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Chapter 281 Arachne 2

Arachne is a lonely girl that has lived for... I don't know how much, but when I asked the System, it said; "since the beginning of this dungeon" and this dungeon is hundreds of years old. The Rabbit-kin were only some years ago attacked by the spiders, but that's because they arrived in this forest by themselves, as they were a wandering tribe of beast-kin.

Due to her loneliness, she acquired the "Lonely Empress" Title Skill for some reason, I feel like the Soul Script of hers is trying to mess with her or something, how can you cruelly give a little girl such an evil title?! Damned System!

<This is not my fault, other people don't have a System, the Soul Script might be similar but it is ruled for non-general rules, it even generates skills specially for the user, so sometimes there might be various Skills with similar effects named differently...>

Oh... Well, anyways I think it is okay, right? I just want her to be happy and make her my friend, perhaps what she just needs is a friend to trust her and make her feel not... lonely, I suppose. I can even talk to her and she doesn't seem to mind it that much... I will continue working hard to make her my friend, but I honestly don't know how she'll react whenever she learns the truth about how I really look like and who I am... I really hope she doesn't hate me.

She's so lonely and cute, she really broke my heart. I kind of knew she was a deadly monster or something from before based on her presence alone, but she is such a sweet girl that is just needy for some friend that I couldn't reject her! I even showed myself to her for that purpose, because I always saw her lonely and on silence...

"Snek... Hungy?"

Arachne suddenly asked me if I was hungry. I honestly don't need to eat, but she likes seeing me eat, so I nodded..

"Yeah, I am feeling a bit hungry."

“Want food!” She said, as the spiders quickly obeyed her without saying a word, they moved around quickly throwing a pile of captured wolves, monkeys, lizards, and other creatures.

“Yum, yum! Eat?” She asked, looking at the pile, she grabbed a big wolf-like creature that was still alive, and mercilessly pierced its head, using her sharp fangs to pierce it entirely. Her fangs were like the mouth of a spider, so she looked quite... picturesque when she opened such a... Erm, highly detailed mouth. I don’t really want to call her “grotesque” or “ugly”, she’s just a cute little girl.

Despite being incredibly strong.

“Slurp...”

Arachne drank the insides of the wolf as it agonized, slowly stopping to move and drying out like a mummy until she consumed all its insides, yep, that’s how spiders eat.

“Phew... Yum!” She said. She was very cheerful today, I remember she always had a lonely expression in her face, often expressionless even, but out of nowhere she slowly began to cheer up a lot, and even enjoyed the boring meals she often skipped.

“Is it yummy? I don’t really like raw meat but I’ll serve myself anyways... Gryshishishi~” I giggled like a snake, as I opened my giant mouth and began to swallow an entire bear wrapped in spider silk. Arachne always liked to see how I ate, as she clapped her tiny hands.

“Woow!” She said, she seemed incapable of doing what I could do, and was surprised each time I swallowed my prey whole. Actually eating with this clone has made it regenerate energy on its own, so it can maintain itself quite easily.

“Hah~ I am stuffed, gryshi...” I sighed; it was going to take a little bit for this enormous bear to be digested by Phantasmal Stomach.

“No mowe?” She asked.

“Ah, no, I can’t eat more, dear...” I sighed.

"Oway..." Little Arachne quickly began to devour the other monsters with ease, it was always amusing to see her eating food like this... Although it was a bit gross, yes, I had to admit it.

When she was done, she ended stuffed, so she jumped over her bed to nap, and she dragged me with her. She hugged me with her tiny arms and rubbed her face over my long and serpentine body.

"Good night, Arachne..." I said.

"Night..." She said, she slowly closed her eyes, sleeping soundly, with a relaxed and serene smile.

Damn, she's so adorable and innocent, how come such a cute girl would be called Primordial Beast? Loki, you're a cruel motherfucker! How can you call her like this? In fact, I bet you forced her little soul into this form, right?! Why didn't you just reincarnated her into a normal girl or something! Hahh~ Of course I am not going to get any answers, I am rambling like an idiot...

I looked into the girl sleeping, as I used my snake tail to caress her cheeks and her hair. She wasn't completely asleep, so she opened her red eyes again and looked at me.

"Wish... you wewe biwer..." She said.

"Eh? That I were bigger?" I asked.

She nodded silently. Ah, does she wants to hug me? Maybe she wants me to hug her instead? Cute little baby girl, so you want a mommy this entire time?

"You won't get angry if I show you another of my forms?" I asked her.

"Huh? Nwo... Never..." She said adorably.

"S-Sure?"

“Yeah!”

“Okay then...”

I quickly transformed this clone which had grown strong enough into my humanoid form, slightly smaller by a few centimeters, but certainly bigger than her.

“Ooooh!” Arachne looked at me with surprise.

“Heheh, I can take this form...” I said. “I don’t look too snek-like, but my hair got snakes, look~!”

“Oooh Snake lady!” She said, hugging me tightly, she seemed to enjoy my bigger-sized body.

“Yes, I guess you could call me a snake lady... Fufu, Arachne... I will... I’ll take care of you...” I said.

“Heheh...” She giggled adorably, as I hugged her with my arms and my air, and we cuddled in her bed. Such a little and precious girl...

“I won’t let this fate imposed upon you affect you... You’re not a monster, you’re an adorable and innocent girl...” I whispered to her, as she smiled happily, and cuddled with me, without understanding my more elaborate words...

Chapter 282 Loki And Hel

Atop the glorious world tree, a beautiful and handsome man looked down into the land, the world of Yggdrasil. He seemed to smile while raising an eyebrow in surprise, he was rather flabbergasted by what had just happened. In fact, he had never expected such an outcome, it surprised him.

And not many things can surprise the trickster god.

"Interesting, did Arachne just become friends with Hel's little monster? This is... Incredible, in all of my mind I never predicted this. Was... Was this little spider only desiring a friend this entire time, huh... I guess I am really a terrible mentor to never have seen through such a simplistic mindset." Thought the God, as he sighed.

Suddenly, a big squirrel holding a leather bag filled with cards emerged behind Loki, timidly approaching the intimidating Trickster God of Chaos, Ratatoskr, the messenger of the gods, seemed to have a message for Loki.

"G-God Loki... Sir... My Lord... Erm... Your Evilness?".

