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After her second example, Kuina went into a trance a state and with eyes filled with a longing she mumbled.

"Show me those open and loving eyes, for they are the door to my soul. Touch me with those gentle hands and I am made anew, not as clay, but as if my body were reborn in its most perfect form. And so, in this love there is a deep gratitude, a sense that what is given is sacred and transient, passing in time into the eternal cycles of living."

Alice's eyes widened, she was sure Kuina was talking about her master, she may have a zero experience in the matter of love but she could feel how deeply this fox lady loved her master. She was not like this at the beginning but the more times spent with Alex the more her love for him grow, she changed into someone better, less competitive, and more open.

'Love might be a good thing.' Alice thought.

"You love my master."

"You can tell?"

She propped her chin in one of her hands and looked up at Alice with a smile.

Alice calmly nodded.

"I see you are right, I love him like never I thought I would."

The white-haired young lady simply listened as she believed that Kuina had not finished speaking and indeed she had not.

"You before him because of my status as the future empress I have always considered alternative lovers. Until I met him. Now, even without him, neither in promise nor bodily presence, there is only my love for him. Should he one day evaporate as water into the sky, that will remain true for all of my days. And so now, for the first time in my life, there are no plans at all... because you must be free. Love must be free. So all plans stop. It is as if my soul has stopped the search it has been on for a time that feels like forever, as if it no longer sees nor seeks a path, yet sits on soft grass upon a gentle hill. It was the simplest thing for him, with his eyes and voice, his touch and sexy confidence to take what no other ever could. It's not that I didn't want them to, I've wanted a love such as this forever, it's simply that they weren't able to, as if my soul was in a different room and they didn't have a key. Alex had it. He had it as if someone put it in his pocket with a whisper and a four-leaf clover. In a way, when I met him I was stunned. My soul had been alone so long it was almost unsettling to suddenly have company. To find or seek another would be condemning myself to a lifetime in darkness, knowing full well what I hid from myself before. We can never go back, can we? Once we have felt the real thing. So. All these miles away with the memories of our brief time together. It's all so silly. It's all so real. It's all so frustrating. It's all so painful. I wouldn't have it any other way. Though if I could wish for a magic carpet to bring him here, I would. I'd wish it and wait for him forever. I love him more than anything."

"There is no perfect lover, we are all flawed, but knowing those flaws and still loving with all your heart creates perfect love. I will never look further than him as he is my love. If my heart is a flower waiting to bloom, his love is the only sunshine it needs."

Alice could only stare as Kuina showed how much she loved Alex through words, it was to the extent she was forced to blurt out.

"I wish I could love."

Kuina who was about to say something stopped after hearing those words.

"You can love as well, everyone can, you just have to find the one that makes you feel special. The one with whom you feel a special connection." She told her, she wouldn't push her into someone not when she wasn't sure if her happiness was over there.

"I will end this debate with something my grandmother used to often say to me when I was twelve years old. [There is nothing more important in life than love. Love binds us to one another and to every good deed we do. It is love that keeps us healthy and positively focused. But love, like any other element of life, needs attention to stay strong. We don't attain it and put it aside like money in a bank account.

We shower our children with love and positive reinforcement, we hold our lovers dear and remind them in our special way how deeply loved and appreciated they are. We love our friends, our homes, and our communities.

There is nothing else that needs our attention more. None of us will come to the end of our earthly time and wish we spent more days in an office or lost in anger; we'll wish for more time with those we love; we'll cherish our good memories. Love is the most precious commodity on earth; it's free and the more we give the more it multiplies. It is truly the superpower we carry inside.], So love as this is the only way you'll be complete."

Alice nodded and started considering Kuina's advice, maybe she would be complete if found Love she thought.

"Okay, it's time to go to sleep. You will be on guard first I'm tired and this happened quite often recently maybe I'm sick? Well, whatever." Kuina yawned before going to the tent leaving Alice lost in thoughts.

She was trying to see if there was someone special in her life but she could only think of one person, Alexander her master, he is the only one closer to that title. Now that she thought about it was because of his choice she was still alive, at first she was considered a tool by him but it later changed and she was now part of the family. The way the others looked at her changed, she felt more at home than in the beginning, and they're present for her whenever she wanted.

Suddenly, she recalled an event that happened before they came here. One night she had a pretty scary nightmare and was trembling, really afraid, and Alex who was passing by noticed that something wasn't right and entered her room to comfort her.

Alice had been hugged before, but never like that day. There was something so warm, something that felt right, smelt right. She let her body sag, her muscles become loose. He gave her the respect of an equal but cradled her like a cherished child. In that embrace, she felt her worries lose their keen sting and her optimism raise its head from the dirt. Perhaps the hope had been there all along, but without

some love, it was trapped, like crystals in a stone. She felt him brush her hair back with his fingers and kiss her gently on the forehead. That night she slept like a child after Alex departed.

Upon recalling this episode unconsciously a smile bloomed on Alice's face. It was a smile that played at the corners of her mouth and danced in her eyes. If Kuina was present she would be shocked by this because this smile resembled that of a girl thinking of her lover.

"Maybe he was there all along but it is now that I have started to take notice," Alice mumbled before taking out a book she was reading, like Incursio she had the hobby of reading to cultivate herself. Currently, she was reading a contemporary romance book 'The Alpha.'

"[There's something about Carey that makes me feel so young inside, but not in a childish way. He wakes the pure side of me, the best side, all the facets of myself that only require love to be healthy and whole. Should I have eternity to be with this guy I would sink into serenity, just content to be close. Our energy vibrates in such a unique way, each the perfect complement of the other. I'm not simply "in love," I'm well and truly smitten. Any other could only be a poor reflection, no more substantial than a shadow of the real thing. Carey is what makes my heart strong. His smile alone burnishes my soul into a beauty it could never have achieved on its own. Before we met I was one, now I am half, yet somehow so much more than I ever was before.]"

Upon reading this passage Alice stopped closing the book she mumbled.

"Maybe I should try to get closer to master, maybe this way I can know what love is but first let's get closer, learn more about him while at the same learning more about how to make human expression as I believe this will come in handy for the future."

Tonight Alice decided to change in order to experience Love.

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The following the girls departed to the next floor.

"So this time it's a ghost town, huh?!" Kuina observed their surrounding while Alice was frowning. The girls didn't wait too long before entering the city.

The main road that led to and from Shepshed was barely detectable beneath layers of dust, sand, shrubs, and leaves. Gardens are bustling with insect life who've made their home in the now tall grasses and overgrown bushes.

Many doors had collapsed as rot ate away their edges. The open doorways that were once perhaps very welcoming were now an eerie and unwelcoming sight.

Many roofs had collapsed and in some cases had taken the entire building with them. Others looked in decent shape and were simply dirty and filled with bird nests.

Shepshed, once a peaceful and growing community had all but faded away from history. An eerie silence had taken over and was only interrupted by the cracking of wood in the wind and the occasional bird that had made its home in one of the many collapsed roofs.

The art gallery was once the cultural pride and joy of this town and tourists flocked to see the art displayed here. Now it was home to a flock of doves who've destroyed most art pieces in their ignorance of what it once meant to so many people.

The more time would pass the more the traces of those who lived here will disappear. Even now there were only remnants left, it'd be only a short while until there was nothing left. But even when all the buildings are finally taken by nature there was at least the knowledge that the animals wouldn't have to leave and could continue their lives in peace.

Suddenly, the animals escaped and many monsters appeared, goblins, hobgoblins, orcs, and even some high orcs but to the two girls these monsters could only serve as a warm-up.

The fight didn't last one hour as the two women slaughtered the monsters.

BOOM!

Right after the fight ended a huge fireball was launched at the girls from somewhere but they easily avoided it while turning to face the enemy that sneaks attacked them.

"I thought you'd never show up." Kuina declared while preparing to fight when suddenly she felt sick as if she could throw up at any moment.

Alice who noticed this frowned and decided to face the enemy while Kuina would rest.

"You should rest, I will take care of the enemy."

"Thank you and be prudent." Kuina was grateful for this offer and retreated.

Alice nodded before observing the man who appeared, with white hair and red eyes just like her.

"You are from the Chaos Organization aren't you?" She inquired and the white-haired man smiled.

"Indeed I am. I'm Number 5 and I came to clean up the defective product while kidnapping the Fox princess." The man responded and he even had the leisure to share his goal, one could see how much confidence he had in himself.

Alice simply tilted her head to the side.

