. Realizing he needed to act quickly, Jinhyeok rushed to their aid.

Jinhyeok has finally acquired what he needs to counter the unknown's future trump card.

Final Fight

He heads to the scene of the battle, where Teressa and Alice are struggling to hold their ground against Unknown and Belus, the tower operator. Meanwhile, the rest of the players remain oblivious to the chaos unfolding due to the deceptive defensive mechanisms and barriers set up by Player Unknown. Since it's nighttime, nobody is wandering the area to notice the fight.

Jinhyeok successfully intervenes. Thanks to his preparations and the remodeling of his daggers, his "first blade" now boasts a higher destructive power and versatility. However, it's still not enough to take on Unknown's unit, so he stays on the defensive, biding his time for a scenario that he plans to manipulate, which will lead to Teressa's job change and evolution. He carefully adapts to Belus's fighting style while utilizing "universal sharing" to exchange abilities with Alice, allowing them to initiate counterattacks when Jinhyeok identifies openings.

Although Jinhyeok can handle Belus, the apostles and knights from the last floor continue pressing Alice and Teressa hard. Teressa realizes that Jinhyeok must conserve his strength for the final confrontation with Unknown, and Alice, being stronger, is essential for their victory but is already fatigued from managing multiple angles while ensuring Teressa regains her stamina. Understanding the situation, Teressa decides to sacrifice herself to buy time, allowing Jinhyeok and Alice to regroup and strategize their next move.

If it’s Jinhyeok, he can break through the barrier. However, Jinhyeok doesn’t mind letting Teressa take the fall. Despite the risks that could lead her to certain death, her determination remains steadfast. This unwavering will allowed her to fulfill the job change conditions, thanks to the power of the saints' unshakeable prayer, embodying the theme of Agape’s sacrifice. As a result, Teressa activated her unique spear, Seraphim, along with a degraded version of the Divine Crowns, which only managed to exert a quarter of the original’s power.

The sudden job change and the acquisition of Seraphim led to the direct descent of archangels, coming to protect their newly appointed apostle of God. This caused the barriers to crumble. Jinhyeok had been setting up the situation this way since his intervention. He understood beforehand that the conditions to activate Seraphim were strict and tied to a pure spirit. Jinhyeok deduced that invoking "self-sacrifice" would be effective, strategically saving this activation for moments of dire adversity. Although using Seraphim consumes Teressa's own life force, Jinhyeok knows how to mitigate those side effects—hence his need to unlock probability-manipulating items to access the SSS-class treasure box properly.

Having successfully led Teressa to use Seraphim, Jinhyeok moved on to execute his other plans. He activated his trump card, the one-time ability known as "Coronation of Napoleon," which maximizes all his powers for three minutes, removing any constraints and allowing him to reach his prime state. He utilized every type of power available to him, enabling him to cast various spells and wield multiple weapons simultaneously, cornering Belus.

Unknown intervened, but his Red Lotus and swords lacked the strength of Jinhyeok in full force. However, Unknown wasn't looking to fight; he was using the apostles and knights he had brought as shields. Jinhyeok managed to break through their ranks, employing his diverse abilities all at once. On the other hand, Player Unknown finally revealed the blue gem he had been concealing. Realizing that Jinhyeok had activated his trump card, Coronation of Napoleon, Unknown recognized that he couldn't stop Unknown's own ace yet.

The blue gem in Unknown's hand was the Eternal Bloodstone, which maximizes one's abilities or weapon proficiency. He used its effect to enhance his imagination materialization. Once consumed by the person who is the reason for the covenant within an hour, Azathoth's court will descend. Jinhyeok grappled with Belus, who switched places with Unknown,

struggling to keep pace with Coronation of Napoleon, all while stalling for time (three minutes).

At last, Belus landed a significant blow, believing he had outsmarted Jinhyeok by trading places with Unknown to delay action. However, he soon realized that the body he struck was an illusion, crafted from glacial modeling and disguise magic. Thanks to Coronation of Napoleon, Jinhyeok had created fakes and illusions that kept them from noticing the real him. As Belus fell into the trap, he tried to channel his powers for a decisive hit, but he had already exhausted himself through previous overexertion and system manipulation. Jinhyeok understood that even operators have their limits when it comes to system manipulation. When he saw the eagle owl on the 21st floor, he activated the Crown of Divinity. The conditions for this copy required Teressa to obtain Seraphim as well, although the version that Jinhyeok copied wasn't fully developed. Still, thanks to the coronation, its power was exerted in a prime state. Despite being an operator, Belus's abilities primarily revolved around the dark magic of vampires, which stood in stark contrast to divine powers. Jinhyeok intentionally exhausted Belus's energy so that he could no longer wield that authority, allowing Jinhyeok's divine strength to pierce through the essence of darkness.

Due to his immortality, Jinhyeok knew his attacks wouldn't kill Belus. Instead, he opted to combine his divine powers with the poison he had previously used on Tulzcha, injecting it into Belus. Almost out of life, Belus had lost his ability to tolerate pain. Since he couldn't die due to his immortality, he was subjected to relentless suffering; the only way to escape was to destroy his own root of immortality. Despite Unknown's attempts to intervene, his advice fell on deaf ears as Belus saw no other way out. Unknown realized that Jinhyeok orchestrated this situation to force Belus into a position where he might take his own life, likely aiming to exploit Belus's powers through copying conditions.

