

Chapter 109 - Laplace ⑥

200 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0536

Nice to meet you, all of you senpai-sama.

201 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0013

Oh?

202 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0115

Oh?

203 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0077

Oh?

204 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0027

Just when I thought Sati and Iiko got married roflmao
It turns into bigamy with Nana also in the fray!? lol

205 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0007

>>200 Excuse me, but have you read >>1?

206 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0536

I'm participating based on what I've read, but what about it?
Are you going to test me in some way as well?

207 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0007

Looks like this time's newcomer is quite confident in himself.
Let's see...if you're an upper class demon, your reign must be going well?

208 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0027

Ah! There it is! Seven's newbie teasing! rofl
【Reign】...You're talking about 【Reign】 — the special ability acquired when growing to level 10, right? It's kind of hard to say that level = number of sectors, but it might be unlikely for there to be any upper class Demon Kings below level 10.

209 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0536

Unfortunately, I have no experience with reign.
Right now I'm engrossed with the competition against the Demon Kings around me.

210 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0007

Okay. >>209 seems to have the qualifications to be called upper class Demon King.

211 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0013

That means, a newcomer for the first time in a good while.

212 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0056

I guess it's time for the customary naming then.

213 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0027

If it comes to naming, it's my turn, right? lol
Umm...let's go with Gosam or Saburo. rofl

214 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0027

Well, that doesn't leave much of a choice, does it? lol
>>209 is Saburo. It's settled. lmao

215 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0056

Nina, don't spam.

Saburo? Has my username been exposed?

216 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0007

Saburo-san, were you surprised by the sudden development?
As a matter of fact, there are only few Demon Kings that qualify to be categorized as upper class Demon Kings. Those posting here are limited.
That's why we have been using temporary names, based on the suggestion of Nina...ID0027.

217 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0056

After all we can't reveal our actual names.
By the way, I'm Goro.

218 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0013

I am Sati.

219 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0115

Iiko here... Fuck! A weird name got stuck to me.

220 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0159

I'm Ikoku. It's something like a screen name

221 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0031

Sai. Best regards, Saburo-san.

222 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0077

Nana here, nice to meet ya.

223 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0007

I'm Seven. Should we meet in the real world, we will kill each other, but inside 『Laplace』, please do as you see fit.

224 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0027

I'm Nina rofl. It's the coolest name of the whole bunch, right? lol

The eight Demon Kings permanently staying in the Upper Class Demon King Lounge introduce themselves with their temporary nicks one after the other.

Going this far, even I would notice. It's a naming using simple parodies of their ID numbers.

Rather, these guys have ignored my own will on this...and simple stuck the name

Saburo[efn_note]By the way the name consists of Sa from san (3), bu from faibu or five, and ro from roku (6)...in short 356, a play on 536[efn_note] to me. Even though Gosam[efn_note]Go = 5, Sa = San = 3, M = Mu = Mutsu = 6[efn_note] would still have been better...

Well, whatever. It's just a temporary, insignificant name.

225 Anonymous Senior Demon King ID:0536

I'm Saburo. I'm a newcomer, but please take care of me.

In the end I accepted that disgraceful handle name.

226 Anonymous Upper Class Demon King ID:0007

Even if you ask to take care of you, seeing how this forum works, anyone can browse this thread. It's not the secretive discussion that everyone seems to expect it to be.

227 Anonymous Upper Class Demon King ID:0055

They could implement a locked forum, no?

228 Anonymous Upper Class Demon King ID:0031

Since administrator-san doesn't wish for the Demon Kings to conspire with one another, that's kind of impossible, don't you think?

229 Anonymous Upper Class Demon King ID:0077

At most, the posts are idle chats lacking any real substance.

230 Anonymous Upper Class Demon King ID:0027

All you gotta do is provide some special information then. rofl

231 Anonymous Upper Class Demon King ID:0159

Such a careless Demon King won't be able to participate in this place. lol

It's the Upper Class Demon King Lounge I joined after resolving myself, but it doesn't look like I can gain anything in particular from it. If anything, I only understood that there are more than 536 Demon Kings participating in 『Laplace』.

