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Silveria was too busy and didn't notice Alex's comment. She continued thinking about the matter at hand.

"What does this say?"

"It means you've still got more to learn in the department of memorization."

Alex teased her.

"Look closer, you see it? The walls are moving and that moved the doors. Ignoring the horizontal alignments, focusing on the vertical alignments will reveal a disorderly pattern in every door..."

"Except this row!"

He pointed in a certain direction.

"This column of doors is very neat, it's like they never shifted positions."

Upon seeing this Silveria's eyes lit up too.

"You're saying."

"Yes, I am saying-"

Alex beamed at her while staring at the set of doors neatly stacked there.

"The correct door is over there."

Instantly all sounds died down and Alex's words echoed in this wide cave.

Silveria closed her eyes, she tried to sense the correct door but she didn't come up with anything. That was just a set of very orderly doors.

Even so, she was not mad that she couldn't find the clue. Instead, hints of praise, bliss, and pride could be seen in the windows of her soul.

She nodded while scrutinizing that set of doors.

"Can you ascertain which is the correct door?" She asked after taking a deep breath.

"I am sure, that's why I said we were fooled..."

Alex shrugged as he replied.

"Who told you the true door is one of those doors?!"

Silveria flinched.

Alex said the door leading to the last floor was over there.

She slightly frowned. She was waiting for Alex to explain himself.

"If I am right, the door leading to the last floor should be in that area."

Alex chortled when he saw Silveria casting doubt his way. He looked at the set of doors over there before turning his attention to the tunnel that led them here.

"I was just like you, I assumed one of the doors over there should be the correct one. However, there are close to a hundred doors over there. It's kind of pointless to know the direction but not the exact location. The Guardian wouldn't do us dirty like that, I believe so." The last part was said rather inaudibly before Alex continued.

"Moreover, if the correct door was one of the neatly stacked doors then there wouldn't be a need to shuffle the walls. The Guardian could have made the doors randomized, yes?"

"Why move the walls around if it's not going to move the correct door away?"

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Alex laughed once more.

"Ah, looks like you caught my drift."

He looked at the same tunnel.

"Right, why move the walls when it can just move the doors around?!"

He pointed at the tunnel. With his other hand, he pointed at the neatly stacked doors. His thunderous voice reverberated in the cave.

"The walls are moving because they can move the tunnel beneath the set of neatly stacked doors. That's the real reason why the walls, not the doors got shuffled."

"I believe when the tunnel is aligned with the neatly stacked set of doors then we will find the entrance to the last floor.."

"That's what I am thinking."

Alex continued and shook his head.

"This is why I said we got played. That was the clue all along, the entrance. We had to find the entrance, not the door."

"Truly, the Guardian took us for a ride."

"Ah, of course, it's only my idea at this point."

He scratched his cheek. He shrugged somewhat unsteadily.

"As for the verification, it's still too early to say anything."

"No, I think you're onto something here."

Silveria encouraged Alex.

"With all the identical doors here, the shifting tunnel does give one a reason to suspect something fishy. Also, the doors closed immediately after springing their trap on us. There is no chance to go through before the door closes. The tunnel is the only accessible entrance here."pāṇḍā `nove| com

"I agree with your idea." Silveria agreed to Alex's proposal.

"Then, let's do it!"

Alex grinned while nodding.

"Yeah, let's try it!"

Alex and Silveria tried opening the doors once more.

To make the walls move, there is only one method: Opening doors.

The doors will close and the walls will shuffle around, making the tunnel move after Alex and Silveria dealt with the dreams and illusions from the doors.

After an hour, they opened about 100 doors. Alex settled the dreams and illusions that assaulted them. At long last, the tunnel aligned with the neatly stacked set of doors.

The couple looked hesitant for a moment.

It was all just a hypothesis at this point, that the aligned tunnel will be the true entrance to the last floor of this named dungeon.

The tunnel didn't look particularly special after aligning with the set of neat doors.

Alex inhaled deeply. He used a sharp gaze before ordering Silveria into mobilization.

"Let's go!"

The latter nodded.

They walked into that tunnel with Alex leading the way.

When they both entered the tunnel, ripples started spreading in the air. It was like multiple pebbles struck the surface of a lake. The ripples formed beautiful crests of light in the air.

It looked like they walked into a lake that was perpendicular to the ground. They disappeared beyond the spatial ripples.

The cave went silent afterward.

A strong flash occurred the moment Alex and Silveria entered the tunnel. They could only block with their arms. After a brief moment, the strong flash settled down.

When they opened their eyes, they saw a completely different scene compared to the dark and damp cave from before.

"Huh?! A garden?" Alex voiced out his confusion. Indeed they appeared inside a garden.

Silveria didn't say anything, she curiously looked around.

A thick patch of grass was contoured by well-kept flower bushes and shrubs. A pagoda stands in the center of the garden, left barren, but still in balance with nature. The flowers and plants appeared to require some care and love, but look great nonetheless; they're a pit stop for bees. The flower bushes and shrubs reach 1.8m/6ft high, but they won't grow much taller than this. A few, short signs are scattered around the garden, guiding visitors around the garden, and showing them all it has to offer. Vines and roots eagerly creep and crawl their way beyond their allocated garden spots, each eager to take just a little bit more land for themselves.

The pagoda claimed this land first, as the garden was designed around it. The flowers and plants try to claim their share of the glory, and the flower bushes and shrubs are eye-catching in their own right, but the focus is just simply on the pagoda.

Just as Silveria was admiring the pagoda in the middle of the garden there was another flash of light forcing them to close their eyes and when they opened them again they were in an entirely different scenery.

It was a scene straight out of a fictional work.

There were no walls, no ceilings, and even the ground looked ethereal. They could only see ripple-like light formations around them.

Alex and Silveria looked like they stood on water, the smallest movement created ripples that cascaded into beautiful patterns. Thick roots shot up into the sky, forming a natural ceiling that shielded them from the waters along with the ripple barrier around them.

They weren't sure how wide this special area was, it looked big and small at the same time. Truly, a work of wonders.

In front of them were seven pools of different colors.

The pools were red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, and indigo, all the colors of the rainbow. Indeed, when these lights hit the walls, they formed a surreal environment. Calling it a magnificent scene would still be doing it a disservice.

After slowly recovering from astonishment, the couple exchanged a look. They confirmed they were in a different location compared to the dark cave.

Alex who was silent started laughing again.

"Don't tell me we are in another dream realm?"

"No, we're not."

Nyx denied.

"You are in a state of clarity, I can sense that much."

"Oh! I understand."

Alex bitterly grinned.

He couldn't help it, the scene they saw was just too breathtaking. It makes one question the line between reality and fantasy.

He would be forgiven for thinking they were stuck in another dreamland.

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Silveria also voiced the same thought as Nyx after a moment of silence to observe her surrounding.

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"Moreover..."

