

LIFE.35: NEW KNIGHT
& NEW RIVAL



THAT'S
ME,
ISSEI
HYOULDOL,
PAWN
TO RIAS
GREMORY!

I'LL JUST
SAY IT ONCE,
SO LISTEN UP,
KOKABIEL!
I'M THE
BEARER
OF THE RED
DRAGON
EMPEROR,
AND I LIVE
ON A STEADY
STREAM OF
LECHERY AND
FERVOR!

...BUT
ISSEI-KUN'S
ENTHUSIASM
MAKES ME
FEEL LIKE
THE TIDE IS
TURNING.

JUST A
MOMENT AGO
WE WERE IN
DESPAIR OVER
THE OBVIOUS
POWER GAP...

ISSEI MAY BE
A BLOCKHEAD,
BUT EVER
SINCE HE'S COME
INTO OUR LIVES,
WE'VE MANAGED
TO BOUNCE
BACK IN EVERY
STRUGGLE.

...YOU'RE
THE WORST,
SUPER-
PER-SENPAI.





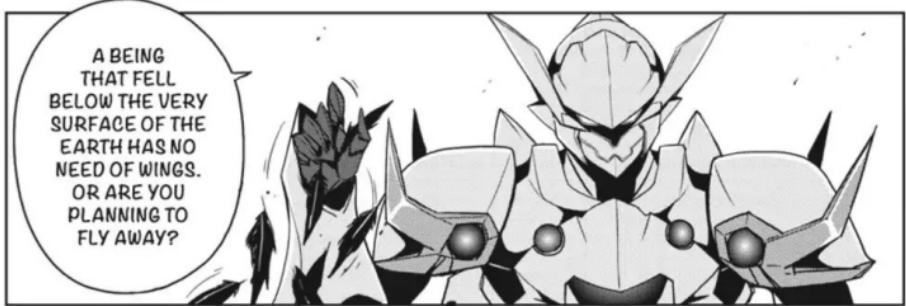
...DID
THE SCENT
OF OLD
RED BRING
YOU OUT,
VANISHING
DRAGON?
I WON'T
LET YOU
INTERF—

ONE
OF THE
LONGINUS
GEARS—
"DIVINE
DIVIDING"...AND
IT'S ALREADY
ARMORED IN
SCALE MAIL,
ITS BALANCE
BREAKER
FORM.

IT'S
THE
WELSH
DRAG-
ON'S
COLIN-
TER-PART
...
...
THE
"VAN-
ISHING
DRAG-
ON."

NO BETTER
THAN DRAB CROW
FEATHERS. AZAZEL'S
ARE A DEEPER SHADE
OF BLACK, AREN'T
THEY?

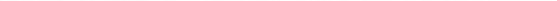
GYLN
CVERO





THIS IS ONE
ABILITY OF MY
SACRED GEAR,
DIVINE DIVIDING.
ANYTHING I TOUCH
HAS ITS POWER
HALVED EVERY TEN
SECONDS. THE LOST
POWER IS THEN
ADDED TO
MY OWN.

YOU
HAVEN'T
GOT MUCH TIME.
IF YOU DON'T
HURRY UP
AND BEAT
ME, YOU'LL
END UP EVEN
WEAKER THAN
A HUMAN.



PASHU

PASHU
(PASHU)

GAKUN
(WOBBLE)



HYUN
(WHOOSH)



GAGIN
(CLANG)



GAH...!
HOW
COULD
YOU
BE...!?

...YOU'RE
ALREADY DOWN
TO ORDINARY
FALLEN ANGEL
STRENGTH.
I THOUGHT THE
FUN MIGHT
LAST A BIT
LONGER....

ZUN
GWOOHO

AZA-
ZELLLL!
I-I
AMMM
....!

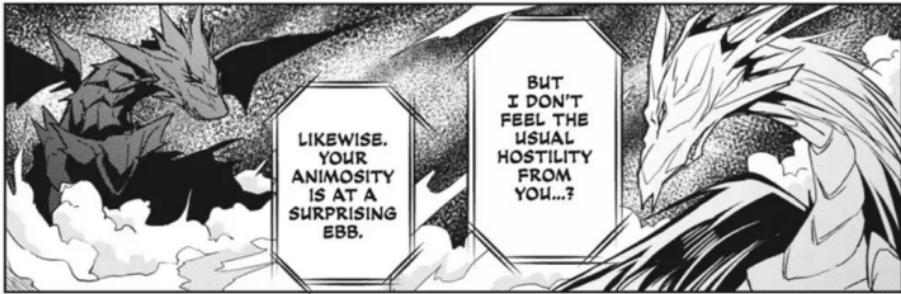
YOU!
SO
THAT'S
IT!
AZAZEL
...

AZAZEL TOLD
ME TO BRING
YOU BACK BY
ANY MEANS
NECESSARY.
YOU'VE ROAMED
TOO FAR FROM
HOME THIS
TIME.

GO
CHIHAMO









HEY! WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!?













