



LIFE.56: A SURPRISING "SENSEI" APPEARS!



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YOUR ROLE AS "KING" NEEDS THE MENTAL ACUTITY, GUILE, AND JUDGMENT TO SMASH HIS OR HER WAY PAST ANY CHALLENGE.
FEET AND DRAW OUT YOUR TEAM'S POTENTIAL.



BASIC TRAINING IS MORE THAN GOOD ENOUGH TO BOOST YOUR POWER, GIVEN YOUR EXCEPTIONAL STATS. THE PROBLEM IS YOUR APTITUDE AS A "KING."

AS A "KING"...

AND THAT'S WHY YOU'RE HAVING ME WATCH RECORDINGS OF OLD GAMES...



NEXT IS AKENO.

.....YES.

UNDER-STOOD.

BE SURE TO STICK TO YOUR BASIC TRAINING AS WELL.

IF YOU'D COMBINED THAT SIDE OF YOU— THE POWER OF LIGHT— WITH YOUR LIGHTNING, THE RESULTING "HOLY BOLT" COULD'VE DEFEATED THE ENEMY "QUEEN" WITH EASE.

I SAW THE TAPE OF YOUR FIGHT AGAINST PHOENIX'S TEAM. WHY DIDN'T YOU USE YOUR FALLEN ANGEL POWER?

YOU HAVE TO ACCEPT THE BLOOD THAT FLOWS THROUGH YOUR VEINS.

...I NEVER WANT TO RELY ON THAT POWER.

YOU THINK YOU CAN WIN WITHOUT USING ALL YOU HAVE?

IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT IT ALL, YOU'LL BE NOTHING BUT A HINDRANCE IN THE COMING BATTLE.

DON'T DENY YOUR HERITAGE.

...

KIBA, YOU
NEED TO BE
ABLE TO MAINTAIN
YOUR BALANCE
BREAKER LONGER.
TO THAT END,
YOU'LL BE TRAINING
UNDER YOUR
SWORDMASTER,
RIGHT?

KIBA AND
XENOVIA.

XENOVIA,
YOU'LL
WORK ON
MASTERING
DURANDAL.

YES.
I'LL BE
INSTRUCTED
FROM
SQUARE
ONE.

YEP.
IT'S
A REAL
SPECIAL
BLADE.

ANOTHER
HOLY
SWORD?

THEN,
YOU'LL
LEARN
TO WIELD
ANOTHER
HOLY
SWORD.

YOUR BIGGEST PROBLEM IS YOUR SCAREDY-CAT NATURE, SINCE YOUR LINEAGE AND SACRED GEAR PUT YOU AT A GREAT STARTING POINT OTHERWISE.

Y- YESSS!

YOU'RE NEXT, GASPARD.

THE PLAN IS TO MAKE YOU LESS OF A SHUT-IN. AT THE VERY LEAST, YOU GOTTA BE ABLE TO BE AROUND OTHER PEOPLE WITHOUT SLOWING DOWN.

ONCE YOU LEARN TO STAND AGAINST THE ENEMY WITHOUT FEAR, YOU'LL BE A FORMIDABLE FIGHTER.

Y- YES!

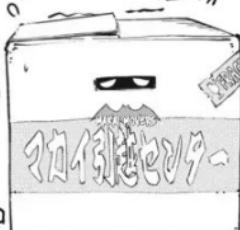
ASIA, YOU'LL BE DOING BASIC TRAINING TO IMPROVE YOUR STRENGTH, STAMINA, AND MAGIC.

THAT BOX HAS GOTTA BE THE FIRST THING TO GO...

OKAYYY! I'LL GIVE IT ALL I'VE GOT!

GAKU
(SHAKE)

BURU
(TREMBLE)





WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

RANGED HEALING MIGHT END UP AFFECTING ALLIES AND ENEMIES ALIKE...
...WHICH IS MORE OF A PROBLEM WITH ASIA'S PERSONALITY.

SO ASIA'S KINDNESS IS THE PROBLEM...?
KINDA IRONIC.

SHE'S TOO KIND. WHEN ASIA SEES A WOUNDED FOE IN THE HEAT OF BATTLE, SHE'LL INEVITABLY FEEL FOR THEM AND END UP HEALING THEM TOO. HER NATURE WILL PREVENT HER FROM PROPERLY DISCRIMINATING.