"Hm?" Asked Loki, as he looked back at the "small" squirrel, who had the size of grown man. "Oh, it is you again, Rat. Is there something you want? Also did you just called me "Your Evilness"? I am not evil!"

"O-Okay! I know! Please don't hurt me!" Cried Ratatoskr, trembling a bit.

"How come you're so afraid of me? I have never done anything bad to you." Sighed Loki, as he petted the fluffy head of the big squirrel.

Ratatoskr began to remember that one time when Loki made a "prank" for Ratatoskr, feeding him a delicious golden Acorn that resulted to have been coated in a potion that made the squirrel turn completely pink. The other Squirrels of his race laughed at him for several years until the pink-color disappeared. Loki's response to such a stupid prank was "You needed some colors, you always look gloomy, friend". Since then, Ratatoskr fears Loki...

"Nothing bad... R-Right." Sighed Ratatoskr. "A-Anyways, please take this message, the Goddess of Death, your daughter, seems to be interested in engaging in a conversation." The squirrel handed to Loki a card handwritten by his daughter.

"Ooh?! My daughter of all things want to speak with me? How sweet of her!" Said Loki, as he took the card and began to read it. It was handwritten by her and her letters were very beautiful, she also wrote quite refined, and the ink she used emanated a dreadful black aura, it seems she used her own, black-colored blood.

Loki decided to read the card out loud.

“Dear father, I have seen that you’re messing with the world again, and like always, the stupid of Odin, my grandfather, is going to say that it is all my fault. What are you even planning to do with the spider, the wolf, and the snake? Please come down here to talk to your daughter.”

“Ahhh... My daughter seems a bit angered... Hahaha...” Laughed Loki, throwing away the card into the ocean below the World Tree.

“L-Lord Loki, shouldn’t you not go to Hel? Isn’t that place dangerous even for Gods? W-What if you die?” Asked Ratatoskr.

“Yeah, it is obvious that I cannot go down there leisurely, or I’ll die. My daughter always invites me down there, hahaha! Don’t worry, we gods got many ways to do things.” Said Loki, his body suddenly divided itself in a second, as a perfect clone was generated.

“Uwaah! T-Two Lokis now?!” Asked Ratatoskr in fear for his life, if there were two Lokis, what sort of weird fucked up pranks they would do next?!

“Fufu, don’t worry dear Rat, I am not doing anything devilish.” Said Loki. “I am a changed woman after all...” Laughed the clone of Loki, as he suddenly changed gender in an instant, turning into a beautiful woman version of him, with long hair, long eyelashes, seductive lips, wide hips, and big chest, with a long black dress and holding the same staff as he held in his original body.

“Wow, aren’t I a devilish demoness?” Asked Loki’s true body, admiring his female version.

“Indeed, we could easily conquer the heart of any man.” Laughed his clone.

“Uuuhhh...” Muttered Ratatoskr, feeling weirded out. “C-Can I go now?” He asked timidly.

“Oh yes, you can go dear, take care.” Said Female Loki, petting and hugging Ratatoskr, rubbing her big breasts over the squirrel’s face, which made it flustered.

“Uwaahh!” Cried Ratatoskr, running away from the predatory woman.

“Hahaha! He’s always such a handful, without little Rat here we would always be bored!” Said Loki.

“Indeed!” Laughed Loki.

“Anyways, go down to meet our beloved daughter, make sure to cuddle with her.” Said Loki.

“I shall spoil her lots!” Laughed Loki, as the female version disappeared in an explosion of pink smoke.

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Meanwhile, Hel, the Goddess of Death and the Underworld looked into the emptiness of her Realm, caves everywhere, darkness, mushrooms growing in the ceilings and the floor illuminating the place mildly, and the sound of countless souls groaning, undead walking around leisurely, attacking one another, or simply existing with one another without attacking... giant beasts made of countless corpses making the floor tremble as they walk, titanic birds made of bones catching unsuspecting zombies crawling in the floor, trapping them inside of their ribcages for some unknown reason, as Undead don’t need to feed in here.

Hel looked at all of this rather expressionless, a sight that would be rather psychedelic to anybody else was something of a daily life for her, every day was the same, confined in her own Realm as the Goddess of Death, she couldn’t really do much about it, that’s how things were. Since she was born in this world that she already represented death and was the meaning of the end of a journey, but also, the start of a new one.

Millions of souls swam across a river, as she guided them towards the surface through an inverse waterfall that moved upwards, this was the River of Reincarnation, where souls were cleansed and reincarnated after going through some time in Helheim...

Chapter 283 Father And Daughter Talk

POOF!

Suddenly, in front of Hel, somebody finally showed up, but it was not the person he expected. It was a beautiful woman with long purplish hair, with some mixes of black and red, her eyes glowed crimson red like hers, and her beauty was comparable to hers if not a bit higher, she even had a coquettish aura to her, like a tentative and lustful demoness.

“Who are- Ah, father.” She sighed. Hel was sitting over her throne of bones boringly looking at her own father while crossing her slender and beautiful white as porcelain legs, she was barefoot this moment as two skeletons were giving her pedicure.

“Oh my! My little death girl! How are you today? Oh! Did I interrupted your beauty time?” Asked Loki lovingly, as her daughter looked at him... or her rather expressionlessly.

“Father why are you in the shape of a woman now? I already have a mother...” Sighed Hel. “Angrboda is my mother, she’s... Where is mother now?”.

“Ah, your mother is... Haha, I don’t have idea, she’s somewhere doing incantations or something, she’s a sorcerer after all.” Said Loki.

Angrboda was the Titan Sorcerer of Ice Giants, she was a powerful sorcerer of Dark Magic and Dark Arts, one of the first Titans that taught the world about darkness and is said to be the mother of Majin as well. Her relationship with Loki is quite loosen, although both had children together, she had always been a woman interested in her dark arts, and although she enjoyed the sex, it wasn’t as if she was going to stick to him through their entire eternal lives.

Loki was the same in such case, as he was a god of chaos, he didn’t liked being in a place for a long time, even less with just one person, he traveled the entire world, and occasionally paid her a visit, where both would play around (in bed), eat together, do some magic tricks, and depart for some years.

