Just a few minutes ago.
The Loyal [Ber], who was frozen and trapped in the ice prison by the [Ice Monarch], was feeling a great sense of helplessness.

‘was I so weak here?’
‘what have I been growing up for?’
The fact that he was surrounded by so many enemies and was unable to do anything, made [Ber] feel terrible.

But it couldn’t be helped.
The [Ice Monarch] was a different kind of monster and much more powerful than [Ber] hence [Ber] didn’t have the power to escape his ([Ice Monarch’s]) magic.

He only prayed for [The King]’s safety from the Ice.
Fortunately, his king has never been pushed behind by any powerful enemies.

Again, [King] ... this humble servant is just thrilled and amazed at [King’s] power.

[Ber], amazed by the [King]’s power, watched his master fighting the enemies with tears in his (Jin-woo’s) eyes.

‘KING! KING!’

Then, suddenly, he saw the fox who was struck into the wall by the [Ruler’s Hand] of the [Insect Monarch] (Queen of Plague).

‘The King is in danger. The King is in danger. The King is in danger.’

‘I have to help the King.’

*tuk*

The last string broke in [Ber]’s head.

The absence of ‘reason’ to protect the [King] was replaced by ‘emergency mode’.

“kiiiiiiiiiiiiiiii [Ber]’s scream*

[Ber], with a face twisted like a demon, roared.

Arms, Shoulders, Neck, Chest, Thighs, Calves, Ankles,!!

Each part of his ([Ber]’s) body swell up and began to push upon the Ice of the prison that was trapping and pressing on him.

Battle! Battle! (TL-sorry, the words literally translated to “battle”, I didn’t know what else to put here).

A crack appeared in the Ice Prison that seemed unbreakable.

[Ber] shook his body vigorously.
The Ice Prison, that was weaker than [Ber], failed to overcome his strength and began to break down. Meanwhile, there was only one thought running through [Ber]’s head and that was – he wanted to save the [King].

“kieeeeeeeeeeeek”

As [Ber] twisted his body with all his might, the Ice Prison broke apart.

KACKKKK!

[Ber] who broke free from the Ice Prison, went flying towards Jin-woo.

“King!”

“[Ber]!”

[Ber] didn’t have the time to be happy when his master looked at him.

[Ber] saw the wounds on his master.

Those wounds were from the [Insect Monarch] who struck his master into the building before.

‘That pest woman dared to harm the king.’

“How dare you!, to my king!”

“kieeeeeeeeeeeek”

[Ber] turned and flew directly towards the [Insect Monarch].

The [Ice Monarch] who looked around the battle-torn town, was astounded by [Ber]’s thunderous roar.

‘Did a shadow soldier just broke free from my Ice Prison spell?’

‘it can’t be!’

However, the [Beast Monarch] who looked at [Ber] (when [Ber] invoked ‘emergency mode’), suddenly realized the miracle he had just witnessed.

‘That is not the power of just any normal shadow soldier’

[How can a mere human control such military-grade powerful creature!]

Each soldier of his (Jin-woo’s) army, who moved like him, was an incarnation of destruction. (Jin-woo or shadow monarch – same thing)

Meanwhile, the [Ice Monarch], who couldn’t imagine seeing such a monstrously powerful shadow soldier, was astonished.

The [Insect Monarch] who was infuriated after being hit by [Ber], stepped forward.
[You should punish the spoiled insect, who doesn’t recognize his mother/queen] (TLnote- since she was queen of insects and [Ber] was ant, an insect, who hit her, so... you get it)

“kieeeeeeeeeeeek, you crazy bitch!”

[What?!!]

The [Insect Monarch], who was infuriated at the disobedience by the king of ants, sprang toward him.

Bang!

[Ber] who escaped the [Insect Monarch]’s attack, shot a bullet of mana towards the center of the [Insect Monarch]’s body, which was covered by Insects.

“Kyaaak-!”

The insects that fell of by [Ber]’s attack, briefly revealed the true body of [Insect Monarch].

It was a woman with rotten skin and dark eyes that were full of maggots crawling inside them.

The [Insect Monarch] roared in rage towards the ant king who dared to reveal her body to his master.

“Hiyaaaah!”

[Ber] was overwhelmed by the roar of [Insect Monarch], that could tear up the air.

[Ber], who was thrown far back by [Insect Monarch]’s roar managed to balance himself and stood up.

“Kiek!, Kaak!, Kyak!”