Afterwards I skimmed through all kinds of threads, but I didn't see any information more valuable than the knowledge I can obtain from Kanon. Most of them consisted of idle chatting, but I managed to grasp several trends among Demon Kings and the humans that come attacking. Since there are many participating Demon Kings...I suppose I will check it regularly from now on. There was little I could gain, but I had wasted a lot of time before I realized.



Three hours remain of the 《Pseudo-Peace》.

"Shion-saaan! I discovered a Demon King fitting your objective." (Kanon)

Kanon comes flying with a smile plastered all over her face.

"Demon King fitting my objective...? Ah, an Alchemy-specialized Dwarf, huh?" (Shion)

"Yes! Wait, it was you who told me to look for one." (Kanon)

Kanon protests while sulking.

"So, where's that Demon King? What's their level? How many sectors do they rule?" (Shion)

"The Dwarf Demon King is in Hakui. There was another one in Nomi, but...Hakui would be better, right?" (Kanon)

"Indeed."

Hakui is a city located north from my Domain. It agrees with our expansion direction. In contrast, Nomi is a city located south of my Domain. Right now I don't want to expand my Domain towards the south.

"Their level is unknown, guessing from the information about the target, weapons that seem to be Dáinsleif and Volcano have been confirmed." (Kanon)

Dáinsleif is the unique sword I gave Rina. Volcano is a unique hammer that burns brightly like a blaze. Both are items that can be created starting with Alchemy B.

"What is the number of sectors in their Domain?" (Shion)

"Three. Their scale is small, but it seems to be a Domain with a Hazard rank A, famous for being impregnable in Hakui." (Kanon)

"Come to think of it, dwarves weren't only good at Alchemy, but also sturdy, weren't they?" (Shion)

"Oh? You are quite well-informed." (Kanon)

I recall the content of 『**In One Stroke**』 Dwarf Comprehensive part3 『**Put Your Soul Into It!**』 I browsed on 『Laplace』 earlier.

Dwarves are relatively superior in sturdiness and physical strength, but it feels like they are bad with ranged attacks — and especially magic attacks. Their subordinates excel in defense, but there had been a few posts lamenting that they had been beaten black and blue by ranged attacks once they set out on invasions.

——Kaede, come to me.

I summon Kaede through telepathy.

"Nn. What?" (Kaede)

In response, Kaede shows up in less than ten seconds.

I spread out the map and point at the location of the Domain ruled by the Dwarf Demon King Kanon told me about.

"Investigate the Domains in this area." (Shion)

"Nn, got it." (Kaede)

The distance from my Domain to the Dwarf Demon King's amounts to roughly 30 km. Even if we move towards it in a beeline, there are 11 Domains in the way before getting there. If we were to invade all Domains around it in a circle, we would need to invade more than 30.

The investigation of the Domains in my direct vicinity has already finished, but the information about the Domains in the vicinity of Hakui is still incomplete. I boast of the strongest force within the prefecture, but I don't know from where the rug might be pulled away under my feet. That's why I have decided to order Kaede to investigate in advance.

"Ah, impossible." (Kaede)

Kaede, who had vanished as quickly as she had come here, shows up once more.

"Impossible?" (Shion)

"After having become your subordinate, Shion-sama, I can't leave the Domain." (Kaede)

Which reminds me, I still haven't turned Kaede into my bloodkin.
I killed some time while chatting with Kanon until my CP had fully recovered.

Chapter 110 - Rush for the North! ...just when I thought so

Two weeks have passed since I added Yataro as subordinate.
Today I have joined Rina's party, fully enjoying raiding a Domain with the intent of gaining experience points.

"Did you get used to sunlight?" (Rina)

"If you ask me if I got accustomed to it, I did. But I feel as sluggish as ever." (Shion)

Rina, who's walking next to me under the hateful sunlight that's scattering ultra-violet rays, calls out to me.

At first I had planned to only join the invasion of indoor types — the so-called dungeon fields, but to my regret there were only a few dungeon-type Domains. Even beneath the sunlight, my Body is still C rank. Having noticed that it was more than sufficient as long as the battles were limited to lower ranks, I decided to participate in outdoor invasions, limited to Domains that had been investigated carefully in advance.

It's a problem of my feelings, but I have harbored the mental impression that night is normal and day is despair until now. However, nowadays I have reached the point where I can perceive night as peak condition and day as feeling close to a serious slump.