Titans in the world of Yggdrasil were similar to Gods, however, after the first war between Titans and Gods, Odin locked the titans from interfering in the outside world as much, and they were also banned from joining the god meetings for the most part, although they still did influence mortals and wandered around the world in mortal avatars, some even turned themselves into land, such as mountains, volcanoes, or giant icebergs floating over the ocean, resting until the day they would be able to fight back against the Gods once more.

Their Father and King, Ymir, was slain by Odin long ago, and his gigantic corpse gave the world shape, due to this, they were living over their own father's body, and felt resentment over such a thing, even though many of them loved mortals, especially their descendants, the Ice Giants, Mountain Giants, and Fire Giants, which they watched closely while camouflaging as landscape or as wandering mortals.

"I want to meet mother too!" Said Hel angrily. "Stop posing as one!"

"I-I can also be a mommy!" Said Loki while pouting. "L-Look how cute I am! Don't you want to cuddle in these big melons?"

"Uagh! Stop being so cringy or I'll kill you!" Said Hel, pointing her finger at her own father, as a dark flame emerged from the tip of it.

"Hahaha! C-Come on, relax for a bit!" Laughed Loki, slowly walking towards his daughter and moving aside her finger slowly, petting her.

"Let's go sit around a table and enjoy a day together, tell me what you wanted to speak about." He said. Hel sighed, looking at her father in the form of a woman was uncomfortable, but she had to admit that her father's charm was working.

"Okay." Sighed Hel, she was more mature than her acting, but every time she meet her father she would act like a spoiled girl, her opinion of her father was that of a man more immature than his own daughter, which said a lot.

The two quickly sat down in seats made of rotten flesh and bones that Hel raised in an instant by a mere thought, surprising Loki a bit, she was quite energetic today...

"Y-You're quite energetic today, aren't you, dear?" He asked nervously, as Hel nodded.

"Father, tell me, what are you planning?" She asked.

"...I am merely doing something funny." Said Loki.

“Funny?” Asked Hel. “You’re trying to enrage Odin again? Father, do you want us to rage a god war again? Ymir got destroyed, you want grandfather to kill us now or something?”

“Oh, no, no, no, I would never want a war against my beloved father! He’s the figure I most respect, you see? I just am very bored.” Said Loki. “And the mortals... Especially his humans, they’re doing bad things. They’re playing around with the Fragments of Evil left behind... That’s very bad, you know?”

“Ah... Yeah, I’ve seen what they’re doing, and Maria is doing some researching herself...” Said Hel. “So you want to punish mortals?”

“Why yes, it is also a way to... Well, protect the world? If any of those monsters show up, it will be because something will require their intervention.” Said Loki.

“So the Primordial Beasts are all guardians? Do you think I will believe this? You’re clearly raising god-level entities to kill Odin.” Sighed Hel.

“Hahaha! Whaaaaat? No way! No, not at all! I would never! Hahahahaha!” Laughed Loki. Although Hel knew very well that behind his façade, there was a big darkness and resentment against Odin. He knew that Odin slain his true father Fárbauti in the war against Titans, and that he imprisoned his mother, Laufey inside of the World Tree. Loki has been pretending this entire time, and Hel already saw through his façade.

“My daughter, you’re talking nonsense.” Said Loki. “Arachne, and the other two are completely unrelated to this.” Loki looked into his daughter’s eyes, captivated by her beauty, as he kissed her nose. “You’re so cute!”

“Stop with the corny stuff!” Said Hel. “Sigh... Father, you’re... sure about this?”

“...”

Loki looked deeply into Hel’s eyes.

“Yes.”

Chapter 284 Hel's Watchful Eyes

“Then I am going out! This is actually a clone so I will just destroy it for now, have a nice day, my beloved daughter~” Said Loki, as she quickly turned into smoke and dissipated into thin air.

“Always with your stupid tricks...” Sighed Hel, looking at the pink smoke dissipate in front of her. She was a bit tired, she tried to talk with her father some more, but he always spoke nonsense and barely told her any of his truth, he was a man that was always joking to the point that it was incredibly hard to reach the truth from his words alone.

N[0]VEL Hel looked into Maria through a small crystal ball, as she saw her in the Duchy of Affnaria once more. Hel seemed a bit surprised that she saw her there again, it seems that the ghost woman was oddly attached to this town, a town where she was beheaded, where she met her bitter end....

Hel saw all of it back then... She saw her suffering, how her entire army ended being chased down, how they were all brought to her... their souls.

“You’re attached to this duchy way too much, Maria... Are you still trying to figure out the past you’ve forgotten? ...Do you truly wish to remember that suffering so much?” Sighed Hel while waving her head.

“Well... So be it... You may do whatever you please.” Said Hel. “I will be watching over you, my Blessed Apostle. Let’s discover your past together.”

I ended spending a lot of the time playing with the cute Arachne, which made my mind a bit exhausted when I finally woke up the next day in the Inn, moving two bodies which I’ve poured my complete mind into is very stressing when I am constantly controlling both. Usually, what I do with clones is leaving a

copy pasted mind into them, which is actually independent, so I don't have to share the burden of controlling a new body.

These minds are all connected to mine like a hivemind, but have intendency, they just let me know what they do or what they think, sometimes asking me questions if they're in doubt, or things like those. However, with the clone with Arachne, I had to put my true mind into it so I could interact better with her, this causes a lot of mental exhaustion, which hits me even harder because I have no brain to transfer this exhaustion into, so it hits my soul directly and makes me dizzy.

Yeah, even as a ghost, I can get something similar to a headache, but it is through my entire body, and the bad thing is that there is no medicine or pill that can heal me from that, I have to just repeatedly use Undead Healing on myself and heal my soul stress and pain caused by overusing my mind. That night was rather busy with Arachne, she was more active than other times.

I have begun to pour more Mana and Aether energies into this clone so it can grow a bit stronger, I want to adopt this adorable little girl and teach her to be a good person, so I will slowly teach her how to speak common tongue better, and... well, I guess I am growing overly attached to her. I initially just wanted to see her and inspect how she would do; I had even thought she would slay me or something, but nothing like that ever happened, she was just very lonely, and wanted someone to not be so lonely anymore, someone that could look after her and... well, give her the warmth of family, something that she seems to lack severely.