Silveria slowly closed her eyes, and a surge of silver mana spawned. She started glowing silver with magic.

"My magic power recovered."

The silver magical sheen gave her an otherworldly feel. Alex recovered and raised his arm.

His sealed magic power also started blowing up when he channeled some of it. This surge of magical power created a tiny storm in the area, and his magic power blazed like magical flames.

He only had his magic sealed for two or three days. Even so, this feeling of channeling his magic power felt nostalgic. The magical flames moved and swayed as per his directions.

This terrifying control over magic power was something only those apex beings specialized in magic can do.

His magical power control was enhanced by his powerful physics. Otherwise, he wouldn't have this kind of control unless he trained for dozens of years if not hundreds of years.

Alex wasn't the only one playing with his magic power, Silveria also channeled her magic power to check things out. After a while, the two stored their magic power back.

Next, they turned their attention toward the rainbow-colored pools near them.

"Are we really on the floor of this named dungeon?"

"I thought the treasures were on the last? Why don't I see any treasures? Why there isn't any Boss monster?" Alex questioned.

Silveria nodded as if saying she also wanted to know but got no answer. She started drawing closer to the mesmerizing pools of various colors.

Alex shrugged before tagging along.

The pools varied by color and size. The waters were also still. The dynamic flashes of lights made for a very beautiful sight.

Alex and Silveria checked out the red pool first. It's the smallest pool. They peered into it.

The color was oddly glaring yet clear, they could see the bottom as there were no impurities in it. A magical series of lights formed a sentence when they drew closer.

'Only Master Realm expert may enter.'

Alex and Silveria stepped back. They looked at the other pools with an understanding look.

They peered into the other pools.

As expected, the orange pool had a line: "Only those at the Grandmaster realm can enter."

Yellow Pool: "Only those at the Saint realm can enter."

Green Pool: "Only those at the Peak Saint realm can enter."

Blue Pool: "Only those at the Demigod realm can enter."

Indigo Pool: "Only those at the Peak Demigod realm can enter."

The pools divided qualified participants by cultivation realms.

Only those that fit the criteria could enter. Those unqualified were barred from entry.

Alex tested this out.

He tried stepping on pools other than the green pool, namely, the red, orange, yellow, blue, and indigo pools. He could only stand on the surface. The blue pool did soak his feet when he tested the waters. This was probably the pool meant for him.

Meanwhile, Silveria could only enter the green pool.

The last pool, the largest pool of violet waters didn't give any hints when they approached it.

Naturally, Alex and Silveria were piqued by this pool.

The other pools required sufficient levels to enter.

The larger the pool, the higher the tier requirement.

If the treasures were contained in the pools then the treasures will probably also vary according to the strength of the participants. [panda-novel.com](http://panda-novel.com)

The bigger the pools, the greater the potency of the treasures within.

What about the violet pool which didn't have any indications on it? What are the treasures contained within?

The two drew closer to the violet pool when.

Fwoosh!

The pool started shaking as the waters churned.

The couple wanted to back away when a ringing sound echoed in this magical space.

Then, much to Alex's shock, his item opened up on its own.

The portal opened very violently and hastily, it's like something's trying to burst out from within. A jet of light shot forth.

The light escaped the item box a rampaging beast that just attained its freedom. It flew towards the pool but Alex caught it in time.

It was a ring, specifically, a black ring.

"The Eternal cha... Huh! I mean the Eternal Ring!"

The two froze up. Alex quickly forgot the short absence he had when uttering the black ring name, it seemed familiar and he was almost about to remember something unfortunately it seems that things wouldn't go in his way because in the next moment.

Fwoom ring!

The violet pool started churning harder. It was like the waters were reacting to its child being caught in the hands of a villain. The whooshing sound grew in intensity.

Alex grasped harder.

"It seems the key to opening this ring is in the violet pool..."

"Let's go!"

Silveria said without hesitation.

"No."

But Alex retorted.

The situation inside that pool was unknown, if there are no rewards other than the key for the Eternal ring then Silveria would waste her winning ticket in the named dungeon for nothing and because of this, Alex retorted.

"No, I don't need it I prefer to follow you." Silveria's choice was to give up on the chance to acquire more power by entering the blue pool to accompany him Alex could see the determination inside her eyes and it was no joke.

It was why he said those harsh words next in order to convince her otherwise he was certain that she would not listen stubbornly as she was.

"You see the weakest among my other girls is Peak Saint."

Silveria froze upon hearing those words, almost as if a giant boulder was slammed on her head, her mind was buzzing due to Alex's shocking revelation so much that she tightened her fists until they bleed.

Alex's heart weakened when he saw Sylph's crestfallen expression. He grabbed her shoulders.

"Look, don't get me wrong, I never demanded my partners to keep up with me. I know you, you're going to beat yourself up if this continues, right?"

"That's one of the reasons. I know you don't mind it, but I can't stand to see you getting hurt."

Alex beamed at her after lifting her chin.

"The chance is now in front of you. It would pain me to see you give up this opportunity."

Silveria finally nodded.

She headed towards the blue pool. Before she entered the pool, she warned Alex without turning her head around.

"Be careful!"

She channeled her mana before jumping into the pool in a giant splash. She disappeared in front of Alex Alex sighed in relief. He also grumbled.

"Phew, I finally got through to her, I thought for sure she was going to bulldoze her way into the violet pool."

"You should be happy, your little girlfriend wants to follow you around."

Nyx chimed in.

"You have me supporting you, and you've got your power back, right? Surely, you can find a solution, so why did you shoot her down so harshly?"

"She can get the rewards here for free, doesn't make sense to turn down free goods and then pay for them from my pocket."

Alex bitterly laughed.

"Again, we don't know what will happen in that pool. It won't make any sense to bring Silveria into a place of unknown dangers."

"Well, as long as you're fine with it."

Nyx nonchalantly replied.

"This is just as well, she can put her confidence to good use. I reckon she's going to improve rapidly after this trip. You should be careful or she might just catch up."

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Alex waved his hand without minding Nyx's verbal blow.

"In any case, we grow stronger in a way foreign to Silveria's understanding. If push comes to shove, I will just challenge every powerful individual in this world to a duel. I'm not afraid of anything and I will keep growing stronger and stronger."

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The water rippled, and the purplish hue made the water look like poison.

The violet pool looked like a pool filled with a poisonous substance. However, the clear and sparkling water had a strangely vibrant vibe to it.

The bubbles also bounced around like playful children. The violet pool was easily over 100 square meters wide. But, it was also way deeper than the other pools Alex guessed. Alex sank into the pool after diving in. He was not using any special skills. At the rate he was going, he was descending dozens of meters per second.

Even so, after more than 15 minutes, Alex still hadn't seen the bottom of this pool.

Thanks to his exceptional physics he didn't have much trouble underwater. Without this powerful physics, Alex would have probably drowned multiple times already.

His deep green eyes darted around, he was looking for something. Alas, he can only see the same old purple water around him. This pool was so deep.

