

Chapter 80 - vs. Demon King Alyssa ④

24th day after Demon King Alyssa's «Proclamation of War».

The war situation has been stagnating.

Three sectors were remaining in Alyssa's Domain. Annihilating Alyssa's forces during the time of the «Proclamation of War» was honestly difficult in regards to the time schedule.

Assuming that the enemy won't meddle, it takes Rina's unit three days to capture a single domain. Since Chloe's unit had lost many of its main force, I can't expect for them to yield the same results as until now. Six days are left for the «Proclamation of War». No matter how much we strained ourselves, seizing three domains — Alyssa's Domain would be impossible.

Before the war against Alyssa started, I had 34 sectors. Alyssa had 12 sectors. Nowadays my sectors number 43, and Alyssa is down to three. If you limit it to the military gains, it might not be too far stretched to even call it an overwhelming victory.

However, I wasn't satisfied with the current achievements. To be more precise, I wanted to annihilate Alyssa's forces during the «Proclamation of War» at all costs.

There are two reasons.

First, Alyssa is too strong as a neighboring hostile power. For now it's fine since she can't recover her CP as compensation for having started a «Proclamation of War», but...once the «Proclamation of War» runs out, she will recover her CP. In that case it will become even more difficult to defeat her.

Second, if the «Proclamation of War» runs out, the humans and the surrounding Demon Kings will likely resume their invasions into my Domain again. In such a situation it will be hard to devote all my power on Alyssa as I'm doing now.

Having said that...what should I do?

Honestly said, in the current situation it's harsh to capture even a single of Alyssa's sectors.

When my main force starts its invasion, Alyssa cleverly starts her invasion into my Domain at the same time. If I withdraw my main force, Alyssa retreats as well. And as long as our side doesn't start an invasion, Alyssa keeps idling around.

The strength of the main force will be indispensable to defeat Alyssa. However, Alyssa repeatedly takes action to avoid that main force.

As a result, we have fallen into a deadlock.

Once I sent a chosen set of subordinates to start an invasion while leaving the main force on defense, Alyssa was as kind as spearheading her own defense...and repelled the invaders.

There's only one way to break out of this deadlock.

However, that way had the potential to narrow down my future options.

The conclusion I finally reached after worrying and worrying is——

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T/N: The skill Absorb where he can suck the blood from his subordinates to gain their abilities will be changed to Suction.

At the end of my worrying, I decided to make the move of breaking the current deadlock.

It will reduce my future options, but...I will let my future self handle that part. He might say 『I wanna hit the me from back then!』, but...it will probably work out one way or the other.

I recall the overwhelmingly strong Demon King Alyssa who routed Chloe's party.
It will go smoothly, right? Or rather, I have no plan besides that one, do I?
The move to break through the current stalemate is — to assign my BP.
My current status is...

Name: Shion
Aptitude: Chaos
Race: Demon King (Vampire)
Lv.: 9
CP: 4300
Body: C (D)
Mana: C (D)
Knowledge: E
Creation: B
Alchemy: B
BP: 22

If I allocate my BP...Body and Mana will grow from C (D) to B (C). Moreover, it will become possible to have one of them, either Body or Mana, grow from B (C) to A (B).
It's just an assumption, but Alyssa's status should be: Body C, Mana B, Knowledge ?, Creation B, and Alchemy B.
In that case, if I raise my stats...I should be able to surpass her strength.
Haa...I wanted to amass 50 BP...
While sighing, I operate my smartphone.
5 BP are required to make a stat go up from C (D) to B (C). In order to acquire 5 BP, it's necessary to level up once. In other words, raising Body and Mana from C (D) to B (C) will delay me gathering 50 BP from level 15 to 17.

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With this my Mana has the same rank as Alyssa's, and I surpass her with my Body rank.
However, there are still some anxieties remaining. My life will be the chip in this time's gamble. I have to be extremely cautious.
I can only raise one of them, Body or Mana.
I decided to raise Body which I regarded highly for the gained durability and for the agility in case

it becomes necessary to escape in the worst case.