"Is that so?"

Number 5 was pissed by Alice's behavior, he misinterpreted this as Alice looking down on him, something he couldn't stomach. Unlike her, he was a finished product.

'Let's calm down. I must take care of her asap.'

"Purgatory!"

He shouted and his body expanded, turning into a horror monster, the dark mist surrounding his body. His hands were covered in black scales. His index, middle, ring, and pinkie fingers grew into grotesque 20cm-long claws. His thumb was transmogrified into a wiggling tentacle-like extension. The back of his hand's hand spiny thorns and his palm had what appeared to be pulsating tumors.

Number 5 was covered in disgusting black scales, he had jaws like that of a bear trap. His nose was gone, replaced by an unsightly twitching meaty growth. Meanwhile, his eyes fused into one, it was like a goggle that was rotated vertically. His eye was also shifted to his forehead. Inside his eye, there were more bestial eyes that kept darting about like pinwheels. He had at least eight mini-eyes in that place.

Alice could feel pressure coming from the abomination standing a few meters away after he used purgatory.

"To think your purgatory's form will be a lizardman, no calling you a lizardman is an insult to the lizardmen, you're an abomination." She said with an impassive face.

"Grrrr!" Number 5 felt insulted and he decided to slowly kill this bitch.

BOOM!

Alice suddenly kicked a boulder beside her at Number 5.

That was the starting shot that signaled the start of this duel.

He moved forward and spun around, drawing a beautiful and deadly arc that sliced the boulder sent toward him into neat pieces.

Boom

The pieces of the boulders exploded into dust leaving only shiny stone slabs behind. The sharp and shiny remnants were standing there, pointing at the sky in defiance of nature.

Number 5 exhibited his newfound strength. He felt truly powerful in this form.

He wasn't celebrating because he saw Alice looking down at him emotionlessly on another boulder nearby. Then Alice's body started shining with a shocking amount of magic power.

"Not bad for a failed Lizard."

She talked to him like he was the weaker fighter. Number snorted with anger and he jumped at Alice. In a black blur, he covered more than 30 meters in an instant, covering half the distance between him and Alice.

He attacked with his claws but Alice easily dodged.

"What is it? You can only dodge? You are a failed product indeed."

Alice did not respond and dodged but putting some distance between them Number 5 was about to pursue her but stopped when a powerful aura burst out from Alice's body. She was surrounded by a white halo, at the moment she appeared like a Saint descending into the mortal realm. The soil and dust around her vanished.

A bunch of ribbons made of light sprouted behind Alice and she grew wings of light that looked very elegant.

"Beautiful!" Kuina mumbled in awe, she made herself comfortable in her seat, and she erected a shield around her body while not forgetting to take out some popcorn, she wouldn't enjoy the fight without anyway.

"Ah! I'm missing a good wine." She then took out a bottle of wine.

Meanwhile back on the battlefield,

Number 5 flinched at first as if he was afraid but quickly shook his head to throw away the growing fear, he snickered as he licked his eyes with his long tongue.

"Not bad for a failed product but whatever! I will just rip you to pieces already!"

He pointed his claws at Alice and shot out black lasers at her.

Without any intent to dodge, the wings behind Alice stirred into action, blocking the laser.

Sizzle.

The laser touched the wings of light. The moment the laser made contact, it started moving like the wings of light were made with extremely dense material, and the speed of his lasers slowed down tremendously.

Then, the lasers dimmed down while Alice's surrounding lit up, when the lasers were fully absorbed, her environment dimmed down too. Number 5 lasers got devoured without any trouble.

Meanwhile, he heaved in shock. It was obvious he didn't think his attacks would be thwarted in such a manner. Not so easily and effortlessly at least.

His attacks were infused with a bit of chaos energy. It isn't just incredibly powerful, it carries negative ailments like corruption, corrosion, and decay, compared to normal elements.

"What was that?" He inquired, afraid of Alice's current form overwhelming him, this wasn't a normal Light element, he had to know but Alice would entertain him, she simply ignored him.

"A mutated element? This cannot be, you're nothing but a failed product." Number 5 declared with a voice filled with malice.

His malice manifested in his voice and expression. Like someone out of his mind, he leaned forward and used his tail to spring him up into Alice who was floating above the ground.

"I will kill you!"

In response, Alice looked down at him with cold eyes. Then, her wings made of light started dancing like sharp whips, lashing out at him.

"Die die die die die!"

He couldn't fight with a rational mind, he only focused on one thing, killing Alice to get rid of the feeling that he was the one who was a failure. Alice didn't remember him but he did, they were created together but Alice was chosen and thus awakened first but she failed her mission, he was later activated

but he resented her, if weren't because of her he would have been activated a long time ago. Using this chance he would get his revenge.

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The whips missed him and crashed against the ground, creating a crater that was one meter wide.

Number 5 finally recognized the attribute of the whips of light. They can be materialized and dematerialized at the caster's will.

"Damn, you failed product."

He cursed in frustration.

"You and your petty tricks!"

"Tricks?"

Alice's face was still cold like ice as she looked down at a sour Number 5 from above.

The wings of light moved again, but, Alice didn't send the wings after him.

Instead, her wings bent into a shape that looked like spider legs grew out from behind her. The wings were pointed at Number 5.

The tips of the wing lit up as small concentrated balls of light grew in volume and luminosity.

The balls of light shook one time and immediately afterward, lasers were shot out.

Because they have a certain space lock property, he was unable to fly and became like a fish out of water, Alice forced him to go into the defensive. He could see that if this keeps going, he was going to die from a fight of attrition.

He must find a way to get close to her without being affected by this weird mutated element.

Number 5 suppressed the anxiety within him and he smacked the lasers to the side like he was swatting flies.

Alice was unperturbed as she pointed at him and she rained down a rain of laser bolts.

Suddenly, he got an idea, Number 5 anchored his foot behind him and he started swiping at the air, unleashing a torrent of dark claw beams.

Boom! Boom! Boom!

The lasers and claw beams met and canceled each other out. After a cloud of dust got stirred into the air, visibility reduced between the two duelists.

Kuina was watching the show, currently, she was wearing black sunglasses.

Number 5 saw this chance and he silently muttered.

"You are mine!"

Roar!

Responding to his bestial shout, his chaos energy rippled across his body.

With a mighty swipe of his arms, his arms turned brilliantly dark as he merged with his claw beam to quickly travel across the distance between the two fighters. Ignoring the dust storm, the distance, and time, he appeared in front of Alice in an instant as if he had teleported.

Alice's pupils shrunk.

And Number 5 saw this as his victory and he chuckled.

"Die!"

With another howl, his chaos aura condensed in his claws, it extended to a gnarly length.

He smashed that attack into Alice's chest.

She watched the claw attack as time slowed around her. That charged attack was reflected in Alice's eyes.

Fswoosh! Fswoosh!

The wings of light behind him also combined to form a giant sword of light, the sword of light was willed by her to meet the giant dark claw attack.

BOOM!

A thunderous boom echoed out and a shockwave unlike any other shook the ground, blasting rocks to dust and fissuring the immediate vicinity in a tsunami of rubble.

Dust rained down over the land.

As a wave of dust reverberated outwards, the two fighters could no longer be seen.

Kuina released a bit of her aura blowing the dust away, her augmented vision kept track of the two.

Soon, one could see only a giant crater at the center of the fight, a testament to the desolation brought upon this place.

Meanwhile, Alice and Number 5 emerged from the chaotic scene as they wrestled for supremacy with their weapons, claws of darkness, and a sword of light. They pressed against each other while sparks flew off their weapons.

"Arghhh!"

He groaned while putting more weight behind his claws. He wanted to blow away the sword of light in front of him. Like an unbreakable wall, the sword of light resisted. Then, the wings unfurled slightly.

BANG!

The resulting force was transmitted into Marcus through his claws, staggering him even when he was in purgatory form.

"Bastard!"

Number 5 yelled when he fell back down on the ground. Angered by his ineffective attack, he raged on while Alice unleashed another wave of attack, this time, in the form of two giant walls of light that crashed down upon him.

Number 5's expression changed and he quickly jumped back as the wall missed him by just that much. When the walls plowed through the ground, it left deep gorges that canceled out the potholes from before.

After this attack, the wings of light fluttered around Alice, making her look like a spider that's weaving a web of light and lasers. This fight looked like the fight of a certain someone.

The formless wings behind him took the shape of a giant pair of wings.

Fwoosh!