While diving deeper, he looked at the black ring on his finger. If it weren't because he's underwater, he would inhale deeply to calm his vexed heart.

On closer inspection, the Eternal Ring glowed softly.

This signaled multiple things.

Firstly, the key must be somewhere in this violet pool.

Secondly, the Ring will open soon.

He was doing all of this because of some prophecy an old man told him.

In other words, the calamity would descend soon.

He felt anxious.

Calamity, what a troublesome and unreal word.

He bitterly shook his head while suppressing his thoughts. He raised his speed as he dived even deeper.

Time ebbed on

After a while, the violet world experienced a color change.

Upon seeing this his eyes lit up and he sped up further. He locked onto the glimmer in his field of vision.

As he descended, the bottom of the violet pool finally appeared.

A glimmering palace entered his vision.

Schwing

His eternal ring soft glow intensified.

He used a teleportation skill to immediately shorten the distance between the castle and himself.

παῖδα-ηθνε | ·cθm The castle looked like it was made from aged bronze. It looked like a relic of a forgotten time, the luster it used to have was gone, leaving only an ancient husk. It didn't take an expert to determine this castle was truly ancient.

Alex could almost see the long history behind the castle. His mind zoned out for a second. After he recovered, He looked at the castle in astonishment.

It's just a castle, to think it had such a stunning effect on Alex's mind. This castle is not ordinary.

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His ring continued shining radiantly, it also started vibrating as if urging Alex to enter the palace without further delay.

Boom!

The Eternal Ring got annoyed by Alex, it started flying toward the castle.

He got pulled along for a ride as the ring flew over to the castle.

He got smashed into the wall of the castle, the ring led him into the castle walls.

Alex was expecting pain from this collision. However, he went through the walls like a ghost. No, it was like the castle walls were mirages.

Hovering in the air, he roamed his gaze over his environment.

He was inside the castle.

There were bronze walls around him, the ceiling also looked like it was constructed from heavy bronze slabs. It's hard to believe someone phased through that thick wall like nothing.

There was hardly anything other than the walls and ceilings here.

No, that's not correct.

At the end of this grand hall is a mini-version of the Guardian of the Dungeon, an ancient tree of average height.

There was a small pool in front of the ancient tree.

Other than the weird tree and pool, there's nothing around him.

Shockingly enough, despite being underwater, he can breathe just fine while a gentle breeze caressed his cheeks.

"Ugh..."

Alex sighed.

"As expected of a named dungeon, there are too many surprises here. I learned so many things today..."

He flew towards the ancient tree and pool. He lowered his altitude before landing near the edge of the pool.

The water in the pool looked very normal with no fancy colors, just normal water.

At least, it looked like that from the surface.

Alex lifted his head, he examined the ancient tree.

Ring ring!

The Eternal Ring started shaking violently. The intense light coming from the ring lit up the palace.

As if responding to the Ring of Power, the leaves on the ancient tree also started glowing green.

Ring Fwoom!

The Eternal ring started rampaging. Alex could feel an invisible force acting against his hand.

After a brief pause, he took off the ring. He tossed it upwards.

Foom!

Like a beast that regained its freedom, the Eternal Ring shot toward the ancient tree, leaving a trail of light.

The Ring stopped before touching the tree trunk.

Next, it slowly merged into the tree.

The point of entry became transparent, one can still see the Ring of Power even after it merged with the ancient tree.

Soft silk-like rays of light seeped into the Eternal Ring.

Rustle!

After the Eternal Ring merged with the tree, a rustling sound reverberated as the ancient tree shook.

The green light rose in intensity, projecting a figure outwards.

Dark pearly eyes sit wickedly within the creature's bony, hard skull, which gives the creature a fierce-looking appearance.

Several tendrils sit atop its head, just above its wide, angular ears. A row of horns runs down the sides of each of its jawlines.

Its nose is long and has two large, slitted nostrils and there are small tendrils on its chin. Several rows of sharp teeth poke out from the side of its mouth and give a slight hint of the terror hiding inside.

A lean neck runs down from its head and into a slender body. The top is covered in curved scales and a row of tendrils runs down its spine.

Its bottom is covered in coarse skin and is colored differently than the rest of its body. Four massive limbs carry its body and allow the creature to stand towering and elegantly. Each limb has 6 digits, each of which ends in narrow nails seemingly made of bone.

Terrifying wings grow starting from just above its shoulders and ending at the lower end of its back. The wings are almost angel-like, thick skin and eerie bone structures make up most of the wing and each bone structure ends in a curved, yet blunt tip.

Its thick tail ends in a curved talon and is covered in the same curved scales as its body.

"Huh?! A dragon?" Alex was shocked and speechless by the appearance of this figure, for some reason, he felt like he knew this figure.

When he was about to open his mouth to say something, the figure of a dragon morphed into that of a man much to Alex's dismay.

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"Thanos!!!" Alex shouted the name of the man making the latter expression change but only for a moment.

"Ugh!" Alex felt a splitting headache as if someone was playing with his brain using a scalpel.

"My! My! How surprising!" Thanos said before flicking his fingers and Alex fell unconscious.

Right before it happened Alex could have sworn that Thanos's figure changed into someone else but he was unable to see this figure's features before his consciousness was sent somewhere.

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It was inside an arena, Alex was facing a young man with white hair.

Alex had a mocking smile on his lips as he look down on this young man.

Evans lost control as his anger and hatred took over.

His magic power exploded like a raging volcano. A powerful aura burst and swept outwards.

He clenched his fists as a sword appeared in his hand. The sword shone brilliantly with lights.

Alex snickered. He took out his flaming sword from his item box.

The flaming sword spewed out a copious amount of blaze. The arena immediately rose in temperature.

"It is a powerful item, a SSS Armament!"

The crowd gasped while Evans' face turned red.

He didn't blush because of the heat. He was ashamed.

Alex was wielding a SSS Armament while Evans brandished a SS Armament.

It felt like Evans a poor noble or a beggar who struck it rich.

He detected this change in mood and Evans was not too happy about it.

If he waited some time, his father would have given him a SSS Armament.

Alas, he lost control of himself and challenged Alex, he created this mess himself.

He started questioning himself over the timing of his challenge.

"Hmph..."

He resisted the urge to chug his sword away. He growled with a dark look.

"I only need a SS Armament to take you down!"

Alex started laughing out loud. He tossed his Flaming sword away.

Then, a stream of iron sand flowed out of his item box.

He formed an iron sword with the stream of iron sand.

With his sword pointed at the ground, Alex didn't say anything. He just beckoned Evans with a finger gesture.

That blew Evans' mind, making him enraged.

Swoosh!

Evans lunged at Alex with his sword clad in mana.

Alex didn't move out of the way or make any defensive maneuvers. He waited until the blade was dangerously close before parrying it with a mighty flick of his sword.

Ding!

He parried the attack in an instant. An intense gust exploded outwards.