IT'D WORK LIKE THAT. THINK OF IT AS IF YOU'RE THROWING IT AT THE TARGET, LETTING YOU HEAL WITHOUT EVER TOUCHING THEM.

.....
RIGHT.

AT RANGE? LIKE THIS...?

THAT'S WHY I'VE THOUGHT UP ANOTHER POSSIBILITY.



THAT'D BE AWESOME!
YOU'LL BE OUR
SUPERSTAR,
ASIA!

INSTEAD OF HEALING ACROSS A GENERAL AREA, SHE MIGHT MANAGE TO PINPOINT A TARGET AT RANGE.

THE ADVANCE GUARD COULD FIGHT WHILE RECEIVING SUPPORT AND HEALING FROM THE REAR GUARD. THEN THE MIDDLE GUARD COULD PROTECT THE REAR GUARD WHILE DOING SOME ATTACKING OF THEIR OWN. IT'D BE A SIMPLE YET STRONG FORMATION.



RANGED HEALING WOULD NATURALLY BE WEAKER, BUT BEING ABLE TO HEAL OVER LONG DISTANCES LENDS ITSELF TO MORE COMPLEX STRATEGIES.



O-OKEY!
I'LL
DO MY
BEST!



EXACTLY. ASIA'S ABILITY TO HEAL DEVILS WITH HER SACRED GEAR IS THIS TEAM'S DISTINCT WEAPON OF SORTS.
IT ALL DEPENDS ON HER STAMINA.

...YES.

NOW,
KONEKO.







HUUH?

LAST UP IS
ISSEI.

OH,
HERE
WE GO.

ZUN
GLAM

UWAHH!

BLIWA
CFWOOOM



YES...
REMEMBER
WHEN I
TOLD YOU OF
THE "FIVE
DRAGON
KINGS"?
TANNIN WAS
THE SIXTH.



Y-YOU
KNOW
EACH
OTHER?

WOW...
SO EVEN
DRAGONS CAN
TURN INTO DEVILS?
ULTIMATE-CLASS
THOUGH? THAT
MAKES HIM MORE
ELITE THAN THE
PRESIDENT,
EVEN...

EVEN NOW,
AMONG
REBORN
DEVILS, HE'S
ULTIMATE-
CLASS.

THE "SIX
DRAGON
KINGS"
BECAME
THE "FIVE
DRAGON
KINGS"
WHEN
TANNIN WAS
REBORN AS
A DEVIL.

WHY
NOT
JUST
HAVE
DDRAIG
TEACH
THE
BOY?



"BLAZE
METEOR
DRAGON
TANNIN"...THEY
SAY THE FORCE
OF HIS FIRE
BREATH IS LIKE
GETTING
HIT BY A
METEOR.

THAT CAN
ONLY TAKE
HIM SO
FAR. THEY
SAY THAT
DRAGON
TRAINING MUST—



TANNIN,
I NEED YOU
TO TEACH
THIS KID
HOW TO
WIELD HIS
DRAGON
POWER.

HUUUUH!?
I'M GONNA BE
TORMENTED BY
A LEGENDARY
DRAGON?
HOW'S THAT
NOT GONNA
JUST KILL
ME? WHAT
THE HELL!?



DRAGON
TRAINING
MUST
COME
THROUGH
EXPERI-
ENCE,
YES.

I SEE...
SO YOU
WANT ME TO
TORMENT
THE BOY
A BIT?



DO
WHATEVER
IT TAKES
NOT TO DIE,
ISSEI.

GU
(PWP)

IN HUMAN
REALM TIME,
YOU'VE GOT
ABOUT TWENTY
DAYS. MAKE
SURE YOUR
BALANCE
BREAKER'S UP
TO SNUFF BY
THEN.

I DON'T
THINK
THIS OLD
DRAGON
DUDE GETS
IT! I'M
GONNA BE
KILLED!





PRESIDENT!

BA
CWOOSH

GRANDPA, UP
IN HEAVEN—
I TRULY AM IN
HELL. I WISH
I COULD
JOIN YOU
UP THERE,
BUT I'M SO
VERY FAR
AWAY.

YOU
CAN
DO
IT!
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