A-Am I really going to adopt her as my daughter?! I mean, the spiders are not there for nothing, but they're... like, not doing anything aside from giving her the bare basics and then leaving her, they do whatever she asks them, and she used to ask them to play with her, but they didn't know how to play, nor how to give her hugs, or anything... She had tried sleeping with them, sometimes trying to be cuddled by them, but their bodies are covered in a hard chitinous exoskeleton, so that's quite unlikely.

So when I showed up she was happy, I wasn't warm, but I was quite squeezable for her, and she ended liking my humanoid form at the end, hugging me lovingly as I petted her head, at the end, I am still sleeping in her bed with my other body... She sleeps long periods of time, often an entire day (24 hours) and is active another 24 hours, or sometimes several days in a row. She's quite a playful girl. I want to bring her books for her to read as well, she seems to somehow be able to read despite having a hard time speaking.

I also want to cook her some tasty food so she can learn how food can be tasty and not just drink out the juice from a half-living animal, that's kind of weird, but I guess she's a spider so she doesn't know better... I will show her some tasty food, at the very least some grilled meat or some stew... Maybe I

could go out to find her some ingredients with the spiders, if she even allows such a thing. Well, for now I shouldn't worry about this.

My stress and mind exhaustion had gone down a bit more, and I felt way better, so I decided to quickly stand out of the Inn bed, finding out there was Partner at my side, she had sneaked in. Of course, as a ghost, I am able to easily pass through any physical objects~ So it is not so hard to go around and escape her embrace.

Though, she had gotten very clingy, more than before, I suppose we are already like... in an official relationship, aren't we? Maybe... I haven't really said anything of that regard to her yet...

Chapter 285 Sorting Out Thoughts

I suppose having done the deed doesn't mean we are instantly... in a relationship, that's something that must be established officially, isn't it? Huh... How can I make it reasonable, I wonder? Do I just ask her? Ah, what if she says she doesn't like to get tied? Ah, or maybe I would be abusing it? Or perhaps it is too soon? Yeah, it is way too soon, maybe we should develop our bond together some more...

And what about Lucifer and Emeraldine? Ugh, romancing three people at once is very hard, how could these harem protagonist do it so swiftly? I have to think about their feelings, and how each one feels about me and the entire relationship, things are not easy at all, if I slip off, I might make someone angry, and if I prioritize giving love to one above the others, I will make the others feel left out, as if I had a "favorite"... Wow, this is so overly complicated. I guess harem relationships are not realistic at all..

But I have to somehow pull through this on my own, I cannot really go back on my words, I just love them all so much... I am glad they accept one another and are friends, but it seems they have not even developed feelings for one another, just friendship and some rivalry, perhaps Partner and Emeraldine are good friends, while Lucifer is a more distant friend from the two girls as he's a male, and very silent at times, so I suppose he cannot connect well with the girls, but he does connect well with me. I guess with him, I have to mostly be alone, while it is easier to be with Emeraldine and Partner at the same time acting lovingly, Lucifer is way too shy and reserved, so I have to give him his "special time" where we are the two together alone.

Of course, I do the same with Partner and Emeraldine, I am not making Lucifer my favorite or something! H-He's just my grumpy and shy dragon, so I have to treat him well... Ugh, it is really hard to handle this relationship. Well, they're not even official yet, but it is sure as hell that they don't want to be with anybody else than me, I would had already seen them ogling other people, but they only got

eyes for me. Very problematic, perhaps I should have stayed as a formless specter instead of shaping myself as a woman, maybe in that form I wouldn't be liked? ...Hard to tell, all three of them are a bit insane in their own accords.

Ugh, I better never say that in front of anybody, even less these three... I mean, they're not bad, but like me, they got some... insanity. Lucifer died horribly, betrayed, and has been sealed for an eternity, knowing his family got killed by the humans, Emeraldine went through utter suffering when she was enslaved, constantly used as a sexual slave, she was absolutely broken when I meet her, and she had barely managed to regain her self-confidence all because of me, and then there is Partner... She's... well, she was a skeleton and then a vampire? I guess she's the "sanest" but because of her monster-like instincts, for anybody that is "normal" she's an insane person because she lacks common sense.

And then there's me! I died horribly in my first life, and then in my second life, and turned into a ghost, and I am secretly filled with hatred and resentment, enough that I could even disregard everything I've done and just slaughter all the people I saw just to satisfy this lingering desire of "revenge". Phew, thankfully I still got my mind from my first life, which stops my insanity from getting out... most of the time. Who would have known that being a shy girl without any self-confidence that always bottled up her emotions would help at bottling up this resentment and hatred as a ghost? I guess you could call it a natural talent, alongside being overly quick at adapting to situations...

I am pretty good at that, yeah, but that's not the whole point of it! I was talking about relationships, not me, I don't matter on this- Wait, I kind of do... I... I guess I am the one connecting all three of these people together into a family, I am the core of their lives in a way too... I-I mean, all three of them had called me their "world" and Lucifer always calls me "my most precious treasure", so it is a bit important for me to recognize my value, I guess.

And... It is hard, it is quite hard to handle the relationship, I don't know I can even add another person. Thankfully, I've been rejecting anyone that might have tried to, I still remember all those goblins that tried, and sometimes former slaves' citizens brought me flowers, or food, and asked me out on a date out of nowhere... I had to reject them all, sadly. I always feel terrible when I do this, especially because in my first life I was always being rejected.

N[0]VEL I suppose popular girls back then lacked empathy so they didn't feel so bad, but man, it hurts me to see them sad, so I try to cheer them up by petting their heads, or gifting them something so they don't go away all saddened, so a lot of people in my town already got some sort of little gift from me which they treasure... I hope they can find love in each other instead of trying to romance their queen, it is not realistic, you guys...

Anyways, after having sorted out my thoughts and having relaxed my mind, I finally looked into the window, the sun was high atop the skies, it was a beautiful day, although we were in quite the poor street so there were very shady people walking around, but its not like we were staying all day in here, in some hours, we'll try to stay in the Duchess manor.

Chapter 286 Let's Not Go Overboard

"Partner, dear, wake up..." I said, gently touching Partner's nose, and caressing her hair, it was so silky, and she was slightly warm too. I was resisting the impulse of cuddling with her and kissing her like crazy, she was way too adorable.