With another collision, Evans appeared from within the fray.

Fwoosh!

The ensuing force acted on two duelists' bodies. They had different reactions.panda `nove| com

The shockwave staggered Evans while Alex grinned. The hand holding his sword trembled.

It was obvious who was stronger between the two duelists.

Alex didn't only get a boost in levels.

"This bastard!"

Evans clenched his teeth.

He flexed his arm to steady his shivering hands.

"You have barbaric strength."

Alex raised an eyebrow in response. He hooked his index finger, gesturing for Evans to try again.

Laughing in seething rage, Evans disappeared in a blur. The next moment, he was already in front of Alex.

He started a slashing storm, each slash was aimed at Alex's vital parts.

Swish! Swish! Swish!

Looking at the slashes, Alex narrowed his eyes. He stepped backward, dodging all the slashes with razor-thin margins.

Evans was mad with hatred. He smashed down on his hilt, sending his sword slicing toward Alex's chest.

When the sword almost touched his chest, a hand arcing with lightning grabbed the sword.

Evans quickly let go of the sword, he raised his fists overhead, charging them with Earth's mana to make them more powerful (A/N: He is using the Earth element). He smashed down at Alex's chest.

He was planning to kill Alex with each attack.

Alex's eyes became cold. A magical force rippled outwards. The ripple stopped Evans for a brief moment.

He struck.

βαηδαηθνε | He didn't use a teleportation ability. Instead, he used pure speed to close the distance between the two duelists.

"!!!"

Evans quickly recovered. He unleashed a right hook.

Boom!

Alex mirrored his attack. His magical powers overwhelmed Evans's enhancements.

Crack!

Evans groaned, he heard something cracking in his fist.

A drop of cold sweat flowed down the side of his head. The intense pain told him that crack wasn't a hallucination. He tried to punch with his other fist. Earthen mana poured out from him.

To this, Alex just grabbed his fist without using any skills but only purely his physical strength. He stopped the attack dead in its tracks.

Alex's cold and scornful look turned Evans pale as a ghost.

"Please, bring out more of your true power."

His playful smile went against the tightening fist grab, and Evans's fist started cracking again.

"This is starting to get unsightly for a Demigod don't you think so?"

The crowd gasped when they heard Alex's taunting comment.

They couldn't catch the attacks since it all happened too fast. However, they could see the trend of the fight.

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While everyone stared at Alex like he was a real monster, Silveria was the only one who looked like this outcome was only natural.

Evans heard Alex's remark filled to the brim with contempt, ignoring what others had to say, his body started trembling as blood rushed to his head. His eyes looked like they belonged to a deranged person.

Evans's mana started flowing chaotically.

"Don't look down on me!!!"

His mana exploded once more. He concentrated his them on the fist Alex was holding.

Boom!

Alex only raised an eyebrow when he felt this power surge. He released Evans's hand before countering with a jab at his chest.

Bang!

Evans's body flashed with mana, and his mana's cloak condensed near the point of impact, blocking Alex's punch.

Earthen-colored orbs floated around him. After thwarting Alex's punch, he started bellowing with a pair of malevolent eyes. He unleashed all the boiling negativities within him.

"You're just the fiancée of a princess! Don't get cocky with me you mongrel!"

Clad in violent streams of earthen mana, Evans stared at Alex. He willed for his arming sword to fly back into his hand. In a flash, he disappeared after showing Alex an evil grin.

Alex simply pursed his lips. He stepped slightly to the left.

At the same time, Alex moved, an arming sword burning with earthen mana shot past where his shoulders were. The arming sword flew towards the crowd, if they didn't move out of the way in time somebody was going to get seriously hurt.

The arming sword decelerated before turning back. It flew towards Alex once more.

Alex heard the sword flying towards him. He stepped to the right. The sword missed again.

He then grabbed the grip of the sword.

Alex batted the sword at his side.

Evans got slammed as he didn't expect Alex to counter his sudden attack.

Bam!

Like a kite with its string cut loose, Evans got thrown into the distance.

"Damn!"

Steadying himself rather unsteadily, he finally stopped after a few steps. He was not looking too good. Evans leered at Alex with absolute loathing.

"It's not over yet!"

He growled. With bloodshot eyes, he took out another arming sword after backing off.

He burst forward in a black blur. Suddenly stopping, Evans released his sword before doing a roundhouse kick on the sword's pommel.

Fwoosh!

παῖδα-ηὐτὲ | ·cθm Like a bolt of black lightning, the blade got shot in Alex's direction.

Alex jumped. When he landed, he leaped off the sword that just passed under his feet. Like a ghost, he appeared in front of Evans.

Evans's eyes gleamed, and he charged mana into his arming sword.

The arming sword started shining like a crystal sword. He slashed at Alex.

Alex frowned at the crystal blade. [pandα`nove|com](http://pandα`nove|com)

Alex raised a fist, his fist was clad in lightning, glowing bluish-white with the might of the storms.

He smashed his fist into the crystal sword. At first, the arming sword shook, then cracks appeared before the sword shattered into a million pieces.

"What the hell?!"

Evans gasped.

A SS Armament got punched into smithereens?!

How is that possible?!

Alex grinned. He unleashed a quick draw with his iron sword. The sword expanded into a long whip.

Whish!

The iron sand whip struck Evans on his chest. The sound of something cracking came from Evans' torso.

"Garguh!"

He screamed in agony when the strike broke his ribs. Next, he couldn't finish his groan before a lightning-clad fist went for his face. There was no mercy behind this strike.

Bang!

The punch landed squarely on Evans' stomach.

Not even giving Evans room to breathe, a flurry of lightning punches rained down on him.

Bam! Bam! Bam! Bam!!!

His mana aura diminished with each blow. Finally, his earthen mana armor got destroyed.

With steely eyes, Alex punched Evans in the face again.

Bam!

This time, the attack connected.

Splash!

With a mouthful of blood and a few teeth, he was sent flying like a broken kite. He landed heavily against the platform.

The impact cracked the platform which even a normal Saint realm expert would find hard to smash. Spiderweb-patterned cracks could be seen when he landed.

Evans bounced up as he spat out more blood. His throat got grabbed as Alex suspended him in the air.

Evans's pupils shrank. Fear finally appeared for the first time in a while.

It was the same result as when they first met. Alex decimated his knight squad and left him practically emasculated in terms of honor. Right now, Alex had him by his neck.

Dozens of days later, after becoming a Demigod just like Alex, he still couldn't change his lose-streak.

Evans finally understood.

The person grabbing his neck never took him seriously.

From the start of this duel until now.

Alex pursed his lips despite Evans's apparent dread. He tossed Evans like a bag of oversized trash.

Bam!

Drawing a pathetic trail of blood and other bodily fluids, Evans couldn't escape his fate of getting slammed into the ground once more.

Evans went limp. His eyes were wide open but his soul wasn't in them. Fear had gripped his core.