10 BP are needed to grow a stat from B (C) to A (B). In order to acquire 10 BP, it's necessary to level up twice. In other words, raising Body from B (C) to A (B) will delay me gathering 50 BP from level 17 to 19.

My 50 BP are getting further and further away...

While sighing, I operate my smartphone and allocate the BP.

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Hah? Eh? Hey, wait...

Looking at the status displayed on my smartphone, I'm confused.

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Special Abilities:

- Demon King
- Vampire
- Spearmanship (C)
 - Flash Thrust
 - Early-Summer Rain Thrust
- Domain Creation
- Separation
- Transfer (B)
- Subordinate Creation
- Random Creation
- Item Creation
- Darkness Veil
- Dark Arrow
- Dark Induction
- Mist Dispersion
- Dark Storm
- Dark Night Tempest (NEW)
- Absorb (NEW)
- Suction
 - Language (Human)
 - Whip Technique (C)
 - Snake Bind
 - Ice Magic (Intermediary)
 - Darkness Magic (Elementary)
- Blood Chalice

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Why is my Body rank still stuck at B!?

My body feels lighter than before the BP allocation. I can sense that my strength has increased. But, I can't feel as much of an enhancement as after a rank up.

Hah? Don't fuck around me with me! Shit, I just wasted 10 BP here!

The effect of assigning the 10 BP isn't zero, but because it wasn't the effect I had hoped it to be, I felt pissed off without having an outlet.

"Kanon!" (Shion)

"Yes? Eh, why are you so angry?" (Kanon)

For the time being I call Kanon, the user's manual and search tool.

"Even though I allotted my BP, the rank didn't go up!" (Shion)

"Eh? You spent your BP?" (Kanon)

Even though I know it's meaningless even if I vent on Kanon, I still raise my voice in anger.

"I allocated 5 BP to Mana and 15 BP to Body!" (Shion)

"Ooh...wait, doesn't that mean that you have used up most of your saved BP?" (Kanon)

"And yet Body didn't become A rank!!" (Shion)

"...Eh? Even if you tell me... Very likely the rank up of Body and Mana as long as it's an environment where the sun doesn't shine is a racial trait of vampires, but...you can call it masked data...or there's an upper limit to the values...or rather, isn't it simply necessary to allocate the appropriate BP to raise either stat from B to A?" (Kanon)

"Appropriate BP, how much is that!?" (Shion)

"I don't know...I might know if my Knowledge goes up to A rank, but...my Knowledge is still at B." (Kanon)

"Tsk!" (Shion)

"——Wha-!?" (Kanon)

Even if I complain to Kanon, it won't resolve anything. After lightly clicking my tongue, I take a very deep breath...attempting to release my pent-up anger.

In the end my anger hasn't been reduced, but...even if I'm fuming here, it's just a waste of time. I decided to move on to the next step.

"Chloe!" (Shion)

"...Y-Yes!" (Chloe)

I call Chloe who has been lifeless these days. Chloe is depressed, but she still follows my orders.

"Is it okay for me to request a mock battle?" (Shion)

"Mock battle...? I will gladly abide by Master's order. Who's the opponent...?" (Chloe)

"Me." (Shion)

"——!?" (Chloe)

"Do a mock battle with me, and tell me who's stronger...me or Alyssa." (Shion)

"However, even without having a mock battle, the superior one is mast——" (Chloe)

"Answer me honestly, okay? Pointless flattery is unnecessary." (Shion)

"C-Certainly!" (Chloe)

I decided to test my grown status against Chloe who actually fought with Alyssa. Nonetheless, I'm still quite worried about the evaluation standard if it's Chloe...

"Blue! Noire! Rouge!" (Shion)

"What ~ssu?" (Blue)

"Boss, you called?" (Noire)

"What is it?" (Rouge)

I call the three as personnel to make sure of a proper evaluation of my strength.

"Chloe and I will have a mock battle now. You three, decide who's stronger...me or Alyssa."
(Shion)

"Roger ~ssu." (Blue)

"Gotcha!" (Noire)

"Understood!" (Rouge)

The three energetically answered.

I guess I will ask Kanon as well.

Like this my mock battle with Chloe Shion, my bloodkin, started.