The wings of light expanded outwards, and without using teleportation spells or any other supernatural powers, the wings arrived near Number 5.

Then, one of the wings sliced down at Number 5 like a sharp knife.

Bang!

The wing made contact with Number 5's claw, however, he managed to block in time.

But, this wasn't the end as Alice was just getting started.

The other wing smacked at him, blowing away the surrounding air with a heated explosive gust that made the temperature inside them to an alarming degree. If this attack were to hit Number 5, he was going to be seriously injured.

He steeled himself up as he used his brawny reptilian arm to take the brunt of the wing attack.

Boom! Boom!

Claws met wings as the two collided in a storm of sparks and booms. The barrier trembled with the shockwaves emitted from the brutal exchange of attacks.

Number 5 used his strength to resist, he felt like he was a meat patty squeezed between two incredibly hard buns. He endured the wing attacks as the scales on his face and arms stood up due to his exertion.

As he struggled with a dark look, his anger clouded his vision. He couldn't see the source of this trapping attack, he couldn't see Alice preparing her next attack. Her form had changed and she was chanting a strange incantation.

"Huh? She can use an incantation? This lost magic?" Kuina was shocked, almost standing because of curiosity. One should know that nowadays incantations have disappeared and been replaced by a new magic system where you can directly cast your magic without needing to use incantation, at the beginning it was called chantless magic but not anymore as everyone adopted this new system renamed true magic, superpower if you want. Slowly, people discarded incantation in exchange for this new system, incantations disappeared even when they were extremely powerful, more than the current magic, the problem is the time it takes to finish an incantation, you will be vulnerable before a swordsman this lead to people creating the new system. However, they're some people capable of using incantations, although extremely rare. Alice seemed to be one of them.

"So you also one, huh!" Kuina mumbled while paying more attention to the ongoing fight, she was curious about what beast Alice would summon through her incantation, however, she had to act faster because the enemy had started to regain his view.

As if to respond to this Alice with optimal speed, started chanting magical words of power that saw her voice go low and high-pitch. Soon, her verses conjured a magic circle that was as tall as her, the formation expanded and contracted menacingly.

"Ancient Summoning!"

Crack!

It sounded like something broke as the verses weaved together and the formation lit up brightly. A black spot appeared at the center of the magic formation, then, it spread across the formation rapidly.

The formation started cracking as fissures appeared, like a web of darkness, it covered the magic formation. The aura of a vicious beast crept into existence from beyond the dark fissures. It was like there was a chained beast sealed behind the magic formation.

Under Alice's command, the beast within the formation opened its savage maw.

Through the broken magic formation, a sound came from beyond this realm, the beast's huge fangs could be seen through the magic formation.

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A beam of light so tiny it's laughable came down. Although it looked insignificant, anyone who can sense the power contained within would avoid it at all costs. Wherever the beam went, it destroyed the object in its way, even the air around it wasn't spared.

His eight eyes focused on this attack, the light beam was too quick for him to dodge. Then, the beam hit his scaly body.

Pszttt

The beam pierced him and it hit the ground behind him but still showed no sign of stopping. The concentrated dragon breath was like a laser beam, a highly dangerous laser beam. Number 5 was unable to even react and suffered greatly.

The ground riddled with holes was still fuming with smoke and dust. When a gust blew away the dust, they could see a long gully etched into the land. The drain was easily more than a hundred meters in length when it tapered off. That's the result of the Dragon's Breath coming too close to the ground.

Kuina was awestruck by the power of this lost magic.

Meanwhile, Alice narrowed her eyes when another wave of smoke and dust clouded her view, she waved her hand and a gale from an unknown origin blew the dust away. She could finally see the scene of her carnage.

A scaly figure stood wobbly there, the victim of her attack looked like it would tip over if something touched it. Alice and Kuina watched with different reactions.

She looked at the figure with scaly skin armor and she shook her head with slight remorse.

"You evaded death at the last second, huh?"

The receiver of this attack looked completely battered, as it was bleeding all over.

Its dark scales were dyed red by its blood. The monster also lost a significant portion of its left torso, accordingly, it also lost an arm. The bloody stump pulsed and oozed disgustingly.

"Cough! Cough!"

Number 5 spat out blood as his bear-trap-looking fangs were dyed red with blood too. His vision went blurry as tears filled his eyes. Biting the pain was barely an option as agonizing cramps seemed to crush his insides from within. Panic slowly took over as, for a moment, a way out of this pain began to seem more and more unrealistic. The pain shouldn't be more than a minor nuisance to him, but right now it was far more than that.

Number 5's head felt eerily light, everything seemed to spin around him in a blur of motion, he immediately understood that his injuries weren't light.

He applied pressure to his nasty wound before raising his arm to look at the damage.

With a surging pain that threatened to push the oxygen out of his lungs, Marcus painstakingly looked at his left torso, drawn by a sense of something missing. When he saw the full extent of damage dealt to him, his body shivered.

"Fuckkkkkkk!!!"

It was a mix of sad sobbing and angered yelling, he raised his voice as his killing intent exploded upwards with his dark dou qi, and his dirty blood also splattered around him. Like a beast on its last legs, Number 5 looked like a pitiful creature.

He looked at Alice who was still floating above him. His bloodshot eyes zoomed in on Alice as dark energy swirled around him, the dark energy couldn't completely reverse the damage done to him.

"Kill! I will absolutely kill you you failed product!"

Spitting out blood, Number 5 shrieked while Alice watched with furrowed brows. She nonchalantly watched him growl at her like a dying beast. Her eyes were cold like the cold ice and for a moment Number 5 saw his death, an illusion of himself dying.

'It hurts! It hurts so much! Please, make it stop, it hurts so much! I.. I can't make it stop! There's too much blood and it hurts so much, please make it stop.

How am I even still standing? Does this mean I will be okay? No, impossible. There's no fixing this. How am I still standing?

No! No, I cannot die, not today. Not ever. I must survive, surely there must be a way. How did this happen to me, what have I done wrong? I can't.. Somebody, please help me. There must be somebody nearby, please help whoever you are, wherever you are.

Everything feels so heavy. My entire body is trying to force me to the ground, to lie down and close my eyes, but I can't. I can't give in, not yet. I can still make it, I just need some rest. I guess I will lie down for a little while, but I will not close my eyes. Do not close my eyes.

This is the end of the line for me, isn't it? Yes, I will die soon. Alone. Oh Lord, I'm going to die alone. Why hasn't anybody found me yet? What if they never find me? Oh god, I don't want to die like this, please find me.

I can't focus, everything is spinning. It doesn't matter which way I look, with 1 or 2 eyes, everything keeps spinning. I feel dizzy. Even with my eyes closed I feel dizzy.'

Number 5 shivered when he managed to regain his composure and understood that in his current state, staying would immediately lead to his death, especially now that he had spent his reserve of Chaos energy.

'I must escape.' He decided while raining curses on Alice to distract her as he escape. He created a small black light and threw it at the ground

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Kuina the only spectator gasped and was unable to close her eyes for a while.

From this fight she understood that she was the white-haired beauty with the red eyes opponent, she couldn't win, the current her at least. Alice was far stronger than her.

However, instead of feeling frustrated, Kuina was genuinely happy about this discovery as it mean they have a powerful ally and someone against whom she could fight to increase her strength. Alice had turned into a rival she had to surpass.

"Well done," Kuina said as soon as she got closer to the panting Alice.

"Hah! Thank you. Let me rest for a moment before we will continue."

"Okay." Kuina nodded before offering Alice a chair she summoned to sit, she even offered her water.

"I wonder how that elf is doing?"

"Pandora?"

"Yeah, I have seen her in a while so I'm wondering how she is doing."

"Probably on a mission as she didn't join us on this expedition," Alice explained.

"I see, no wonder. Hopefully, she would be having fun." Kuina mumbled.

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In the meantime, in the outside world, in a certain city on the human continent.

The city of Sunhold was surrounded by forest and mountains and is truly a fully modernized phenomenon. Its grace is matched by the backdrop of green, fertile fields which have helped shape the city into what it is today.

The climate these fields brought were of great importance, but they were also influential when it came to architectural designs as the vast majority of buildings have been built with a lot of open elements to mimic the openness and vastness of the fields around them.

The skyline is spreading with peculiar houses and a lot of them seem to have evolved throughout the ages. Business is booming in Sunhold and it has attracted a lot of attention. Many new cultures have left their mark not just on the city's development, but also on the city's identity. What historically was a city of little diversity has grown into a new culture of variety and it's this that unites the 500 thousand people to this day.