Complete defeat, he could never beat this man in his life.

There was a moment of silence before the crowd burst into an uproar, chanting Alex's name.

Normally, he should have been happy as he managed to defend his honor but currently, Alex stood there in a daze.

'Wake up! That's not right you're slowly changing getting devoured by all of this, enough already.'

It was a voice coming from the deepest part of his soul and he couldn't be more familiar with this voice as it belongs to him.

Alex opened his eyes, and looked at the excited crowd, at Silveria and the others before opening his mouth and uttering a single word.

"E.N.O.U.G.H!"

Crack!!!!

BANG!

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[Alexander (Alex) Kael Touch]

Class: Magic Gunslinger

Age: 20

Male

Race: Royal Asura (A/N: I came up with this bloodline because of the mix of his original bloodlines: High Human, High Elf, Asura and Dragon)

Rank 16

Level 201 [False God]

Experience Value (XP): 10000/1M

MP: 32000/32000

SE: 7100/7100

Magic: Time/Space/Wind/Light/Darkness/Flame/Ice/Void/Silver Energy/Spirit/Lightning

ATK: 10000

DEF: 9000

AGI: 8000

INT: 6000

LUK: 3020

BP: 20

SP: 10

Gifts: Death guns/Eternal Chain

Skills: [Item box Level 4] [Swift Fingers Max] [Divine Sense Level 5] [Throwing knife Level 7] [Dark Vision Level 2] [Dual Wielding Level 2] [Knife Art Level 6] [Link Level 5] [Gunslinger Art Level Level 5] [Undying Body Level 10] [Mana Synchronisation Level 10 Max] [Crimson's Bullet] [Blade Dance Level 5] [Aurora Bullet Level 1] [Meteor Bullet Level 5] [Mana Convergence Level 5] [Chain Art Level 5] [Spirit Art Level 1] [All Poisons Resistance Level 8] [Lightning Degree Level 3] [Destruction Bullet Level 1] [Illusionary Escape Level 10 Max]

Special Abilities: [Language Comprehension][Danger Sense] [Overdrive] [Death's Eye] [Envisage] [Erase] [Magic Bullet] [Snatch] [Hellsing!!!] [Xerox] [Death Bullet (???)] [Absolute Time Domain] [Eye of Truth Level 10] [Royal Asura Forms] [Mana's Body] [Void Steps] [Devour] [Alter Ego] [Gun Art Ultimate Form: ???] [Reaper Chains] [Illusion World] [Nemesis's Eye] [Nemesis's Domain] [Eternal Domain] [Yydrassil's Blessing] [Asura's Devil's Eye] [D??????] (Currently sealed: Condition of unsealing, reaching the Higher World)

Unique abilities: Absolute Duo (A/N: Temporarily name until you help me find a better name.)

Synchronization rate:

[Luna Heart: 96%]

[Artemia Eretria Von Havens: 100%] (Perfect Synchronization reached)

[Maria Alexia Rosares: 95%]

[Sakuya Mio Hishimiya: 95%]

[Sera Olivia Wexon: 100%] (Perfect Synchronization reached)

[Gracier Alexandra Touch: 99%]

[Kuina E. Foxia 100%]

[Eris Wolfgang 72%]

[Lilith E. Astaroth 31%]

[Incursio: 100%] [Perfect synchronization rate: 124%]

[Nemesis Silveria: 85%]

[Nyx: 20%]

[Noire: 38%]

[Saeko: 88%]

[Typhania E. Malia: 20%] ???

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/Enhanced: Ability enabling its owner to convert the same skill into skill points and strengthen the same skill.

Possibility of generating a higher level skill if ESP is used to upgrade a skill.

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ES (Enhanced Skill Point): 0

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Titles: [Otherworlder] [The one whose fingers are faster than Flash] [The Reborn] [Shadow Nemesis]  
[The Destroyer] [Death Master] [The Irregular] [Child of Mana] [Slayer] [World Wolf owner] [Genius]  
[The One that saw] [Slaughterer] [Genius] [Copycat] [The one on the transcending role] [The Irregular]  
[Holy Elven Guardian] [Poison Immunity] [Fox Master] [Holy son of Destruction] [Progenitor ] (New)

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[Incursio]

Class: Darkness Ruler

Age: 26

Female

Race: Half High Human

「 Rank 16 False God]

Level 200

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

Magic Power: 20000/20000

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

Attack: 8000

Defense: 7000

Agility: 7200

Intelligence: 5000

Luck: 2700

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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Typhania Malia E.???)

Class: ???

Age: 350

Female

Race: High Elf

「 Rank 16] [False God]

Level 214

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

Magic Power: 36000/36000

Magic: Spirit/Wind/????

Attack: 12100

Defense: 10000

Agility: 10000

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 16 [Fake God] ????

Level 200

Experience Value: ???/1M

MP: 17000/17000

Magic: Void/Darkness/Wind

Attack: 6100

Defense: 6100

Agility: 5700

Intelligence: 3500

Luck: 2000

Gift: ?????

BP: ???

SP: ????

Skills: [Void Steps] [Corrosion]

Special Abilities: [Devour] [????]

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

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Lilith E. Astaroth]

Class: Shadow Monarch

Age: 19 ???

Female

Race: Fallen Angel

Rank 16

Level 204

Experience Value (XP): [??????]

MP: 18000/18000

Magic: Darkness/Lightning/Wind

Attack: 6000

Defense: 5000

Agility: 5000

Intelligence: 3000

Luck: 2500

Gift: Eternal Darkness

BP: 0

SP: 0

Skills: [Sword Art Level 10] [Silent Steps Level 8] [Wind Art Level 7] [Dark Art Level 10] [Lightning Art Level 10] [Shadow Summon Level 8] [High Regeneration Level 8]

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

Titles: [Reincarnator] [Huntress] [Avenger] [Demon's Goddess] [Night Queen] [One that walks in the Shadow]

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[Freya .P..]

Class: Ice Queen

Age: 87

Female

Race: Human?

└ Rank 15] [Demigod]

Level 184

Experience Value (XP): ???

| Magic Power: 15000/15000

Magic: Ice Element

Attack: 620

Defense: 5000

Agility: 5300

Intelligence: 5050

Luck: 3000

BP: 0

SP: 50

Gift: Ice Lotus

Skills: [Sword Art Level 10] [Hand in Hand Art Level 10] [Presence Detection Level 10] [Ice Art Level 10] [Frost Steps Level 8] ?????

Special Abilities: [Ice Domain] [Snow World] [Frozen World] [Absolute Zero Lv 2]

Titles: [Genius] [Hard Worker] [Ice Constitution] [Slaughtered] [Ice Queen] [Emotionless Doll] [Seeker]

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[Fenrir Wolfgang]

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 185

Class: Magic Swordsman

Age: 125

Male

Race: Wind Wolf

Experience Value: ?