A FEW
DAYS
AFTER
KOKA-
BIEL'S
ATTACK









FROM THE MOMENT KOKABIEL TOLD US, I BECAME AN OUTSIDER TO THE CHURCH. THEY HATE HERETICS ABOVE ALL ELSE. EVEN AS A USER OF DURANDAL, I WAS ABANDONED.

AND IT WAS ALL OVER ANYWAY WHEN I TOLD THEM THAT I KNEW GOD WAS GONE.



IRINA WAS LUCKY. BY BEING AWAY FROM THAT FINAL BATTLEFIELD, SHE MANAGED TO AVOID LEARNING THE TRUTH.

MUCH LIKE THE CASE OF ASIA ARGENTO.

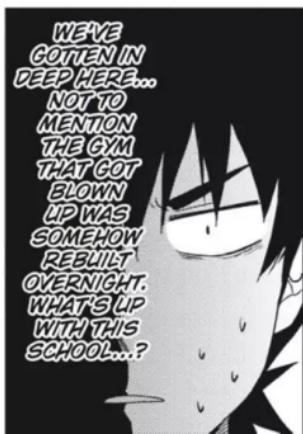


SHE WAS QUITE DISAPPOINTED TO LEARN I HAD BECOME A DEVIL. BUT I DIDN'T TELL HER I DID IT BECAUSE GOD IS DEAD. WE PARTED WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING TO EACH OTHER, AND I SUPPOSE WE'LL BE ENEMIES WHEN NEXT WE MEET.

YOUR FAITH IS REALLY WEIRD!



HER FAITH IS STRONGER THAN MINE EVER WAS. THE BALANCE IN HER HEART MIGHT TRULY BE BROKEN IF SHE EVER FOUND OUT.



THAT VANISHING DRAGON WHO PUT A STOP TO KOKABIEL'S RAMPAGE IS ACTUALLY ON THE SIDE OF THE FALLEN ANGELS. SEEING AS THEY TOOK CARE OF THE PROBLEM, THEY GOT TO DECIDE WHAT TO DO WITH HIM.

BUT, WE'RE DESTINED TO FIGHT AT SOME POINT. THE WHITE DRAGON EMPEROR, ALBION... BEFORE WE MEET AGAIN I'VE GOT TO TRY CLOSING THE GAP IN STRENGTH BETWEEN US, EVEN A LITTLE.

VANISHING DRAGON... HE'S ALREADY ACHIEVED A PERFECT BALANCE BREAKER FORM. MEANWHILE, I'M STILL RIDICULOUSLY WEAK.

IN LIGHT OF KOKABIEL'S SCHEMING TO ROCK THE BALANCE BETWEEN THE THREE POWERS AND START ANOTHER WAR, HE'S BEEN FROZEN IN ETERNAL ICE DOWN IN THE LOWEST LEVEL OF HELL, COCYTUS.

FOR REAL? WE'RE GONNA BE AT SOME SUPER-IMPORTANT MEET-UP OF ALL THE BIG BOSSSES!?

WE'VE ALSO BEEN INVITED SO THAT WE CAN REPORT ON EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED OUT THERE.

I'VE HEARD THAT THE LEADERS OF THE THREE POWERS ARE GOING TO CONVENE SOON. APPARENTLY, AZAZEL IS GOING TO MAKE SOME KIND OF PROPOSAL.

THE FOURTH
STRONGEST!?
...NO
WONDER
HE BEAT
KOKABIEL,
WHO WAS
HANDING US
OUR ASSES.
GUESS THAT'S
THE POWER OF
LONGINUS.

THAT'S
RIGHT.
AZAZEL IS
GATHERING
SACRED
GEAR
USERS.

SO THE
VANISHING
DRAGON IS
WORKING
WITH THE
FALLEN
ANGELS?

EVEN
THOUGH YOU'RE
TECHNICALLY HIS
RIVAL, THAT
IMPERFECTED
BALANCE
BREAKER FORM
MEANS HE'S FAR
STRONGER THAN
YOU AT THE
MOMENT.

VANISHING
DRAGON'S USER
IS AMONG THE
BEST OF THE BEST.
THEY SAY HE'S THE
FOURTH OR FIFTH
STRONGEST OF ALL
THE OFFICERS IN
GRIGOR!



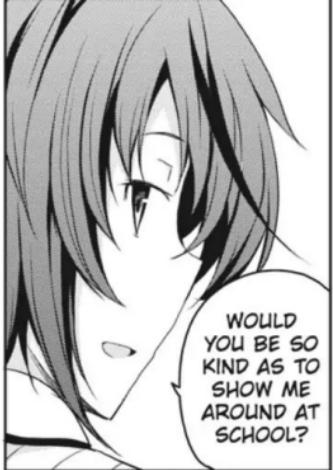
HUH!?

I'M SO SORRY.
IF IT WOULD
MAKE YOU FEEL
ANY BETTER,
FEEL FREE
TO GIVE ME A
GOOD BEATING.

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BA
(WHAP)

...RIGHT.
I SUPPOSE
I SHOULD
APOLOGIZE TO
YOU, ASIA. GOD
BEING GONE
MEANT YOU
NEVER GOT THE
SALVATION OR
LOVE YOU WERE
SEEKING.







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