[Ber] screamed while opening his mouth from side to side.

The [Insect Monarch] recalled the insects that had fallen from her body, and formed her body into a giant.

‘okay’

Jin-woo nodded at the two fighting, he knew that [Ber] won’t last long since the enemies were too strong for him ([Ber]).

But if [Ber] could draw the attention of even one of them for even a little amount of time, that would be enough.

While [Ber] was fighting the [Insect Monarch], Jin-woo saw other monarchs. He could feel their tension in the air, even from far away.

It won’t be long before [Ber] can win, earlier than Jin-woo thought.

Jin-woo ran toward the [Ice Monarch] with full speed.

“kwakhkhkhhkhkhh!”

The ground shattered, every moment his feet hit the earth.
The [Ice Monarch], who saw Jin-woo rushing towards him, created a spell of sharp ice arrows between his hands.

But before he was about to hit the [Ice Monarch], Jin-woo turned sharply and jumped towards the [Beast Monarch].

[....!]

The [Beast Monarch], who was prepared for the counterattack as soon as he saw Jin-woo rushing towards the [Ice Monarch], recoiled from the show of such dynamic movement from Jin-woo.

The eyes of [Beast Monarch], who was using animal senses, shook, as he barely managed to dodge Jin-woo’s dagger’s attack.

“Tch” Jin-woo clicked his tongue at the daggers as the [Beast Monarch] avoided it. Since his strategy was to make it look like he was going to attack [Ice Monarch] instead attacking the [Beast Monarch] to cause a fatal wound.

The [Beast Monarch]’s reaction was little faster than Jin-woo expected but Jin-woo was a little sad that the attack had no result.

“so, this is how it works.”

In an instant, Jin-woo poured power into [Karmish’s Anger] and made a flurry of attacks.

The sound of air being teared up on a sharp day, echoed violently and began to leave marks on everything around.


[Beast Monarch] was quick to block Jin-woo’s attacks.

Step. Step.

The face of [Beast Monarch], who was pushed back Jin-woo’s attack’s speed, showed spite.

Jin-woo quickly shifted his upper body to the side as he felt something move behind his back.

The sharp arrows of [Ice Monarch] were struck to the place where Jin-woo was.

The [Ice Monarch] has joined the fight between Jin-woo and bemoan.

When Jin-woo crossed his gaze, he saw strong hostility towards him (Jin-woo) in his ([Ice Monarch]’s) eyes.

Faster.

The sound of gritting teeth came out of Jin-woo’s mouth.

Jin-woo, who blocked the [Ice Monarch]’s spear with his daggers, quickly rushed towards the [Ice Monarch] whose body has collapsed due to such faster reaction.

Swoosh.
The daggers that moved to gouge his eyes barely touched them.

Fear clearly showed on the [Ice Monarch]’s distorted face who barely escaped his death by moving his head instantly.

‘Unfortunately…’

One should be ready to defend after an attack. Jin-woo turned around and blocked the [Beast Monarch]’s sword, as if he knew the attack.

‘kaaaan’

The cry of clash.

However, even without waiting a moment to breath, the [Ice Monarch] holding the spear, hurled to attack Jin-woo.

Soon, the [Beast Monarch] also resumed his attack.

The [Ice Monarch] behind him.

And the [Beast Monarch] in front of him.

The two monsters poured fierce attacks with the power that could destroy everything.

But!!


The two daggers flowed back and forth like a flash, both blocking and attacking the two monsters.

Jin-woo’s movements, which was faster than what the eyes could see, seemed to extend like after-images, blending with the bodies of the two monarchs.

Of course, it was impossible for Jin-woo to react to all the endless attacks from behind and front, however, Jin-woo showed a torrent of attacks.

Movement, gaze, breathing, muscle, flow of mana, etc.

He read the enemy’s attacks quickly and correctly without missing anything.

‘I can see…’

‘so just a little more..’

If he could get ahead of them a little bit faster than he was now.

‘more, more, more, more!’

In the midst of countless attacks, he got even faster. The faces of the two monarchs, who were fighting against Jin-woo, hardened.