It's this multicultural identity that has truly left its mark. Hundreds of bistros, coffeehouses, and food carts offer a plethora of culinary choices and those who feel hungry for something else can enjoy sports activities, art galleries, arcades, or one of the many other recreational venues.

The serene sky, the rowdy city, meanwhile, a seemingly average female walked through the busy streets without attracting anyone's attention.

She didn't look too beautiful or ugly, just a girl with a plain face and this girl is none other than Pandora whom Kuina was talking about, she came to this city because she was chasing a black light which escaped from its host she killed during a mission. As Pandora continued moving along the busy streets, she swept her gaze everywhere. It looked like she was a tourist taking in the scenery.

However, she wasn't focused on the environment as she was waiting for her body to come up with a response.

She frowned while looking at the buildings around her. Pandora silently cursed in frustration.

"Where is that damned thing? Is it really in this city? Stop making this hard and just pop out already..."

"The discomfort when my blood reacted and this uneasy calmness."

Pandora's shoulder sagged as she scanned her surrounding once more. This time too, her blood didn't react. She started grumbling again.

"Ugh, when is this going to end..."

Pandora calmed down as she exhaled slowly. Moving onwards, she decided that giving up now would be worse than just following through with her pursuit to the end. She also wasn't cool with letting the black light go, that vibe it gave her, she needed to extinguish that black light.

To complete this mission Pandora had to disguise herself. The disguise gave her the cover she needed to investigate the black light's trail. Any unwanted attention would hamper her investigation efforts.

After stumbling around in the city for half an hour, Pandora found nothing. When she was about to moan and go grab something to eat, she noticed a commotion in front of her.

Looking in that direction, she saw pedestrians running for their lives as if they just saw something terrifying.

Pandora felt curious when she saw this, she exerted some strength in her legs and she easily slipped through the crowd.

She used the guise of a puzzled pedestrian to keep unwanted attention away.

Soon, the crowd was parted to the sides, squeezing each other for space while a squad of knights in luxurious armor marched by. They were well-trained and organized as can be seen from their footsteps.

The crowd looked on with admiration and awe when the knight squad marched by. Looks like the pedestrians are impressed by the knight's capability to handle everyone's glare and attention.

Pandora who hid among the pedestrians mused to herself.

"Hmm, such a grand display, looks like these knights are from a respectable background..."

"Huh?"

The closest citizen heard her and he showed Pandora a weird look. She raised an eyebrow at the strange words this stranger uttered.

"You don't know who they are?"

To this question, Pandora blinked in surprise. She looked at this template citizen guy and she wasn't sure if she should continue talking to the woman or not.

Pandora's awkward response was taken to be an act where she wanted to avoid being seen as an ignorant buffoon.

The stranger gave her an understanding look that said: "I understood sister."

The stranger slapped her shoulder and she chortled.

"It's okay, you're young, I get it..."

Pandora laughed dryly and he chose to let the guy's assumption run its course.

"Alright, brother, may I know where this knight squad came from? They look pretty cool..."

"Haha, you came to the right person."

The stranger coughed as he confidently continued to explain. Pandora resisted the urge to punch this person.

"That's the Crystal Family's knight squad..."

"Harh?"

Pandora cocked her head to the side.

"The Crystal family?"

"No way..."

The stranger flinched.

"You don't even know this is the town where the Crystal Family operates?"

Pandora chuckled much to the stranger's disbelief.

The stranger explained briefly about this family working for another family, a powerful family from the capital, the Crystal family is working for that big family in this town.

Upon learning this Pandora chuckled.

"With the third most influential noble family behind them, I can understand why they are so cocky."

"Please, they don't deserve the attention they are getting..."

The stranger pursed her lips in disdain.

"So what if they are the lackey of the third most influential noble power of the strongest empire, they still ate dust and came back dishonored."

"Oh?"

Pandora asked, curious.

"What happened?"

"Sister, it seems you have much to learn..."

"You think they are here to show off? No, they came back as reinforcements!"

Pandora flinched but inwardly cursed the lady to hurry up and spill everything.

"Reinforcements? Did something happen in the Crystal family?"

"Yeah, and it's huge..."

The stranger looked around warily as if she didn't want anyone to listen in on them. She furtively told Pandora.

"There's a ghost haunting Crystal's family!"

"Ghost haunting?"

Pandora narrowed her eyes. She donned her poker face.

This was the hint she needed, she knew for sure, the black light was here.

"Please, give me the details."

"Well, I heard it from someone else..."

The lady scratched the back of her head.

"Word on the street is that someone heard ghostly wails and shrieks in the deep of night yesterday."

"That's what you meant by a haunting?"

Pandora looked at the knight squad in puzzlement.

"If that's the case, why do they need to recall their forces from elsewhere?"

The stranger recalled the version of the story she heard and she started explaining while rubbing her palms in apprehension.

"You see, whenever the scary voices came, the patrols would find one or two corpses that looked like a monster ate them entirely, leaving only bones here!"

Pandora knitted her brows.

"You said the bodies were licked clean?..."

She looked in the direction where the knight squad left and her eyes flashed with various theories.

"That does sound like something's awry..."

"Yeah yeah! I know right!"

The stranger stuck her flat chest out with pride.

"I know a friend who works as a sentry for Crystal's family, he told me the guards found bodies without fail every time they heard the inhuman shrieks. Victims range from guards to patrols, and servants. The modus operandi looks to be the same, each lost significant body mass as if some beast mauled them. It's the stuff of nightmares, I am telling you!"

"In just one short night..."

The lady stuck out two fingers.

"Over fifteen victims were found dead. That scared the crap out of the corrupt nobles who called the knights back to bolster defenses and investigate the root cause..."

"I am not too shocked though..."

The lady sneered in disgust.

"So, that's why they are on high alert..."

Pandora didn't listen to the stranger's elaborate explanation any longer. Without minding the stranger's ramblings, she walked away.

'Finally, I found you.'

1207 Chapter 1207

Let's rewind time to two days ago before Pandora arrived in the city.

Dawn was fast approaching, as the night slowly retreated. A hue of golden blue color streaked across the sky. The cool air was slowly being replaced by the refreshing air of a great day that was about to start.

The scenery belonged to a moderately large town. In terms of area, it lost by just a bit to a big city. In terms of resources and economy, this town fared pretty well, it's easily one of the most economically well-developed regions if one were to compare all the townships in the empire.

The arrival of a new dawn woke up the citizens of this town. They started doing their daily routines. One by one, the doors and windows of all the houses were opened as the shops started opening up for business again. The merchants prayed that this was the day they could reap huge profits. Well, different days yet the same prayers.

Unknown to the citizens, a wisp of dark light arrived at the airspace near the border of the town. The light stopped for a second before it shot into the city, disappearing between the buildings.

From the outside, this house looks lavish. It has been built with burgundy bricks and has marble decorations. Large, triangular windows add to the overall style of the house and have been added to the house in a very asymmetric way.

The house is equipped with a small kitchen and three bathrooms, it also has a warm living room, three bedrooms, a grand dining room, an office, and a spacious garage.

The building is shaped like a short U. The two extensions extend into cloth sunscreens to each side.

The second floor is bigger than the first, which creates a stylish overhang on one side of the house. This floor has a slightly different style than the floor below.

The roof is high and v-shaped and is covered with grey ceramic tiles. Two large chimneys poke out the center of the roof. There are no windows on the roof.

The house itself is surrounded by a modest garden, covered mostly in grass, a few flower patches, and a small pond.

In this big house, there's a room filled with the scent of blood and medicine. The otherwise opulent room looked like a sappy patient's room due to this stench. The vitality of this place got dragged down by this sad room.

On the bed was a youngster who looks like he is in his early 20s. Meanwhile, there's an older young man near him who looked similar in appearance but much more handsome and smart. Also present was a middle-aged man who accompanied the sickly young man.

The room was deathly silent. The two youngsters were waiting with furrowed eyebrows, they were anxious to hear what the middle-aged man had to say as he examined the sick man. Soon, he sighed.

That made the two youngsters turn grim, especially the sick patient on the bed. He certainly looked like someone who was heavily afflicted by an adverse medical condition. He turned malicious and cold as he asked the one who examined him.

"Tell me your findings..."

The man commanded with a frosty tone.

The middle-aged man glanced at him and he released another sigh.