To prevent Unknown from interfering, Jinhyeok erected barriers that kept him occupied in battle. The barriers were meant to restrain Belus from committing suicide by binding his arms, creating a sense of desperation that led Belus to relinquish his weapons in a bid to end his misery quickly. Thus, Jinhyeok not only obtained Belus's abilities but also his weapons. He had foreseen the conditions for the copy when he arrived at the fight, manipulating the situation to make it seem like they were winning while aligning their actions for his maximum benefit.

However, just as he was gaining the upper hand, the power from his coronation began to fade as it reached its time limit. This unexpected loss was due to a miscalculation on Jinhyeok's part. He realized that Unknown had been using the lack of the Aquarius barrier to distort his sense of time to its limit during the clash of their elemental forces. Ultimately, Jinhyeok found himself without his trump card, the coronation.

Now that Jinhyeok has lost his power of coronation, Tamash, the leader of the ancient beings' mage corps, steps in to confront him. Meanwhile, the barriers previously broken by the archangels have left the restoration process imperfect, leading to continuous impacts from Jinhyeok's side. As a result, the conflicts are not completely obscured, and members of Goinmul are aware of the battle and are closing in. Jinhyeok is also regaining his reinforcements.

In an attempt to block access to the summoning portal to Azathoth's court, Tamash uses wide-area magic. However, Jinhyeok counters with the dragon breath of Goguma. When Tamash tries to rearrange and formulate his magic arrays, his concentration is shattered by Jinhyeok's summons and Frey's surprise attack from the shadows. Seizing the opportunity, Jinhyeok rushes to the portal's location.

Finally, he pulls out the SSS treasure box, along with the items he obtained from Shylock. With a bit of clever manipulation, Jinhyeok manages to get what he wants: the greedy toad responds to his fitting compensation by spitting out four relics. However, the rules dictate that these four items must

be used by different people for distinct purposes. This doesn't deter Jinhyeok, though. After feeding the toad some red ruby tsetse flies, which are its preferred delicacy, he receives Adam's Rib. This relic grants a second life to everyone who belongs to Eden, providing protection from fatal injuries and any dangerous contracts linked to life. With that, Jinhyeok took measures to ensure Teressa's safety from the side effects caused by the seraphim, allowing her to continue fighting. He summoned spirit beasts and entrusted them with four powerful relics: the Clau Solas—an invincible sword capable of blinding foes and wielding sacred spells; the Key of Gilgamesh, which grants access to treasures regardless of distance or concealment; and the Limit Breaking Pill, which can forcibly unlock one ability from a chosen item upon consumption. Jinhyeok kept the Limit Breaking Pill for himself to fill the gap in his coronation process.

Next, he amplified the First Blade's size and mana capacity to handle the portals that were on the verge of opening. Since merely crushing one side wouldn't suffice, he deployed five troops to the five portals. Some spirit beasts headed towards the Deity Alliance to deliver relics, while Undine approached Alice to hand her the Key of Gilgamesh, enabling her to enter her prime state with full armaments. Jinhyeok had two reasons for this: he anticipated that Alice's armament would likely be hidden from him and his allies, and he also wanted to ensure she'd be ready for an unknown adversary who might impersonate his abilities, making it difficult for them to adapt to Prime Alice's fighting style. Moreover, Prime Alice was among the strongest divinities, tipping the odds heavily in their favor against the unknown.

Meanwhile, Cheonsei's inner gods were under Nyarlathotep's influence, hindering the Deity Alliance's efforts to dismantle the other portals. As Teressa regained her power with Adam's Rib, they held their ground, but Jinhyeok noticed Cheonsei's betrayal when he saw the northern portal still opening. Activating Brahm's Ring, which connected him to the String of Destiny, a fractional ability of universal sharing; Jinhyeok switched places

with Alice, who he hoped would use her powers to shatter the jewel and seal the last portal, effectively stopping the Descent of Azathoth's Court.

As the battle resumed between Jinhyeok and the unknown enemy, he recognized that the conditions for the adversary's copying abilities hinged on using moves he had never previously employed. Drawing on the One-Eyed Moon, Alice's Blood Eclipse, the Lance of Chronos, and other significant powers, Jinhyeok managed to halt the descent and ultimately eliminate the unknown threat, surviving the covenant in the process.

Afterward, Jinhyeok traveled to Cronos from Olympus to initiate a partial regression, aiming to rewind Earth's timeline by one week. His goal was to restore the world and humanity while manipulating memories so that everyone would forget his presence. However, Jinhyeok understood that Cronos couldn't achieve this entirely. Killing the unknown was crucial to neutralizing his items, notably the "Double Cross Line." By combining the powers of Cronos with system manipulation—an ability he had reserved—Jinhyeok created a strategy to make a select few individuals at Goinmul Corporation exempt from memory loss regarding him. The purpose behind this memory manipulation was to prevent ancient beings from using people as leverage against Jinhyeok, averting a repeat of the covenant's situation.

Thus, Jinhyeok's intricate strategies throughout the covenant reached their conclusion.