‘how…? How could he…?’
‘he shouldn’t be able to use the powers of the shadow monarch yet’
But that wasn’t it. The enemy in front of them was moving faster than beyond the human limits.
That is why they had to think twice. It was the fear of one of the most powerful monarchs.
And then suddenly!
Jin-woo crossed and pushed the weapons of two monarch that he was blocking.
[....!]
[....!]
The faces of the two monarchs, who were pushed back, were astonished.
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Renat Niermann was sure.
Now that Thomas, who was fatally injured, was lying down surrounded by healers, Renat was the only one who could keep up with their speed in the battle.
But even then, he could very barely see Jin-woo’s movements.
“…”
He was amazed.
Hunter Sung Jin-woo didn’t fall behind even while he was fighting with the two beasts that were more powerful than even a nation level tank hunter.
Eventually, the fast S-rank hunter Sung Jin-woo disappeared from his eyes and only the continuous sounds of his roars were heard.
It seemed like there was a storm surrounding him.
“How…”
Thomas, unable to overcome his anxiety over the battle, asked.
“How’s it going?”
Renat, unable to follow the battle with his eyes, replied.
“it feels like….”
He was confused, if the monsters that could destroy the world fought, could they create such a situation?
“it feels like I am watching the end of the world”
Renat, who honestly accepted his feeling without any excused, shook his head.
‘One..’
The fact that one of them was on their side was the only comfort.

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“kieeeeeeeeeeeek”

Jin-woo’s head turned, as he heard [Ber]’s scream.

[Ber] was struggling to get out from under the [Insect Monarch]’s feet, but it was not enough.

Jin-woo’s eyes widened at that moment.

[Ber]’s presence was fading away from Jin-woo as the mana was being drained out of his body.

‘That’s how they killed the shadow soldier that I put in Thomas’ shadow?’

Jin-woo blocked the incoming attacks of the two monarchs, and (tried to) recall [Ber] so that he could escape.

But..?

[Could not load the specified destination]

[Cannot bring in the specified target]

(NOTE- the above two blocks say the same word but I put 2 different translations that could be made out of it)

The system repeated the same message like a stupid parrot.

Jin-woo’s face hardened.

‘I cannot afford to lose [Ber] like this’

[Ber] was his most precious soldier and the most powerful in his shadow army.

‘when [Ber], who kept the [Insect Monarch]’s attention, dies (disappears? Shadow cannot die...) the balance in the fight will collapse.

The problem was also directly related to the result of the battle.

Jin-woo blocked and reflected the spear ([Ice Monarch]’s) and sword ([Beast Monarch]’s) that were thrown at him, and quickly sprung towards [Insect Monarch].

The [Insect Monarch], who concentrated all her attention on killing the strongest shadow soldier [Ber], noticed Jin-woo running towards her, a little late.

[Human!]

Jin-woo concentrated mana in his throat and roared, just like [Ber] did earlier.

“Aaaaaaaaaaaaa—a—”

The insects that covered the body of the [Insect Monarch] were all gone because of the terrible mana that flowed from Jin-woo.
The [Insect Monarch], whose true body was revealed, was perplexed.

[Hurr!]
The [Insect Monarch] hurled green vomit toward Jin-woo. Jin-woo lightly blocked the vomit with [Ruler’s Hand]
The poisonous energy left in the air was treated by the passive-skill.
System rang--
[The effect of the skill ‘extreme poisoning’ remains in the air]
[The effects of the ‘Buff: Detoxification’ will be activated]
[3,2,1... Detoxification completed]
The power of [Insect Monarch] had no effect on Jin-woo, as [Insect Monarch] already closed the gap between her and Jin-woo.
Jin-woo’s glowed at that moment.
‘the [Ice Monarch] did not die even though I pierced his heart, perhaps the same is also true for all the monarchs?’
‘if it was...’ (true)
‘if I cannot find and attack the source directly, then I’ll just keep attacking until I find it’
Jin-woo approached the nose of the [Insect Monarch], poured mana into the daggers.
[Mutilate]!
*dudududududdu* *slash slash* (sounds of daggers, sorry for the incompetence to replicate these complex Korean sfx)
The whole body of [Insect Monarch] was being torn apart by the daggers.
[Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaahhk!]
However, the maggots inside her were entangled and immediately restored her body.
‘Again?’
It didn’t matter, if one has the power to regenerate, do not let the regenerative power go beyond your attacks.
Jin-woo followed the [Insect Monarch] and again used the skill.
[Mutilate]!
*dudududududdu* *slash slash*
[Aaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaahhk!]
The black mana from the daggers ran on and like countless bullets.

“Aaaaaaaaaaaaaahhk!”