"Hm? Oh... Ah! Is it morning already? Ugh, the sunlight is strong in here..." Sighed Partner.

She had already developed Sunlight Resistance as quite a nice level, Level 4, but she still has to develop it further, she still feels an itchy sensation over her skin when she walks below the sunlight, but at the very least the amount of damage it causes to her body doesn't make it begin to burn or tear apart, although she still loses HP over time, she has an automatic HP regeneration skill too as a vampire, so she counters this HP lost over time with it, barely making it so she doesn't lose any HP.

However, if she gets heavily wounded, things get bad, she can't naturally recover while being below the sun... Kind of like any vampire. Well, that can be easily resolved by me, I can create a veil of shadows and cover her body from the sunlight, but it stands out a lot, so when we are outside, I cannot really use it leisurely, she also constantly tells me that she must bear the pain for the gains... or something, so she wants to bear the pain and just level up her [Sunlight Resistance: Lv4] Skill.

I don't know how many Vampires are there that do such a thing... Are they all as brave as her? Then again, because she's a Lesser Vampire, weaknesses are not so strong against her, and she got some unique skills due to her previous evolutions that normal Vampires, often don't possess. Unless they're special cases like Catarina and the twin fire ghosts that were burned alive and then turned into Vampires, which made them develop high resistance to fire and sunlight, there shouldn't be many like Partner out there. Funnily enough, Catarina as a zombie doesn't have sunlight weakness anymore, I guess the weakness of Vampires is really some sort of curse that only remains in their bodies until they die. When their body dies, they are no longer weak to sunlight and the body won't begin to get roasted below the sun if they ever die..

Anyways, Partner woke up with an itching feeling over her face as she covered herself with a cushion, groaning in pain. I quickly decided to put up the curtains, covering the room from the sunlight.

“There, better now? Sorry, I should had put the curtains before, my bad...” I sighed, I felt ashamed I didn’t thought about it before, but she always says that she HAS to get bathed in sunlight anyways, so I ended making it for granted that she somehow was immune to it at this point, which she is not. After all, she still feels uncomfortable and everything else... The least thing I would ever want to make my beloved Partner go through is being uncomfortable after all!

“I-It is fine!” She said. “D-Don’t get so apologetic, Master...” Partner stretched her arms asking for a hug, so I gave her a tight hug, she hugged me tightly and warmly, and I felt all her scent. She smelled like wildflowers due to the shampoo made of wildflower oil she uses to wash her long hair.

“Uwaahh, your hugs are so comforting...” I cried.

“You’re looking extra cute today, Master.” She said, whispering to my ears, she kissed my cheek gently.

“E-Extra cute?!“ I asked. Partner smiled devilishly as she licked her lips and kissed me rather passionately.

“Hmm~?!“

I felt a bit surprised, but I let her do it for a bit... She then pushed me down the bed and continued kissing me once more. Our lips meet one another several times, as her tongue was playfully licking the interior of my mouth and coiling around my own tongue, it was very lewd, and our breaths constantly mixed, making the whole atmosphere steamy...!

“Mooch... A-Ah, stop it already, Partner, what if they see us?” I asked.

“I-I want to kiss you a bit more... I love kissing you...” She said.

“B-But...” I muttered, as Partner suddenly moved her lips towards mine, but I moved aside my face and she kissed my cheek instead. However, she dominantly grabbed my cheeks gently and kissed me once more.

“Uguhh... S-Stop!” I said, as I moved her aside a bit, pushing her down into the bed instead.

“Uwah! T-To think you finally decided to be in the top this time... Heheh...” Partner laughed devilishly. Perhaps being a Vampire is messing with her common sense... Ah, well, I am talking as if she even had one. But Vampires tend to be mischievous, so maybe this is part of it.

O-Or maybe now that we had sex... She is acting way more freely and lewd with me? Ugh, I guess it is fair, isn't it? But not to the point where it disrupts with our daily lives!

“T-This is not that! I am just stopping you, you little degenerate vampire girl!” I said, as I petted her head instead.

“Huh? You're just petting my head though. Maybe you can punish me, fufu...” She giggled.

Uwah! She's kinky too?! W-What does she wants me to do, to hit her with a whip or something? That's fucked up! Nooo! Partner, don't be corrupted!

“No! Now, stop being so childish, I love you but don't go overboard.” I said, sitting at her side.

“O-Oh, sorry...” She said. “I-I didn't realized you were serious...”

“Eh?!”

“I thought you were playing along!” She said.

“Maybe sometimes I do but not all times, okay?” I sighed.

N[0]VEL “O-Oh, okay...” She said while nodding. “Sorry, I am just... I am deeply in love with you, Master... S-So I like to kiss you and show you how much I love you...”

“Sigh... I know, I know it very well, I do too, but let’s not go overboard.” I said.

“I get it... Sorry...” She said while kissing me gently again, without a hint of lewdness... Well, this was a bit wholesome.

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Chapter 287 Can't They Take A Break?

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See? As long as we openly talk about what we feel about the relationship, we can discuss it out and get to a mutual understanding, sometimes confusion or misunderstandings are created, but that can be resolved as long as we talk it out. I just had to tell Partner directly about what I felt like, and she understood and even apologized, which broke my heart, and I felt bad too for making her feel bad, so I apologized back to her and hugged her again, which ended in both of us kissing once more, but this time they were brief kisses with only love and comprehension, not lewd at all. These felt incredibly better than the others, although I do like the lewd ones as well...

“What are you two doing so lovingly?” Asked Emeraldine from the distance, she seems to have caught us red-handed kissing...

“E-Ehh... Heheh...” I giggled nervously. “W-We are just expressing our love...”

N[0]VEL “Fufu, jealous?” Asked Partner rather cockily.

Partner, don’t ruin it more now! You know Emeraldine is jealous like you too, dummy!.

...Of course, I cannot tell her this directly because it would be too aggressive, she’s my beloved, I cannot treat her like that.

“Jealous you say...?!” Roared Emeraldine, for a moment I felt quite frightened of the angry Emeraldine, sometimes she can really be quite ferocious for an elf, but this is probably due to her past...

“P-Please wait, Emeraldine! Don’t get angry!” I cried.

However, Emeraldine didn’t waited for me, quickly jumping into my bed by jumping from her bed, a spectacular flip that made her land right over my body, catching me and bringing me away from Partner’s evil embrace.