Magic Power: 18000/18000

Magic: Wind

Attack: 6400

Defense: 5000

Agility: 6000

Intelligence: 4000

Luck: 2700

BP: 0

SP: 30

Gift: Dual Wind Chaser

Skills: [Cooking Level 8] [Wind Art Level 10] [Archery Level Max] [Silent Steps Level 10] [Wind Art Level 4]  
[Sword Art Level 10] [Dual Style Level 10]

Special Abilities: [Original wolf] [Wind Zone] [Supreme Art Level 10] [Wolf form]

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

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[Micheal Itsuki Ren]

Rank 14 [Demigod]

Level 186

Class: Magic Swordsman

Age: 117

Male

Race: Human

Experience Value: ????

Magic Power: 19000/19000

Magic: Wind/Lightning

Attack: 6700

Defense: 6200

Agility: 5800

Intelligence: 3500

Luck: 3000

BP: 0

SP: 0

Gift: Enomaru

Skills: [Negation Level 8] [Hand to Hand Combat Level 7] [Presence Detection Level 10] [Wind Art Level 7] [Lightning Art Level 10] [Imperial Swordsmanship Level 10] [Sword Art Level 10]

Special Abilities: [Lightning Domain] [Lightning Wings] [

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

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『[ E. Foxia]

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 188

Class: Illusionist

Age: 105

Female

Race: Nine tails Celestial Fox

Experience Value: ?????

Magic Power: 16000/16000

Magic: Fire Magic/Illusion

Attack: 6500

Defense: 5000

Agility: 6000

Intelligence: 4200

Luck: 3600

BP: 200

SP: 0

Gift: Ancestral Fox's Sword

Skills: [Sunflower Steps Level 10] [Golden Fireball Level 10] [Charm Level 10] [Illusion Art Level 10]  
[Ultimate Fire Art Level 8]

Special Abilities: [Illusion eyes Level 10 Max] [Nine tails] [Ancestral bloodline Level 10] [Mirror] [Nine  
tails Fox Form] [Illusion Domain]

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

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『[Alice White]

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 185

Class: Magic swordmaster

Age: 22

Female

Race: Homonculus

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

MP: 16000/16000

Magic: Wind/Space/Fire/Lightning/Darkness

ATK: 6300

DEF: 5900

AGI: 6000

INT: 2800

LUK: 2000

BP: 0

SP: 10

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] [Lost Magic]

Unique Ability: [Familiars]

Titles:[Slaughter] [Copycat] [Emotionless Doll] [The one who desire to become human ] [Ancient Magus ]

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『[Eris Wolfgang]

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 175

Class: Magic Swordswoman

Age: 20

Female

Race: Royal Wind Wolf

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

Magic Power: 11000/11000

Magic: Wind

Attack: 5370

Defense: 4400

Agility: 5100

Intelligence: 2300

Luck: 2200

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 !]

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[Sakuya Mio Hishimiya]

Class: Magic Samurai

Age: 19

Female

Race: High Human

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 180

Experience Value:??/1M

Magic Power: 15000/15000

Magic: Wind/Dark/Space

Attack: 6000

Defense: 5000

Agility: 5600

Intelligence: 3000

Luck: 2000

BP: 0

SP: 0

Gift: Katana Kaze no Yoroichi

Skills: [Advanced Appraisal Level 8] [Language Comprehension] [Item box Level 6] [Kendo Level Max] [Swordsmanship Level Max] [Iaido Level Level 10] [Wind Art Level 10] [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] [Orc Slayer] [Swordmaster] [Goblin Slayer] [Orochi's Slayer] [Demon Slayer] [Sword Genius] (New)

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It was evening in the capital of the Foxia Empire, a few kilometers away there existed a forest.

The forest was limitless, impenetrable, and verdant. Its canopy was eclipsed by yew, linden, and maple, their crowns allowed cascading lights to shimmer through for a medley of plants to make use of the insect-riddled soils below.

Curling vines dangled from a couple of trees, and a mishmash of flowers, which desperately tried to avoid the shadows, highlighted the otherwise colorless backdrop.

A mishmash of animal sounds, which were caused by prowling animals, brightened up the forest and were backed by the raging river currents clashing against boulders.

In the deepest part of this forest was an isolated lake and in the isolated lake, the ladies were washing themselves.

"Woohoo!"

βαηδα- ηθνε | ·ςθm Saeko swam around the lake like a champion. She was incredibly good at swimming, her speed is also superhuman!

"Jeez! You little girl."

Sera stopped her before lecturing her.

"Saeko, we are here to take a bath, we are not here to swim."

"Ahahaha! I'm well aware of it."

Saeko started scratching the back of her head in embarrassment.

"It's so wide here, I subconsciously started swimming... kya?!"

Saeko moaned all of a sudden.

The reason, someone suddenly grabbed her breasts.

"Haha! I got you!"

The hands on her breasts started massaging them into various shapes. Saeko giggled while twitching in pleasure.

"Ahaha... Gracier... not there... that tickles... ahaha..."

"Oh?..."

Gracier showed her an evil grin. She increased her intensity.

"In other words, Saeko's weakness is over here, right? Hehehe, take my super booby attack!"

"Ahaha... Nooo... Ahahah..."

"Look, ladies..."

Sera observed them for a moment before shaking her head.

"Conserve some energy, don't come to me when you're too weak to even climb back on shore..."

"It's fine! It's fine!"

Gracier waved her off. A thought struck her before a mischievous grin climbed onto her face, she was eyeing Sera's body.

Feeling a chill, Sera stepped back.

"Wh-what are you doing? What's with that grin?"

"Hehehe..."

Gracier released Saeko who almost fainted. Like a dirty old man, she slowly inched closer to Sera.

"Big sister, where is your weakness? I am very curious."

Sera immediately knew what Gracier wanted, her face turned red as she tried to scamper off. However, a pair of tiny hands held her shoulders in place. Sera froze up in surprise.

"In the end, this seems interesting..."

Kuina's pleased face entered Sera's vision. Like Gracier, she's snickering.

"Count me in!"

"Good job! Big sister Kuina!"

Gracier praised her accomplice. She pounced on Sera.

"Keep a super tight grip on her!"

"Hey! Gracier, knock it off... Kuina... stop... Nnn... Nyaaghh..."

Playful giggles echoed across the lake. Saeko was still heaving in exhaustion, Luna supported her less as she sinks into the lake. She watched on while chuckling in joy. It was good to see everyone playing together like this.

Looking at the other side, Artemia, Alice, Noire, and Maria were enjoying the water with their eyes closed and their backs leaning against the cliffs surrounding the lake. Their bountiful breasts lined up as Noire's lips quivered.

"That's an impressive line-up."

Sakuya and Artemia opened their eyes when they heard Noire's sentence.

"Ara ara!"

Sakuya started giggling with a tilted head.

"We are nothing compared to..."

Artemia jutted her chin at a spot somewhere not far away.