"Young Master, your body is heavily damaged, I saw signs of organ damage as well. At this rate, I am afraid your internal injuries will only worsen..."

"I know my injuries are bad!"

The sickly pale man roared in anger.

"I invited you here so you can fix me! So, fix me!"

"Look..."

The middle-aged man bitterly laughed, he chose his words carefully.

"It won't be hard to treat you. The real problem is your damaged magical veins, if we cured you like this, there's a good chance you will never be able to use magic anymore..."

"Wh-what did you say?..."

The two young men asked with worried looks.

The sickly youngster's lip couldn't stop twitching, with utter disbelief he asked.

"You're telling me I am going to become crippled?"

The middle-aged man only lowered his head, that was his answer.

"No! That can't be!"

The man jumped up from his bed and stomped in anger.

"You're supposed to be the greatest healer around, aren't you?! Why can't you just treat me?!"

The middle-aged man only lowered his statue apologetically. This servile action only infuriated the sick youngster further.

"You're trash! Trash!"

With bloodshot eyes, the pale man chased the healer out.

"Scram!"

"Y-yes..."

The middle-aged healer quickly exited the room. With unpacified flames still within his heart, the sick youngster gnashed his teeth and clenched his fists. The thought of becoming useless trash shook him to his core, his pale face grew whiter.

Sigh.

The older male sighed, he looked at the sick male with a frustrated but helpless look.

"You screwed yourself over. If you kept going at your own pace, you would have secured yourself the position as the second-in-command when I get the patriarch title. When I retire, there's a good chance you will even get the patriarch title. Now..."

The sick patient heard the older male chastising him and he felt incredibly sad...

His bright future became a bleak one.

He's the one who felt the greatest anguish.

"Brother!"

With tears coming down his cheeks, he moaned.

"I don't want it to end like this! I don't want this!"

"What good will crying do you?!"

The older male yelled at his younger brother. Since childhood, the younger brother always listened to his older brother so he endured the urge to sob. But, the stinging pain of frustration and shame still lingered.

"Your tears will not reverse your situation? Who's fault do you think this is?"

The older male continued talking to him with an incredibly annoyed and frustrated tone.

"You couldn't control your lower body, lusting after someone's else sister. You must probably be out of your damn mind." The older male raged. His little brother was too much of an idiot. Alex and co passed through this city and the pale young man wanted to poison Gracier to rape her but unfortunately, they noticed it before he could even implement his nasty scheme and Alex secretly damaged the man's magical circuits as punishment. Sometimes punishment is scary and more effective, besides Alex couldn't outright kill this young man as he hadn't done the deed and Maria and the others suggested this method. He would suffer more this way.

"I-I just wanted to have a little bit of fun a lesson!"

"You have the guts to talk back?!"

Maximus Crystal turned stern.

"Do you honestly think your petty tricks went unnoticed? Are you still holding the misconception that nobody was onto you? Do you realize how many students you killed with that technique? If it wasn't because your victims had no factions to back them up if it wasn't because you're the second young master of Crystal's family, do you still think you would have enjoyed your life free of your sins?"

Gregory knew better than to talk back at this point.

Maximus sighed again when he saw his little brother's frustrated and vapid expression.

"You just had to pick a fight with someone you don't know. At least, do your homework before you pick a fight. From our investigation he is powerful, a powerful Saint working directly under the guild master of the Adventurer guild, us to say one of the few SS rank adventurers."

[A/N: Of course, it's a fake identity to travel incognito.]

"He's... he's someone beyond our reach..."

Maximus Crystal pursed his lips as he admitted the harsh truth. He advised his little brother Gregory.

"Rest well, I will look for more ways to help you." He promised but was secretly wondering if the current situation wasn't for the best because this way his unruly little brother would become docile, causing less trouble. He was tired of cleaning after his little brother's mess so much that he often had the impulse to

kill him to get rid of the stain on their family but ultimately couldn't do it when he recall the promise made to their late mother.

-n0ve1、 com Maximus shook his head one last time and left the room, sincerely speaking he was tired, tired of this good-for-nothing of a brother he had, however good or bad he still have to look after him as it's what mean to be a family.

Gregory wallowed in his insidious vibe. He truly regretted his action but only for a moment as he was bad to the bone.

Sitting on the bed, he felt pain assaulting him all over. With a drop of a tear rolling down his cheek, he imagined his own miserable and painful end, it was nothing short of a nightmare.

"It's over! I am so screwed!"

Gregory bawled out loud. After a short while, he looked up with a frenzied look.

"It's all because of them! I will kill him! I will kill him as for his women I'll take them and violate his sister before his eyes."

He wanted revenge even when he was painfully incapable of doing so!

"Argh!!!"

He howled in anguish and anger.

Then, a jet of dark light shot into his room and his body!

Gregory was stunned for a few seconds. Then, joy spread across his face as he grinned with a malevolent look of resentment. Maybe everything was not lost after all.

1208 Chapter 1208

As expected of the Crystal Family's turf, the economy and the city planning here are easily one of the best in the surrounding. Maybe it's because the weather's great, it looks like a majority of the citizens are outdoors today. It's not to the extent where everyone's squeezing each other for space but it's definitely rowdier than your average city.

Tagging behind the knight squad, Pandora didn't wander around like a lost tourist. She had a clearer objective in mind which was to investigate this incident thus she followed the knights, with the knight squad clearing the way in front of her, her investigation process became smoother and more efficient.

Unfortunately, the knight squad slowed down after half an hour. The people walking around thinned out as the path got wider. Soon, a building so large it can only be called a castle appeared in front of the squad of knights.

The cocky knights also changed their attitudes when they approached the big house that looked like a palace. They exuded a professional and honorable air around them. They adjusted their footsteps when they drew closer to the building.

This squad was made up of lower-ranking knights of the Crystal Family. They averaged Master and Grandmaster in power. The leader is a Saint realm expert. In Crystal's family, this knight squad is second-rate. Even so, that didn't dissuade them from walking around town like they owned the joint.

The great three noble houses, the fame, and the reputation they held outclassed someone without an official organization.

In a vacant plot near the castle, the knight squad stopped. Wu Yan could finally see the whole ensemble. It wasn't just this squad, other squads were arriving in droves. It looks like they are trying to organize an army here, it's certainly impressive to see.

The Crystal family didn't just recall a part of their forces, it looks like they recalled all of their outstation personnel. It seems like they are treating this haunting with a more severe undertone.

It wasn't just because Crystal's officials are afraid of dying. Their entire clan was in a precarious position.

On their home turf, there's news of a man-eating demon. If they played their cards wrong, the Family might become known as the clan of monsters.

At that time, people wouldn't mind kicking them while they are down. This is especially so when the number 3 noble family, the Gray family wants nothing more than to quickly increase their status to replace them as the new no.2 noble power.

In view of this, it seemed natural that they enhanced their defense as much as possible.

Looking at the thousand-man army, Pandora scratched her cheek, as she looked at the Crystal family's HQ.

She wondered to herself.

Should I sneak inside?

He did not doubt that the monster lurking in the family was linked to the black light.

The timing was too uncanny for this to be an accident. A monster pops out around the same time the black light got chased here.

There was already a precedent where her previous enemy turned into an abominable monster.

Empowered by the black light which came from a source from the Chaos Organization.

A black wisp of light that can turn a human into a monster capable of bizarre feats of power, that shouldn't be possible under normal conditions, right?

Thinking back, the man's transformation was most likely linked with his ascension into the Demigod realm. If that's the case, the black light's effect isn't just simple empowerment. It can forcefully raise a host's tier, that's an OP effect.

She must get rid of this thing.

Suddenly, someone appeared, it was none other than Maximus Crystal, the next patriarch of the family. He stood upon a podium, he roamed his gaze over everyone present with a tense look.

"Good, you're all here, listen well to what I am about to say..."

Maximus continued.

"In a short while, you will all receive your respective positions for the night."

"After confirming your positions, you will report there immediately and guard your posts without fail."

He emitted cold lights from his eyes.

"Tonight, we will drag that monster out, this task must succeed!"

"Sir, yes sir!"

The soldiers replied. Maximus's tense look somewhat diminished as he waved his hand, ordering his guards to pass the documents and memos down.

Pandora heard Maximus's words loud and clear, but she had another plan, in a flash, she disappeared from the gathering grounds.

The night slowly enveloped the city.

After all the trouble and talks during the day, the squads were sent to their respective regions. They were anxious when night came, however, they are more curious about the monster mentioned in the rumors.