“I-It is not fair, I also want some cuddles and kisses...” She said while looking at me with puppy eyes, her long ears were all red, probably due to the embarrassment of her bold move, Partner tried to move her away but Emeraldine was tightly wrapped around me like a burrito.

“H-Hey! Don’t go ahead of yourself...” Said Partner while pouting.

“Not fair! We talked that we all should receive love equally, right, Partner? Don’t get cocky now, I saw you having Maria all for yourself!” Said Emeraldine while pouting. “You’re trying to break our deal?”

“What deal?! Was there a deal between you two I didn’t knew about?” I asked confusedly.

“T-There was a deal...” Sighed Partner.

“Lucifer was there too...” Said Emeraldine. “He’s also awake but pretending to be asleep because he has a hrd time dealing with stuff like this, he’s a shy dragon after all.”

“W-Who are you calling a shy dragon?!” Asked Lucifer, jumping out of bed, the first thing I saw was a big... rod rising from beneath his pants. “A-Agh!” Lucifer quickly realized when I stared at it rather dumbly, covering himself with a cushion. Was he having a boner because I was kissing Partner? Oh well, males get boner quite easily, I cannot blame him if he sees two hot girls kissing each other... Also, now that he’s a Death Dragon and not just an Undead Dragon, he regained some of his “life” and therefore, can probably get... a boner more easily.

“Was that a boner I see?” I asked while raising an eyebrow.

"T-There was nothing like that! Bye!" Said Lucifer. "I will go make... breakfast." He quickly ran out of the room, he got a hard time dealing with stuff, and he gets double shy when I am with the two girls. It is not as if he cannot be dead serious as he always is, but lewd things and love make him become a dork... But he's cute because of that. He's so innocent.

"I guess he just left." Said Emeraldine.

"Y-Yeah.." Said Partner.

The two girls looked at me with predatory eyes.

"M-Maria, can I give you a morning kiss too? C-Can I?" Asked Emeraldine, she was way too cute, my cute little elf... But she got a lewd side too! I-I mean, she's super-hot so I cannot really reject her kiss request.

"I-I guess it is okay to kiss me every morning if you want... Whenever you feel like I guess... I suppose." I said while blushing a bit, now that Partner was going so crazy over it, I had to let Emeraldine also enjoy this privilege at the end. I could clearly tell how happy she got by how her eyes shone brightly with a bright emerald light, just like the name she has, her eyes were Emerald in color, like two big jewels, so when she got excited, they shone quite brightly, showing her happiness.

"R-Really?! Heheh..." Emeraldine giggled devilishly, as she started to kiss me with her lovely lips. Ah, I already had my hands full with Partner and now there's this kinky elf I must deal with... And unlike Partner, she's so warm~ So warm that I can't help but hug her and embrace her torso with my legs lewdly as she kisses me passionately, her warm and meaty lips deliciously kiss my own, as her tongue dances coquettishly inside of my mouth... Ah, I would be paid a lot by how many times my life goes from wholesome to horny.

"Hmm~ Ahh, Maria...! Maria, I love you! Mooch~" Emeraldine began to grow a bit insane as she kissed me, sounding like a person obsessed with me. I embraced her with my hugs and kisses too, until she finally felt better after roughly five minutes...

I slowly took out my tongue from her mouth, as she lay in the bed resting for a bit while gasping for air.

“Hahh~ Maria-sama... Kiss me more...” She moaned.

“E-Emeraldine, snap out of it! You look like you got drunk out of nowhere now...” I said while reprimanding her. “How can you girls be so exaggerated about my kisses?”

“But they feel nice!” Said Partner.

“Yeahhh~ It is like I am floating above a cloud...” Said Emeraldine.

The horny is strong in these girls, they’re like... always in heat or something! Geez...

Chapter 288 "Dragon King" Is Not A Title That Can Be Taken Lightly!

Lucifer took a little while, but came back with actual breakfast he cooked himself, he bought some breakfast from the Inn Lady, who sells breakfast for a person each day, there was a nice bechamel soup, it had small chunks of pork on it, and was very creamy and tasty, with small pieces of potatoes and carrot as well! Wow...

And then there was some bread, it was a bit hard, but not too hard, and it was pretty good if dipped into the bechamel stew, I loved it. They also gave a small piece of butter, a small block of cheese, and a cup of hot milk for breakfast, that was it, it wasn’t as much as in other places, as this was a very small Inn, but for the price of 7 coppers, it was a decent meal that would be fulfilling enough for anybody that would come to spend a night in this Inn and would feel hungry the next day in the morning.

“The lady was very nice, she said I was quite handsome and gave me an extra piece of bread and some strawberries jam.” Said Lucifer. “Do you want some, Maria?” Lucifer handsomely offered me jam and more bread, and I couldn’t help but accept.

N[0]VEL “Thank you! I wanted something sweet...” I said happily, as I covered the piece of toast with some jam, and ate it up with some of the warm milk which had a small amount of honey on it to sweeten it a bit. The crunchiness of the toast, the delicious sweetness, and the citric flavor of the

strawberries, all combined with the creamy and honey-sweetened milk which was very warm combined into a delicious breakfast..

“Wow, this is good...” I said.

“It is just some bread with jam...” Sighed Lucifer. “You really find everything delicious, don’t you?” He said as he looked at the two girls at me side eating up and conversing.

“A-Anyways, what did you two do to Maria?” He asked angrily. “I bet you did... a lot of lewd things while I was not here!”

Eh? He got all angry out of nowhere now! Are men just as confusing to understand as women? Wait, so both genders are confusing to understand?! Amazing, so this is the truth that a bisexual person is capable of comprehending without stupid gender bias!

“W-We were playing around, that’s it! Don’t get angry now...” Said Partner. “We did some stuff that girls do.” Partner seemed unwilling to reveal the truth.

“Don’t worry Lucifer, we didn’t do anything overboard!” Said Emeraldine while nodding and crossing her arms somewhat proudly. What did she even mean by this?

“Sigh...” Lucifer sighed as he decided to just ignore what happened. “Anyways, now that you two have calmed your horniness, it would be nice to discuss what’ll we do now, the Duchess must be waiting for us, isn’t it?”