The Domain we're currently invading is ruled by a Beast Demon King. It's a Domain that used a ruined, urban area as motif for all sectors.

"Are you going to urge the Demon King here to surrender?"

"I plan to do so only once, at the very beginning."

Different to the subordinates I can create, Demon Kings have high abilities and adaptability, but...it's extremely difficult to add them as subordinates. If they don't know about «Surrender», most Demon Kings will shake their heads when you tell them to present their **【True Core】**. Even the majority of those who know about it will decline as their authority over their own life is stolen, and their position of absolute obedience is no different from a slave.

"Come to think of it, is it true that it will become possible to improve weapons if a Dwarf Demon King becomes our comrade?" (Rina)

"According to the information I gathered on a certain site, it seems possible to remodel them to some extent." (Shion)

"Fufu. I'm looking forward to the day when Hakui's Demon King joins our group." (Rina)

"Rina, you want to remodel your weapon?" (Shion)

"The hilt's length and thickness...moreover, it would be awesome if it's possible to make it a bit lighter while not wrecking its cutting ability." (Rina)

"I don't know whether it's possible to request such detailed alterations, but I sure want to add them as subordinate as soon as possible." (Shion)

"Shion, for you it's also fine to try finding the ideal spear suiting your needs by getting a feel on various spears." (Rina)

"I will try to do so next time."

As we're talking about weapons, excitement tinges Rina's voice and she's unusually eloquent.

"Let's clear the path towards Hakui with this as a goal as well!" (Rina)

"Yeah, let's." (Shion)

As I'm giving a suitable reply to the passionate Rina...

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A rhythmical melody starts to play out of my pants' pocket.

A phone call? The ones that could call me are Rina who's next to me, Blue who's with Chloe's party, Kaede who's scouting out our destination, or Kanon and Yataro who are currently in my Domain. Only those five.

Saburou just knows my SNS account which allowed him to contact me through message-only, but since the messages he has sent to me were too childish, I have blocked him.

Who could it be? I should have told them to not call me unless it's an emergency...

I take the smartphone out of my pocket and check the name displayed on the screen.

Yataro...?

I have set the day for me to do 《Random Creation》 together with Yataro to be on the seventh of every month. Today's the 24th. If he has any business besides 《Random Creation》...

I received the call in a hurry.

"Shion here. Is it an emergency!?"

『I'm sorry to contact you during the invasion. Yataro here. I suppose you could call it an emergency.』

"What happened?" (Shion)

『A powerful enemy — a Demon King is invading us from the direction of Oyabe.』

——!?

A Demon King attacked? A Demon King that can attack a domain basically means they can leave their Domain. Only a level 10 Demon King can do as much.

"What's the situation?" (Shion)

『Currently they are in the middle of clearing the second floor. I think it's possible to defend if we deploy Izayoi, Saburou...and me together with all our forces, but...I thought that I'd like to hear your opinion first, Shion-sama.』

It was the correct choice to have entrusted the defense to Yataro. What Yataro wants my opinion on is...whether I want to add the Demon King as subordinate.

Yataro not only takes care of the defense, but also pays attention to the enlargement of our combat forces.

"How long are you going to last if you don't use the bloodkin and Saburou?" (Shion)

『Under those conditions, ten days, I think. However, it might result in us losing many subordinates.』

"What if you defended using only the subordinates I can create?" (Shion)

『Even if I deploy the living mails, dhampirs, and a large number of ghouls, giant bats, and goblins, it will be eight days at most.』

"Do you have enough reserves?" (Shion)

『For several days on the condition that we're going to defend the other sectors as well.』

"Okay, as expected." (Shion)

I sort the information from Yataro in my head.

Currently I'm on the third floor of a sector possessing seven floors. Assuming we advance with a forced march, it should be possible to usurp the sector in around four days. If we were to pull back here, it would be possible to leave the Domain in two days.

I won't be in time after invading.

No, wait... Even if we were to succeed in the invasion, the Demon King of the Domain we're currently invading is ruling over one more sector. In other words, 《Pseudo-Peace》 won't come into effect. That part is no problem, but...I can guess that the Demon King attacking from Oyabe is above level 10 — a formidable enemy.

Should I prepare perfectly for them?

Even when urging them to become my bloodkin, it's necessary to display an overwhelming superiority. In that case...