"That victor over there..."

Noire also looked over. Her eyelids started twitching!

"Nn~~ This feels so good~"

It was as if Maria intentionally stretched her back, exposing those divine and demonic marshmallows for everyone to see. Those are some lethal weapons she was packing.

"Too bad this isn't a hot spring, there is also no booze to enjoy together with the bath."

"Maria is incredible..."

Alice said with a half-stunned look. She wondered if those massive weapons wouldn't hinder Maria during a fight.

"Truly... impressive..."

Noire nodded expressionlessly.

"If only I am as big as her..."

"Fufu! Noire don't be sad..."

Sakuya started cheering Noire up.

"Small ones are good too, there are men who dig your figure, you know?~"

Noire widened her eyes. She nodded in a daze.

"Is that so?"

"She's probably right..."

Maria chimed in, she revealed a mysterious grin.

"However, I think Alex likes them big."

Noire said nothing.

Near her, Alice lifted her head, she shot a question in excitement.

"Then, if Alice grows up to be as big as Maria, will master love me too?"

"Well..."

Maria gave her question serious thought.

"That should be correct."

"Maria, what kind of example are you trying to set here?"

Artemia bitterly laughed.

"Don't teach them weird stuff..."

"Just telling the truth..."

Maria took out her fan from her item box. She covered her mouth as her eyes flashed with playfulness.

"Artemia, you are self-conscious of your size, no?"

"I..."

The princess wanted to retort but her words got stuck in her mouth. Maria also started laughing while Artemia dived into the water in embarrassment.

"Ugh..."

Sakuya grumbled when she saw the ruckus the other ladies caused.

"Can't take a quiet bath at all, these girls..."

She started making her way over to the shore, attracting the others' attention.

"Eh? You are done already? Sakuya..."

"Yeah..."

She waved her arm.

"I wanted to stay just a while longer but my stomach's making a noise so I am heading out first..."

Luna and Saeko's ears twitched. They immediately made a beeline for the shore.

"Ooooh! Us too! We are hungry too!"

With the three making their way out of the lake, the pile of clothes lit up as the magic crystal throbbed for a second. A light orb expanded as a figure slowly materialized.

The ladies were surprised by the sudden burst of light. Before they could react, the light receded away to reveal the intruder.

Kuina's mother appeared.

"Wow! You girls sure know how to play!" She said flashing them a playful grin.

"Welcome back empress, how was the meeting?" Maria said while approaching Kuina's mother. The latter observed Maria's up and down a few times before crossing her arms.

"Not bad you have the potential."

Maria's mouth twitched but she did not dare to raise a question about what kind of potential Kuina's mother was talking about. She was sure that whatever it was she would suffer under this devil, playing her game, hence Maria ignored her.

"Tch! You are no fun at all. Well, the meeting went well. Follow me let's go eat you must be all very hungry." Kuina's mother declared before stepping across space and vanishing.

Maria exchanged a look with Artemia and the others before nodding, dress magically appeared on their bodies before they teleported back to the castle where they ate dinner.

Kuina was still unconscious but recently she was showing signs of waking up.

After the dinner, Kuina's mother told them how the meeting with the other rulers went, and what they decided. The content of this meeting wasn't that different from the previous one, they mostly discussed the things to do, how to prevent the small skirmish here and there from resulting in a war because it was probably the enemy's goal, there was also the possibility that it was to draw their attention elsewhere while achieving their real purpose.

Once more at the end of the meeting, it was concluded that the best thing to do was to increase their strength, the strength of the few chosen ones for now until Alex succeed in his mission in the Infinity Maze, the core of Bahamut's curse, the curse placed on the world stopping anyone from stepping into the False God realm since that fight against the king of the dragon.

"I see." Maria nodded on behalf of the others, she understood that the rulers had taken this decision and was okay with it. She believed that she would have done the same if she was in their shoes, they should prioritize the elites first of all, it is the best outcome.

"If there's nothing else will we excuse ourselves first, see you tomorrow empress." Maria bowed her head before leaving with the others.

That night every one of them prayed for Alex's success, to quickly come back as they all missed him greatly.

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The following morning in the same forest, same lake.

The calm lake reflected the sunlight like a giant mirror. One would have to squint against intense rays like these. The faint sound of flowing water reverberated wonderfully in one's ears. There must be a stream feeding into this lake.

It was a beautiful day, there are only a few clouds in the sky as the sun rained down at just the right temperature, providing everyone with a warm source of energy. The sun lit up the cliffs overlooking the lake.

There was a golden portal hanging over the lake. The portal rained down clear water into the lake.

Splashing sounds accompanied the spatial ripples of the golden portal. The lake slowly lit up as the clear water suffused the lake.

A miraculous power started acting on the lake. This mysterious power expanded as more and more miraculous water seeped into the lake.

It was clear that the miraculous water caused this strange change in the nature of the lake.

Kuina's mother sighed while pouring what remained of the miracle water reserve into the lake. She got this from the meeting, one of the rewards she was talking about.

She looked at the ladies standing near her.

"You should take off your clothes and dives in. How much you can acquire will depend on your luck and chance, the first effect will be an increase in your mana. Well, the luckiest will have some of their stats increased as well. Go!"

Maria and the others inhaled before undressing to enter the miracle lake.

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At first, they experienced a cooling sensation before an intense feeling of pain followed, however, they endured not letting the pain win.

And soon they experienced another change, this time their consciousness was sent somewhere, almost as if they were having a dream or maybe an illusion. Sakuya was the first one.

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The Far East Empire.

Kyo City, Main Street, commercial complex.

Today, the commercial complex is rowdier than usual, there was so much energy in the air.

Rather, traffic was through the roof here, it looks like pretty much every citizen of this city was here.

Today's the seventh of July.

It's also the day of the Star Festival, also known as Tanabata.

The sun just retreated beyond the horizon. On such an auspicious day, traders and businessmen gunning for people's money brook no delays. The moment the night fell, stalls were already up and running.

To the two sides of the streets were lines upon lines of stalls and shops. The shopkeepers are all calling and promoting their services and promotions. There are Takoyaki stalls, fried noodle stalls, other food outlets, toys, masks, balloons, and various other assortments of festival necessities. They were waiting for the customers to come to scoop up the goods.

It didn't take long for the consumers to come and fill the commercial districts with humans. If a kid or someone short got mixed into this crowd then it would be hard to locate them within the dense crowd.

The exuberant shoppers visited stalls after stalls, despite the slightly higher prices compared to usual times, the shoppers still visited the shops because of the festive mood.

They can only celebrate this occasion once a year, no?

This was especially the case for couples. Intimate couples could be seen engrossing themselves in the festival mood, spending money without due caution. Naturally, the shopkeepers are more than happy to receive their cash.

Granted, the boyfriends who footed the bills are secretly crying inside for the eviscerations of their finances this month.

In any case, this year's Tanabata was very popular.