“Yeah, I am planning in going there right away after we finish breakfast.” I said. “I owe her quite a lot, and she also could help me at finding more about my past when I was alive, alongside finding the location of my brother and my auntie, who is supposedly taking care of him somewhere...”

“Oh, I see... But what about the problems in this duchy? The drugged people are quite worrisome, are you ignoring that?” He asked.

"Of course not! She'll probably ask me to help her resolve this stuff first, and if possible, we could find the ones behind it, I bet it is the same stupid Vampires, or some sort of organization that serves them, they're really the mafia of this entire nation." I sighed.

"Hm, okay... That's better, I am glad you're willing to help, because I also wanted to help and see what's going on in here." Said Lucifer. "I also got the bad feelings about this, the drugs are not normal, they're probably using extracted materials from the Fragment of the Evil God they stole from your family, most likely..." Lucifer looked at me with a lot of conviction, he seemed to be ready to tackle down this problem and search for the one behind this with me.

"I think there might be some relation, yeah..." Said Emeraldine. "Ah, I feel like we should hurry up in that case... I didn't like how clingy that Duchess was with Maria, but I guess there's no helping it, she's a good person that helped us out in there too..."

"Yeah, I guess she's a nice person unlike the guy before her, her uncle or something." Said Partner. "That guy really sucked."

"Well, he maintained the entire duchy and was a hard worker, but yeah, that didn't mean I wouldn't kill him after the shit he did to me." I said. "...And my family, of course. That's unforgivable."

"I agree. Now, let's get going." Said Lucifer, standing up. We were already done with the breakfast by now, so we brought back the things to the Inn Lady and made our way out of the Inn. Of course, we took a bath beforehand, individually! Even though the girls were trying to get inside of the bathroom when I was taking one.

As we were about to walk outside, I stopped Lucifer who seemed as serious as always, grabbing his coat tightly and looking at him while blushing a bit.

"Hm? W-What is it?" He asked.

"Where's my kiss?" I asked while pouting.

"K-Kiss? Ah... W-Well..." Said Lucifer, as he seemed to force himself to ignore the two girls staring at him expressionlessly and grumpily, and he gave me a lovely kiss.

“Fufu, you got the title of my husband so you better give me one like this every morning~” I said rather cheekily.

“Y-You’re getting a bit cocky...” He said while blushing, trying to act as if he was fine, but he was really embarrassed. He’s so cute, hehe. “I-I am a Dragon after all, the Dragon King, in fact. So don’t get... ahead of yourself...”

“Alright, my king! Hahah.” I giggled.

“It is not a title that can be taken lightly...!” He complained while crossing his arms and getting grumpy again.

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Chapter 289 Trying To Walk Into A Noble's Residence Is Harder Than You Think

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Now that we were done having breakfast, we decided to quickly walk towards the Duchess Manor. It was no big deal, we had to just go through the streets, walk around here and there and- GEH!

“Oi! Let me pass!” I said angrily, as there were guards in front of us. Apparently this was something I had not realized before but the area where all the nobles’ lives has an internal wall, so it is like a high streets where only the nobles live, or their servants.

The entire duchy is surrounded by a big circular wall, but there is an internal wall as well where all the nobles’ houses are located alongside the houses of the families that serve them, this is naturally a place where commoners are not allowed unless we are explicitly invited by someone with a special invitation card.

The guards were blocking our path with spears, and there were people walking all around us, so passing through the place as a ghost would be troublesome if they all see me right now... Maybe I need to back off, and then just use the shadows to get through it.

But the Duchess doesn't know I have so many powers so why wouldn't she prepare an invitation for me? And to make it worse, the guards are assholes!

N[0]VEL "Look missy, I don't care if you're an F-Rank Adventurer or whatever, go away."

"And it doesn't matter if you're pretty or if you got a dress that makes you look like a noble, I have never seen you in my life."

"Every noble also has a card that certifies it, if you don't have one, you're not really a noble."

"Please stop making a fuss and go away."

"I told you that the Duchess called me! I am Maria, a Magician of Dark and Shadow Magic! Tell her that and she'll recognize me immediately!" I said angrily, as I began to slowly lose my temper.

It had been happening more and more lately, I think I have a terrible temper as a person, maybe because my emotions are badly structured as a ghost? Nonetheless, I am trying to stay calm and ask them politely but my country girl accent is coming out and I used to swear a lot in my previous life back on Earth.

"No way, you're lying!"

"You know that it is a great crime to lie about the duchess?"

"We could send you to the prison... In fact, you've gotta pay us now if you don't want us to talk."

The guards suddenly began to talk nonsense, as they started to try to scam me into giving them money. The four looked at me with greedy expressions, were they really guards serving the Duchess? I would fire these idiots straight away!

"You got a pretty dress, I bet you got some money."

“Hey, if she doesn’t got money she can pay otherwise.

“Yeah, how about her body?”

“Oi, come with us...”

One of them suddenly grabbed my arm, attempting to bring me elsewhere.

I was about to decapitate them with threads made of shadows that sneaked behind them, and I was about to splatter the entire place with blood, but Lucifer, Emeraldine, and Partner that were with me quickly caught me before I did something that would destroy my image.

“Sorry for the inconvenience.” Said Lucifer.

“I am really sorry, hahaha!” Laughed Emeraldine.

“Master, stop making a fuss!” Said Partner.

“Wait! That bastard was going to do something weird! Does he do it to every girl that can’t pay a bribe or something?! Ugh! I’m gonna decapitate him and turn him into a skeleton and make him dance like a buffoon while balancing his bones around as if they were toys...!” I roared, but to no avail, they dragged me away. The guards tried to stop them because they wanted money out of us, but we ended disappearing in an alley by merging with shadows.

At the end, it was a failure and we couldn’t get inside officially. We’ll have to use some other method to enter such as using a talking snake inside of the Duchess house! Right, now that I remember, there is a dormant ghost snake I left inside of her room, so let’s just talk to her with it.

“Now what do we do?” Wondered Emeraldine.

“It is really a pain they didn’t let us in, but I guess it makes sense, those nobles usually despise commoners.” Sighed Lucifer.

“Kill all nobles...” Said Partner with a bloodthirsty expression.

“No, we won’t kill all nobles.” I sighed. “I remembered I got a clone inside of the Duchess room, so I’m using it to talk to her, that’s what we’ll do. Sorry for annoying you guys so much with my stupidity.”