Crystal's family is very strong and influential, as clan members or affiliated persons, they know full well just what their clan is capable of.

The soldiers also know their positions in the organizational chart. They were just underlings working under the family. That's part of the reason why they were sent outstation by their commanders. The people who get to stay in Crystal's Family HQ are the individuals with real power.

Most of the soldiers were in the Master realm, and that's normally for positions like basic infantry, guards, and the like. Grandmaster would be the average power here. There are high-ranking officials in Saint realm power although they are rarely seen. The Crystal HQ's power is great as could be seen from the mobilization of their infantries.

Yet, no one noticed the "ghost" haunting the place. In the end, they lost thirty members to the ghost.

This started causing unease among the soldiers as well as a macabre interest in unveiling the identity of the ghost.

A crescent moon hung high up in the sky, raining down its cold light upon the land. It also gave the Crystal's Family HQ a silver luster that looked out of this world.

Most of the inhabitants here are still awake because they knew a major operation was in place, they were also not comfortable enough to sleep with a man-eating demon on the prowl.

The ones who were tasked with tracking down the demon were also taking their jobs seriously. They made sure to keep their eyes open so they can see the ghost when it appears.

More like, they didn't want to end up as monster food.

On a high wall overlooking the entire clan compound, Pandora sat within the shadows of a nearby corner. With her eyes shut, her slow breathing was barely perceptible. Meanwhile, she continued covertly channeling magic as she expanded his consciousness beyond the limits of her mind. Her consciousness started surging.

If someone can sense Pandora's psyche, they will find that he already covered every inch of Crystal's HQ compound. He can see with indelible detail, the entire compound of the Crystal Family, he can even see the movement and locations of the personnel here.

When she sneaked into this place, she used this recon magic to quietly wait for the appearance of that "Ghost".

Although her blood isn't reacting, she had a feeling that she would uncover something if she stayed here.

As time moved on, the soldiers on patrol and guard duties waited for the Ghost, even Maximus was ready to move at the drop of the hat.

He walked along the corridor with a calm look. Inside, his guard was up but he also felt a sense of helplessness.

He should know the troubles his family found themselves in.

His uncle sold his comrades out while cooperating with shady people from an unknown organization. Turning into a monster, his uncle got killed by someone. That was already big news that shook the clan to its core.

With news of another monster in their clan compound, the citizens outside are already talking about conspiracy theories like how the Crystal Family is a clan of monsters in human skin.

If they failed to catch the monster tonight, let's just say the Crystal family will have more trouble waiting for them.

Maximus sighed as he tried to shake the negative thoughts out of his head.

Suddenly, something happened.

Swoosh!

A very soft sound came. Maximus took notice and he flew in that direction.

Turning into a blurry figure, he ran past corridors and landed near a relatively dark and isolated corner.

Fwoosh

Maximus felt something blow by him, it was a gigantic dark figure that disappeared behind another intersection.

Suddenly,

"Argh!!!"

Someone yelled in pain. It sounded like someone fell victim to a demonic attack.

The shriek riled up the entire place. Chilled by the insidious power, their hairs stood on their ends, including Maximus.

Gnashing his teeth, he quickly dashed over to the scene of the crime only to see.

There, was a monster with scales all over it, it had a long reptilian tail and that monster was feasting on the dead body of the soldier it had just killed. It was emitting creepy crunching sounds, and blood splattered everywhere.

It was eating him!

Chapter 1209 Status Updates

『[Alice White]

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 178

Class: Magic swordmaster

Age: 12 (+10/ A/N: The time spent in incubation after her body grew up into its current state)

Female

Race: Homonculus

Experience Value (XP): ????

MP: 12000/12000

Magic: Wind/Space/Fire/Lightning/Darkness

ATK: 6100

DEF: 5700

AGI: 5700

INT: 2030

LUK: 1800

BP: 0

SP: 0

Gift: White Lady

Skills: [Sword Art Level 10 Max] [Wind Arrow Level 10] [Wind Waltz Level 4] [Mana Recovery Level 10] [High Regeneration Level 10] [Fire Ar Level 10] [Lightning Art Level 9] [Darkness Art Level 10] [Dark Golden wave]

Special abilities: [Reality Render] [Sword Severance] [Dark World] [Lost Magic]

Titles:[Slaughter] [Copycat] [Emotionless Doll]

[[Eris Wolfgang]

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 169

Class: Magic Swordswoman

Age: 19

Female

Race: Royal Wind Wolf

Experience Value (XP): ???

Magic Power: 9000/9000

Magic: Wind

Attack: 5300

Defense: 4300

Agility: 5050

Intelligence: 2200

Luck: 2000

BP: 0

SP: 11

Gift: Wind Chaser

Skills: [Cooking Level 8] [Presence Detection Level 10] [Chantless Magic Level 10] [Archery Level Max]
[Silent Steps Level 10] [Wind Art Level 10]

Special Abilities: [Original wolf] [Wind Zone] [Windless]

Titles: [Avenger] [Child of the Wind] [Two-tailed Wolf] [The Diligent] [Slaughterer !]

[Leon Lionheart]

Class: Magic Swordmaster

Age: 19

Male

Race: Golden Lion

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 171

Experience Value (XP): ???

MP: 10005/10005

Magic: Lightning/Fire

Attack: 5105

Defense: 4105

Agility: 4905

Intelligence: 2300

Luck: 2100

Gift: The Lionheart

BP: 0

SP: 33

Skills: [Close Combat Level 10] [Swordsmanship Level 10] [Lightning Art Level 10] [Flame Art Level 10]
[Fireball Level 10] [Lightning Descent Level 10] [Hammer Art Level 10]

Special Abilities: [Lionheart] [Golden Armor] [Lightning Domain] [Lion's Pride] [Roar???

Titles: [Unique] [Born Ruler] [Slaughterer] [Slayer] [Lightning Lord]

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[Incursio]

Class: Darkness Ruler

Age: 26

Female

Race: Half High Human

┌ Rank 15 Demigod]

Level 195

Experience Value (XP): ???

Magic Power: 15500/15500

Magic: Fire; Wind, Dark; Ice, Space, Lightning.

Attack: 7000

Defense: 6400

Agility: 6200

Intelligence: 3600

Luck: 2100

BP: 0

SP: 0

Gift: Eternal Darkness

Skills: [Sword Art Level 10] [Wind Art Level 9] [Dimensional Art Level 10] [Lightning Art Level 10] [Time Art Level 10] [Dark Art Level 10]

Special Abilities: [Purgatory] [Devour] [Eternal Darkness Domain]

Unique ability: [Shadow Summon]

Titles: [Monster] [Genius] [Slaughter Queen] [Rebel] [Destroyer] [Devourer] [Maiden in Love] [The one that evolve] [Child of Darkness] [Bounded]

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『[Gracier Alexandra Touch]

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 169

Class: Fire Empress

Age: 16

Female

Race: High Half-Elf/ Dragon

Experience Value: 67000/510900

Magic Power: 15010/15010

Magic: Fire Magic

Attack: 5160

Defense: 5010

Agility: 4710

Intelligence: 2335

Luck: 2325

BP: 0

SP: 10

Gift: Ignia's Bracelet

Skills: [Cooking Level 4] [Sewing Level 3] [Presence Detection Level 7] [Chantless Magic Level 8] [Fire Art Level 10]] [Archery Level Max] [Blaze Steps Level 10] [Golden Arrows Level 10]

Special Abilities: [Dragon Eye Level 10 Max] [Flame Wings Level 4] [Dragon's Breath Level Level 6] [Lord of Hundred Flames] [Dragon Form: Fear Mode]

Titles: [Avenger] [Child of Fire] [The Awakened] [The Diligent] [Lord of Flames] [Slaughterer]

『[Saeko S Ren]

Rank 15 [Saint]

Level 168

Class: Magic Swordwomen

Age: 18

Female

Race: Human Experience Value: ???

Magic Power: 1115/1115

Magic: Wind/Lightning

Attack: 4150

Defense: 3700

Agility: 4000

Intelligence: 2035

Luck: 1715

BP: 0

SP: 0

Gift: Muramasa

Skills: [Cooking Level] [Sewing Level 3] [Presence Detection Level 3] [Wind Art Level 8] [Lightning Art Level 8] [Imperial Swordsmanship Level 5] [Sword Art Level 7]

Special Abilities: [Lightning Domain] [Lightning Wings] [Blood manipulation and Doom's Eye] (A/N: Only when in this special mode.)