Jin-woo kept using the skill ‘mutilate’ with his mana, until none of the flesh of [Insect Monarch] remained, neatly evaporating the Queen of Insects.

And finally, the familiar voice rang.

‘Ring-’

[You’ve killed one of the nine monarchs, The Monarch of Insects, the Queen of Plague – Quaretha.]
[Level Up!]
[Level Up!]
[Level Up!]
[Level Up!]
[Level Up!]
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A bunch of level-up messages filled Jin-woo’s eyes.

‘That was awesome!’

However, he had no time to rejoice over the victory as he remembered that he still had two enemies that wanted to kill him.

Jin-woo quickly turned around to block the attack.

The enemy was a bit faster.

Someone ran behind him with a long hand while he was killing the [Insect Monarch]. Five sharp winds flew from his back.

‘Hukkk’

Jin-woo found five nails piercing his chest.

‘...’

The [Beast Monarch], who had turned completely into a werewolf, pierced five nails into Jin-woo’s chest like blades of knife.

All five nails penetrated deep into the vital parts of Jin-woo’s body. His body became suddenly stiff.

*Tuk*

The daggers [Karmish’s Anger] dropped from Jin-woo’s hands.
The [Ice Monarch] was standing in front of him.
Frost gathered at his fingertips and a dagger made of ice formed.

[It’s over]

The ice dagger pierced Jin-woo’s stomach.

*Hukk*

[Ber], who was barely conscious, screamed at the sight of his king.

“King!”

Jin-woo shook his head to [Ber], who struggled to stand with a limp leg.

But [Ber] extended his nails into blades, stumbled and walked towards the [Ice Monarch].

“kieeeeeeeeeeeek”

The despair and sorrow that [Ber] felt were also felt by Jin-woo as it transmitted.

So even more, he didn’t want to see [Ber] die by the hands of these monarchs.

Just before Jin-woo recalled the summons, [Ber] shook his head in tears.

However Jin-woo recalled [Ber] and sent him back to the shadows.

Regardless of his will, [Ber] returned quietly and joined the shadows under his master’s feet.

The old [Ice Monarch] who was sure that he had caught Jin-woo, moved his dead skinned face and opened his mouth.

[Are you dead, human?]

He whispered in Jin-woo’s ear.

[Then you won’t be able to see it. The moment our armies arrives on this earth. By then, there will be mountains of bodies of you human beings, and rivers will flow with blood.]

The [Ice Monarch] moved from Jin-woo ear and laughed in his face.

[But this country, where you were born and raised will be different. I will freeze them and they will suffer forever. Because you were on their side, they would be live forever, neither alive nor dead.]

Cold spread from the dagger, which had pierced Jin-woo’s abdomen, freezing Jin-woo’s body.

Even on Jin-woo’s face, which was covered in white frost, his eyes were burning with rage.

The [Ice Monarch] laughed again.

[Hate me endlessly in your death. It will give me pleasure.]

The [Ice Monarch] pulled the dagger from Jin-woo’s stomach and struck it into his heart.

A cold white dagger burst through Jin-woo’s ribs and pierced his heart.
*Hukkk*

Jin-woo crumbled helplessly, as the [Ice Monarch] who made sure that Jin-woo was dead, pulled out the dagger.

Jin-woo’s head hit the ground and he felt dizzy. He could feel the two enemies moving away from him.

‘Not yet.... A little more...’

He tried to move his body, but he didn’t have the force in his body to lift even a finger. Along with the sudden loss of senses, consciousness also quickly disappeared.

Everything that he saw, heard or felt, soon fell into deep darkness.

The human heart had stopped.

‘Ring—’

But system messages began to appear one-by-one on the unconscious Jin-woo.

[The ‘Player’ health has reached zero.]

[The ‘Player’ is dead]

[The ‘Player’ has a Dark Heart]

[‘Player’ has met all the requirements for the ‘Passive Skill’ [Unknown].]

[Passive Skill [Unknown] is activated.]

There was a change in one passive skill that flashed in the skill info window.

[Skill]

[Passive Skill: ‘Unknown’ Lv. Max]

[Muscle Lv.1, [Dagger Mastery] Lv. Max]

Thrash

[Skill]


[Muscle Lv.1, [Dagger Mastery] Lv. Max]

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Please go easy on this 😊 this is my first-time editing/ translating. I tried really hard, hope you guys will like it.

Please feel free to edit the file if you find a mistake somewhere and share!