“Yeah, you really owe us an apology.” Said Lucifer.

“You better stop acting like this, Maria...” Sighed Emeraldine.

“I don’t think it was bad but if we want to kill the guards we have to do it stealthily.” Said Partner.

“We are not going to kill anybody without reason! A little bit of provocation is not enough... Even if those bastards probably meant to rape me or something, I will... Erm, yeah maybe I should really kill them, they seemed quite rotten,” I sighed. “Well, we can convince Julia to ruin their lives. For now, let’s contact her.”

I quickly closed my eyes as I infused my mind into the dormant Ghost Snake, which was sleeping below Julia’s bed, it was completely transparent, so even when the maids cleansed below the bed, they never found anything. Also, ghosts are naturally invisible unless they want to be seen, of course that doesn’t mean we cannot be detected by any human with some sort of Mana Sense, so it is not that easy to sneak around as simple being a ghost, having Stealth abilities is always better in that regard to aid in the stealthy techniques to hide from people, like I used to do it back then when I was weaker...

Chapter 290 Saving The Duchess By An Hair!

I opened my eyes and found myself as a small snake. I quickly decided to slither around the room where Julia usually is, and when I came out of the bed, what I found was something else.

Nothing.

She was often in here all the time, but where did she go now?! Was she in the bathroom? Should I wait for her? Maybe she got indigestion and is taking a while? Can nobles get indigestion if they eat such tasty food?

Anyways, enough stupid thoughts for today. I decided to unleash a wave of mana all around the manor to detect where Julia could possibly be, quickly finding out I was able to detect many life forms everywhere. I quickly put my attention in each one, and they were all maids and butlers.

Maid.

Butler.

Maid..

Maid.

Butler

Butler.

Gardener.

Erm... Is that a butler?

Where is Julia?!

I began to look everywhere and suddenly felt something, the presence of Julia was finally near me, I slithered outside of her room and reached the corridor, suddenly finding an alarming sight!

A man wearing black robes was holding a knife, and slowly trying to force it into Julia's neck! She was resisting using her arms, she was enhancing her strength using mana but she had her mouth covered by the man's hand and she couldn't scream to call for help!

I saw that the window to the outside was wide open, did the guy came from there? Ah, damn it, I don't got time to think about it, this is an assassination attempt!

I quickly ran towards the man, stealthily and rapidly!

"Stop resisting, Duchess, you're not needed here. We'll handle things. We cannot let a free woman do as she pleases, if you don't accept to become our puppet, you're not worthy of being a duchess..." Said the man with an eerie and cold voice, as Julia was resisting as she could, but she couldn't use any magic and without her rapier, she wasn't able to use her Weapon Skills. I noticed that the man's gloves had some sort of Mana-draining ability, inhibiting her the ability to conjure magic, even less as she had her mouth covered, conjuring magic without chanting was incredibly hard for young people that had yet to master magic, and Julia had yet to develop the ability to use magic without conjuring it through chanting!

"Unhand her, bastard!" I roared valiantly, as I jumped over his back and slithered around his neck using my snake body!

"GUAKH!"

The man suddenly felt as if something was pressing on his neck, groaning in pain, he dropped the knife by reflex and moved a few steps back, finally letting Julia be freed from his grasp!

I used my Snake Ghost body to strangle his neck, but he seemed to be amazingly resistant, and powerful! This guy was... Wait, he's a damn Vampire?! His skin was pale white, his eyes red, he had short white hair, and his Status clearly said; "Lesser Vampire Subordinate".

You've gotta be kidding me! More Vampires? Why are they behind everything bad in this Kingdom? Is this a story about a Vampire slayer this entire time?! For fuck's sake!

"Hahh... Ugh... H-HEEEELP!" Cried Julia, finally being freed, she began to scream for help, as some knights that were near the stairs quickly heard her and ran towards her as fast as possible.

“Lady Julia! What is it?! Ah!”

“Who is that man?!”

The Knights clad in silver armor quickly pointed their spears at the Vampire, as the guy hatefully glared at them and clicked his tongue while still trying to get me out of his neck.

“F-Fuck, I have to get out!” Muttered the Vampire, attempting to jump out of the window, but that’s not happening! I had already bitten his neck and I was infusing all my deadly venom created through my Skills into his veins, Vampire or not, you’re not completely immune to my phantasmal venom, after all I am not even a normal snake, but a Gorgon!

“Uuuaagggh...!”

The Vampire suddenly felt a paralyzing pain all over his body, as I used my eyes after infusing venom into his body, quickly paralyzing his muscles, and making his mind confused and insane, he kneeled in the floor hitting it with anger and pain.

“That’s what you get for trying to hurt the missy!” I roared angrily. “You guys, finish him off! He’s a Vampire so hit the head!” I said, the Knights heard my voice and noticed that a semi-transparent snake was coiled around the neck of the Vampire.

“T-That snake spoke?!” Asked one of the knights.

“It must be some sort of familiar!” Said Julia. “Kill that man right now!” Julia ruthlessly ordered her knights, as they quickly pointed their spears at the man and pierced his head with them!

N[0]VEL “GRAAKKHHH!”

CRAASH!

His head was pierced by two spears infused with the power of Skills, he easily died by having his brains splattered all over the place in a gory scene. Ugh, and I just ate, that's disgusting- Wait those brains do be looking mighty tasty doe.

A-Anyways, Undead instincts aside, Julia was safe. Oof, if I hadn't come in time, she would be dead! What the heck? I just literally saved her life. She really owes me a big one.

"W-Who are you?" Asked Julia to me, as I slowly floated in midair.

"It's me, Julia, Maria! Remember me? I am controlling this familiar I made with my magic, no need to thank me for- GUEEH!"

Julia suddenly grabbed my little snake body and squeezed it in a tight hug.

"Thank you, Maria! I-I was about to die... I-I was... so scared... Sniff..." Julia suddenly began to comfort herself with my snake clone, as she started to cry rather sorrowfully.

Ugh, it must suck for her. I guess she is still an innocent girl. Getting an assassination attempt at her age must be rough. Especially because it was so frightening for her, she was left completely powerless despite having been training her magic and rapier techniques this entire time... This world is indeed quite harsh.