Titles: [Hard Worker] [The Awakened] [The Diligent] [Blessed] [Slaughterer]

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『[Kuina Eriel Foxia]

Rank 15[Demigod]

Level 172

Class: Illusion Master

Age: 19

Female

Race: Nine tails Fox

Experience Value: ???

Magic Power: 14000/14000

Magic: Fire Magic/Illusion

Attack: 5010

Defense: 4010

Agility: 4010

Intelligence: 3010

Luck: 2010

BP: 0

SP: 10

Gift: Heaven's Bell

Skills: [Cooking Level 4] [Sewing Level 3] [Fireball Level 10] [Fire Arrows Level 10] [Celestial Firefox Snake Level 10] [Flame Art Level 10] [Presence Detection Level 10] [Sunflower Steps Level 10] [Golden Fireball Level 10] [Charm Level 5] [Illusion Art Level 10]

Special Abilities: [Illusion eyes Level 10 Max] [Eight tails] [Ancestral bloodline Level 10] [Mirror] [Golden ????]

Unique Ability: [Body Double!]

Titles: [Enchantress] [Child of Fire] [Fox Empress] [Lord of Flames] [True Nine tails Fox]

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[[Zwei] (Former name Clementine)

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 160

Class: Assassin

Age: 22

Female

Race: Human

Experience Value: ???

Magic Power: 5815/5815

Magic: Wind/Dark

Attack: 2905

Defense: 1805

Agility: 2405

Intelligence: 1805

Luck: 1305

BP: 0

SP: 0

Weapon: Twin Death daggers

Skills: [Wind Arrow Level 5] [Wind Bomb Level 5] [Wind Art Level 10] [Presence Detection Level 8] [Dark Art Level 8] [Silent Shadow Steps Level 10] [Poison Art Level 10]

Special Abilities: [Wind Zone] [Thousand Poison Hand]

Titles: [Avenger] [Child of the Wind] [The Diligent] [Slaughterer] [Shadow Empress]

[[Drei] (Former name Almaria Strong)

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 162

Class: Brawler

Age: 25

Female

Race: Human

Experience Value:???

Magic Power: 6010/6010

Magic: Earth/Dark

Attack: 3010

Defense: 2510

Agility: 2710

Intelligence: 1710

Luck: 1410

BP: 0

SP: 0

Weapon: Earth Mace

Skills: [Cooking Level 9] [Earth Art Level 8] [Earth Detection Level 7] [Chantless Magic Level 5] [Archery Level Max] [Blind Steps Level 5]

Special Abilities: [Dark Space] [Gravity Doom]

Titles: [Avenger] [Slaughter] [The Idiot] [She-Hulk]

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[Althea Astaroth]

Class: Assassin

Age: 25

Female

Race: Fallen Angel

Rank 15 [Saint]

Level 172

Experience Value:

MP: 12030/12030

Magic: Darkness/Lightning

Attack: 4010

Defense: 3410

Agility: 3810

Intelligence: 2710

Luck: 1910

Gift: Silent Reaper

BP: 0

SP: 0

Skills: [Sword Art Level 10] [Shadowless Steps Level 4] [Dark Art Level 8] [Lightning Art Level 10] [High Regeneration Level 7] [Darkness Art Level 10]

Special Abilities: [Eternal Sleep] [Fallen Angel mode]

Titles: [Huntress] [Avenger] [Night Queen] [Assassin's Queen] [Slaughterer]

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[Pandora (A/N: Formerly known as Meera)]

Class: Spirit User

Age: 45

Female

Race: Elf ?????

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 168

Experience Value: ????

Magic Power: 10000/10000

Magic: Wind/Spirit

Attack: 4000

Defense: 3500

Agility: 3700

Intelligence: 2200

Luck: 2000

Gift: ????

BP: 0

SP: 0

Skills: [Wind Steps Level 5] [Spirit Art Level 7] [Close Quarters Combat Level 5] [Wind Art Level 6] [Sword Art Level 7] [Spirit Art Level 8]

Special Ability: [Wind World]

Titles: [Slaughterer] [Spirit Princess] [Huntress] [Slayer] [Avenger]

[Luna Heart]

Class: The Saintess

Age: 19

Female

[Rank 15(Demigod)]

Level 172

Experience Value (XP): ???

Magic Power: 15000/15000

Magic: Light/Water

Attack: 5000

Defense: 5000

Agility: 4000

Intelligence: 3000

Luck: 2700

BP: 0

SP: 0

Gift: Holy Staff

Skills: [Advanced Appraisal Level 10] [Language Comprehension] [Item box Level 7] [Pole Art Level 7] [Holy Art Level 10] [Water Magic Art Level 7]

Special abilities: [Saintess mode] [Sanctuary] [Water Dimension] [Sacred Art] (???)

Titles: [Otherworlder] [The Healer] [La Sainte] [The Holy Basher] [Slaughterer] [S Queen] [Demon Slayer]

[Sera Olivia Wexon]

Class: Assassin

Age: 24

Female

Race: Human

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 171

Experience Value: ????

Magic Power: 13000/13000

Magic: Darkness/Wind

Attack: 4800

Defense: 3900

Agility: 3900

Intelligence: 1700

Luck: 1300

Gift: Eternal Sword

BP: 0

SP: 0

Skills: [Slash Level 10] [Evasion Level 10] [Wind Steps Level 10] [Shadowless Steps Level 10] [Darkness Art Level 10] [Close Quarters Combat Level 10 Max] [Wind Art Level 5] [Sword Art Level 10]

Special Abilities: [Death Hand] [Shadow World]

Unique ability: [????] (New)

Titles: [Slaughterer] [Assassin Queen] [goddess of Death] [Huntress] [Slayer]

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[Maria Alexia Rosares]

Class: Ice Empress

Age: 19

Female

Race: High Human

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 172

Experience Value (XP): ????

MP: 15000/15000

Magic: Ice Magic

Attack: 6000

Defense: 4200

Agility: 4500

Intelligence: 3030

Luck: 2100

Gift: Frozen Fairies

BP: 0

SP: 0

Skills: [Advanced Appraisal Level 10 Max] [Language Comprehension] [Item box Level 10] [Ice Art Level 9][Close Quarters Combat Level 10 Max] [Ice Arrows Level 7] [Sword Art Level 10] [Thousand Ice Steps Level 10] [Frozen Mind Level 10]

Special Abilities: [Frozen World????] (New) [Ice Soul] [Ice Domain Level 10] [Absolute Zero] [Ice Empress Mode]

Titles: [Otherworlder] [The Ice Empress] [The Queen] [Hunteress] [Slayer] [Demon Slayer]

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[Sakuya Mio Hishimiya]

Class: Magic Samurai

Age: 19

Female

Race: High Human

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 172

Experience Value:???

Magic Power: 13500/13500

Magic: Wind/Dark/Space

Attack: 5000

Defense: 4000

Agility: 4700

Intelligence: 2800

Luck: 1900

BP: 0

SP: 0

Gift: Katana Kaze no Yoroichī

Skills: [Advanced Appraisal Level 8] [Language Comprehension] [Item box Level 6] [Kendo Level Max]
[Swordsmanship Level Max] [Iaido Level Level 10] [Wind Art Level 5] [Flying Slash Level 5] [Presence
Detection Level 10] [Dark Vision Level 2] [Niitoru Level 5] (Two-Handed Style) [Dimensional Art Level 7]

Special Abilities: [Dimensional Slash] [Shukuchi Level 10 Max] [Sword Intent Level 10 Max] [Space
Mirror]

Titles: [Otherworlder] [Kendo Master] [Yamato Nadeshiko] [Kendo Fanatic] [S Queen] [Slayer]

[Swordmaster] [Goblin Slayer] [Orochi's Slayer] [Demon Slayer]

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[Typhania Malia E.???)

Class: ???

Age: 350

Female

Race: High Elf

┌ Rank 16] [False God]

Level 211

Experience Value (XP): ???/1M

Magic Power: 35000/35000

Magic: Spirit/Wind/????

Attack: 12000

Defense: 9000

Agility: 9700

Intelligence: 7000

Luck: 6000

BP: 0

SP: 0

Gift: ???

Skills: [Spirit Art Level 10] [Sword Art Level 10] [Archery Art Level 10] [Hand in Hand Art Level 10]
[Presence Detection Level 10] [Shift Level 10] ?????

Special Abilities: [Yyddrasil] [?????] [?????]

Titles: [Genius] [Hard Worker] [Natural Born leader] [Child of Nature] [Elven Queen] [Strongest] [Cursed]
[????]

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[Noire]

Class: ???

Age: ???

Female

Race: World Wolf

Rank 15 [Demigod] ????

Level 193

Experience Value: ????

MP: 17000/17000

Magic: Void/Darkness/Wind

Attack: 6000

Defense: 6000

Agility: 5500

Intelligence: 3500

Luck: 2000

Gift: ?????

BP: ???

SP: ????

Skills: [Void Steps] [Corrosion]

Special Abilities: ????

Titles: [World Wolf Devourer] [Pet] [Devourer] [Slaughterer] ?????

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Suddenly,

"Argh!!!"

Someone yelled in pain. It sounded like someone fell victim to a demonic attack.

The shriek riled up the entire place. Chilled by the insidious power, their hairs stood on their ends, including Maximus.

Gnashing his teeth, he quickly dashed over to the scene of the crime only to see.

There, was a monster with scales all over it, it had a long reptilian tail and that monster was feasting on the dead body of the soldier it had just killed. It was emitting creepy crunching sounds, and blood splattered everywhere.

It was eating him!

Upon this Maximus went pale but he steeled himself up and he rushed towards the monster!

The monster stopped as its eyes flashed red. He thought he got the jump on the monster when it disappeared in a wisp of black mist. It quickly flew in a certain direction.

"Running away?!"

Maximus followed the monster while emitting ice energy.

He threw a dagger at the runaway monster.

Swoosh!

The dagger landed on the back of the dark mist-clad monster.

Clang

The dagger only succeeded in marking sparks appear when it failed to pierce the monster's scaly hide. The monster continued escaping as it disappeared from Maximus's sight.

"What a scary defense..."

Even as a Saint realm expert, he was unable to deal any real damage to the monster. His dagger throw wasn't empowered by battle techniques or skills, however, he used his strength and the dagger itself is a rare item, not your normal dagger, it should have no trouble cutting through scales, yet it failed to even scratch the monster.

Maximus yelled out loud.

"Monster! Capture it!"

His loud yell echoed throughout the clan compound as soldiers clamored into action.

"Seize it!"

The calm compound immediately turned chaotic. The dark serene night got destroyed as the soldiers started converging on Maximus. With weapons ready, the guards charged here.

"The monster's here!"

Came the shout of another soldier nearby.

"It's here! Here!"

"It's over here!"

The monster couldn't hide with so many eyes looking for it. Continuous sightings popped up.

Then, there were shrieks of pain, rallying cries, and pathetic sobs.

Pandora who sat on a high wall and finally opened his eyes. He looked in a certain direction with golden eyes.

Her body, rather, her blood started reacting.

"I knew it!"

Pandora stood up and she disappeared in a flash.

"I am going to get you this time! Don't think you can escape a second time!"

"Argh... No!!!"

The latest victim's final words reverberated throughout the Crystal family compound. The soldiers saw the victim getting enveloped by dark mist the moment he confronted the monster with dark mist. It didn't take long for the victim to start moaning in agony.

The bundle of dark mist with the monster inside took its leave immediately. It looked like it was running away but a closer inspection would reveal that the monster seemed to be eerily familiar with the clan's layout. It's not escaping, it's hunting!

The victims that got enveloped by the dark mist all disappeared as they wailed in pain. The surrounding soldiers braced themselves as they rushed up to the dark mist. That resulted in more bones on the ground.

Then, the dark mist moved on to the next victims.

"Argh!"

"Please, help me!"

"Save me!!!"

Five more soldiers died. The soldiers around the victims started shivering in fear, and with pale faces, they lost the courage to assault the monster.

Maximus got here only to see bones, blood, and tremors in the area. The wails of soldiers who met their untimely end entered his ears. It was like a scene straight out of hell. He couldn't help but tremble in fear.

Then, the monster within the dark mist bundle came for him.

His pupil shrunk to pinpoints, and the scene where a hulking monster draped in dark mist charged straight for him, made him freeze in fear.

If the dark mist touched him, he was sure he would be reduced to a pile of bones just like the other soldiers.

Bam!

"Hiyaa!"

Maximus rallied himself and he channeled his mana to focus power on his daggers, he faced the incoming dark mist with his daggers covered in ice, he was using the Ice element.

Bang!

When his daggers touched the dark mist, dull thuds came as the dark mist rippled. The weapons couldn't hold up for more than 1 second before they started cracking.

A rare item broke!

The blood vessels in Maximus's hand ruptured as his face turned red from overexertion. It felt like he just got slammed with a mountain. His bones cracked and his ice armor almost collapsed. Soon, his weapons will most like be destroyed and he would be eaten by this monster in front of him.

"You vile monster, die!!!"

On the verge of despair, Maximus heard angry roars coming from all directions. Then, the sounds of people flying here greeted his ears.

8 fighters came to his aid. They attacked the dark mist with various attacks.

Bam!

A strong shockwave swept the surrounding area. This explosion came from the two opposing forces colliding. The ground cracked, and the walls also started crumbling. The 8 fighters were all tier-peak Saint realm experts.

Bang!

By sheer force, the 8 fighters blew the dark mist.

"Young master!"

One of the 8 fighters helped Maximus to his feet, he was pale and his hands were shaking.

"Are you alright?"

"Y-yeah..."

Maximus shook his head. The dark mist appeared to be relatively unharmed despite being attacked by the combined attacks of eight full-fledged Saint realm experts.

If the elites didn't gather in time, he would have lost his arms even if he kept his life.

The monster which almost killed him in one hit and could take multiple hits from tier 8 fighters must be at least in the Demi-God realm.

"Everyone."

Maximus ordered.

"Don't let it get away!"

"Be at ease, young master."

When the tier 8 fighters replied, the dark mist monster jumped up and flew straight for the area with the least population density.

"Crap!"

"Don't let it get away!"

"You monster! Stop right now!"

The tier 8 fighters hollered. They channeled power to chase after the monster but a figure appeared seemingly out of thin air, surprising the fighters greatly.

The figure went straight after the monster that just escaped.

Maximus and the others couldn't get a good look at the new fighter.

"Be careful!"

The figure didn't care what they had to say as she continued going after the monster.

"Fool!"

Maximus and the other tier 8 elites scolded the figure. That fool was bound to wound up as a pile of bones for her asinine move.

Then, something happened that went beyond their expectations.

Boom

When the uninvited guest smashed into the dark mist, the air around them exploded under the immense fallout. The soldiers who were nearby got blown into the distance. The resulting violent gusts also kept everyone rooted as they tried to resist being blown away by the attack.

Boom!

Another thud came as they saw the tanky monster get smashed into a wall like modern art. The wall collapsed under the immense impact.

They couldn't believe their eyes when they saw the uninvited guest who looked completely fine, her clothes weren't even ruffled.

Petrified by this great display of power, they looked on with awe.

It took eight Saint realm experts to force the monster back temporarily. Yet, the new arrival just straight-up smacked the monster into a wall.

"Grrrrrrr!"

A low growl came.

Buried under a pile of rubble, rotting stench wafted up from between the rocks.

Then, this stench went back before exploding in a grand fashion.

A scaly monster with long claws and wiggling tentacles emerged from under the rubble. Its mono-eye had 7 pupils while its body shone with insidious whip-like dark energy. It bellowed in anger one more time, shaking the space around it.

When the monster clad in dark mist roared, the others finally jolted back into reality.

The surrounding guards nervously stepped back when the monster shrieked with anger and hatred.

Even Maximus and the other Saint realm experts subconsciously backpedaled. Pandora was the only one who still stood her ground against the terrifying monster.

Pandora sighed before using a special ability on the monster.

Gregory Crystal: Level 150 (160)

Pandora couldn't help but laugh out loud when she identified the monster.

"So, it's you..."

She declared in a low volume that entered everyone's ears. The monster also slowly reined in its dark mist.

Does she know who I am?

Gregory said nothing although his scaly face twitched in nervousness.

"Y-you know who that thing is?"

Maximus felt a strange sense of unease when the mysterious woman that suddenly appeared said that.

His curiosity got the better of him.

"Miss, who is that?"

"Hmm?"

Pandora turned around with a surprised look. She dropped the bomb on Maximus and everyone else.

"You can't recognize your own younger brother after he turned into a monster?"

"My brother?"

Maximus asked with an incredulous look on his face.