"Wow~"

Gracier exclaimed after seeing the dense wall of humans crowding the commercial district. It was her first time seeing so many people walking around. She grabbed Alex's hand in excitement.

"Big brother! Look! Look! So many people!"

"Indeed!"

Alex was not a stranger to busy streets. However, the sheer volume of people here was outrageous.

Alex was dazzled by the women wearing Yukatas of various designs.

Also, the ladies around him are in Yukatas.

Gracier was wearing a red wafuku, Sakuya was sporting a black one, Luna wearing a purple yukata, and Saeko was wearing a blue one. Lastly, Maria was in a white Yukata that had floral patterns on it.

Aside from Gracier, the other four ladies had their hair tied up in low buns. The fresh hairstyle and their exquisite beauty combined into a deadly combo.

"The sky just turned dark and the street is already full of people."

Maria chuckled. She warned Gracier and Saeko at the same time.

"There will be more people around the time of the fireworks, we should all keep an eye on each other, and make sure no one gets lost."

"Uwah!"

Maria just finished her speech when Gracier's nose twitched. She closed her eyes and she dashed out in the direction of that smell.

"That smells so good!"

"Alexandra!"

Maria chased after her while Alex bitterly laughed.

"Come, everyone. Let's not lose sight of them."

"More than that, I think you should be worried about your wallet."

Gracier teased Alex with a quick verbal jab.

"Big brother, I'm going to eat so many things, I am genuinely worried you might have to do the dishes to pay off her food debts."

Alex's bitter smile took on a deeper shade of bitterness.

Sakuya observed everything silently as if she was lost in thoughts before shaking her head and approaching Alex.

'Let's enjoy this dream or whatever it is.' She murmured to herself.

She hugged Alex's arm.

"Let's enjoy the festival together!"

"Well, I don't mind doing this."

Alex looked at the wall of moving humans in front of him.

"I still have to help them pay the bills."

"Don't worry about it."

Sakuya continued grinning.

"When Maria left, she also took your wallet with her!"

"Ha?"

Alex rummaged around his pocket only to find an empty void.

"Why that Maria, I must..."

Alex started mumbling.

"How am I going to enjoy the festival like this?! Does she expect me to talk my way through the night?!"

"Ara, I have a bit of cash with me."

Sakuya started using a coquettish voice with him.

"It's not much but it should suffice for the both of us."

"Sorry, Sakuya."

Alex shook his head. He perked himself up after laughing bitterly one more time.

"It's the Tanabata festival, I can't make a lady pay like this, even if she took my wallet, I have my way, let's go."

Sakuya beamed up after listening to Alex. She hugged his arm tighter, pressing her ample bosom up and against his arm.

"I will accept hubby-sama's gracious offer."

Seeing Sakuya's smile, Alex couldn't help but be a bit puzzled and troubled despite the sensation of her breasts pressing against his arm.

Sakuya was not acting normally. He was very familiar with her so he could tell her behavior and expressions are out of the ordinary.

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Judging by her personality, there's a very real chance that she was pranking him. Alex couldn't help but think about her weird antics.

He looked into her beautiful eyes with his similarly enchanting eyes.

Sakuya didn't look away, she just quietly gazed into the windows of his soul.

The two put up a wall of intimacy that isolated the world from their world.

Alex chortled after a short while.

"Okay! Let's go shopping!"

Sakuya's eyes lit up. She practically threw herself into Alex's embrace as she gave his arm a tight squeeze.

"Okay!"

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The boisterous pitches yelled by the traders and the laughter of the jubilant crowd mixed in a chaotic orchestra that touched the high heaven. It's already deep in the night but the crowd isn't thinning out even slightly. Rather, more citizens joined the festivity.

Alex couldn't help but chuckle when he saw the pining looks the gentlemen near Sakuya threw in her direction.

Without even thinking about it, Alex blurted it out.

"Sakuya, you're very beautiful tonight."

The sudden praise surprised Sakuya. She grinned when she finally noticed the attention she was garnering from the crowd around her.

"I am very happy to hear you say that."

She gave the arm she was hugging a tighter squeeze. She giggled like a happy housewife.

"Granted, if you're jealous then that would make me happier."

"Jealous?"

Alex wanted to deny it but he decided to play along when Sakuya squinted her eyes at him.

"Well, maybe just a bit."

"Oh?!"

She placed her index finger on her lips. That cute move touched Alex's heart while making the males around her stumble due to sheer fascination.

Sakuya tilted her head. She used the finger that was just on her lips on Alex's lips.

"Don't worry, I only have feelings for hubby-sama, forever and ever."

Alex paused briefly. He looked straight into Sakuya's eyes.

"What about Maria, Luna, Artemia, and the others?"

Sakuya's eyes flashed before she answered with another question.

"Which one does hubby-sama want to hear? The fake answer or the real answer?"

"I mean..."

Alex shook his head, he gave her a serious expression.

"Naturally, I want to hear your honest thoughts on the matter."

Sakuya had a weird light in her eyes. She turned mum for a second before answering.

"As I said, I only have feelings for you."

Alex also turned taciturn.

He had expected this outcome. Unlike the others who could easily express their feeling, Sakuya who may seem simple was in fact complicated to deal with.

He didn't really understand her past, what she went through but this doesn't matter anymore.

Because the Sakuya who was with him has changed, except with Maria and Luna and Gracier, she seemed reserved.

In this situation, it was hard to get her to open up to the girls around him.

Even so,

"Even so, I want you to live a good life with the other girls."

Alex said, the strong emotion within his wish didn't escape Sakuya's ears who started to understand the purpose of this dream or illusion, whatever you want to call it.

"After all, you're all important existences in my life."

Sakuya's smile froze, the slow realization caused her to retrieve her smile.

She knew the present Alex had seen through her.

Despite that, he still wished for her to open up to the others.

The man she loved the most wanted her to just live happily.

That was the basic message.

He was not the most reliable man when it comes to things like this, heck, he was even too half-assed with his own feelings. But, this man used the warmth hidden in his heart to care for her. He didn't try to force her to do anything.

Hope, huh?

Sakuya giggled.

"I will try harder."

Alex also laughed.

"That's enough for me."

After that, they thoroughly enjoyed the festival, they browsed the stores and Alex got a few good memories of Sakuya showing her innocent self or licking her lips after being exposed to the sight of delicious snacks. She also mesmerized many men with her antics.

At a faraway vacant field, Alex and Sakuya looked up at the brilliant firework show. Judging by the grins on their faces, they had a good time.

Sakuya was especially vibrant with joviality. However, the satisfaction in her eyes was marred by a hint of remorse.

She enjoyed herself tonight.

Perhaps too much, that was why she felt bad about the time left for her.

Time slowly ticked closer to midnight as the fireworks exploded across the sky.

This was the climax of the Tanabata festival, it was also the start of the end.

Her face reflected the iridescent lights of the fireworks. Her already country-ruining beauty took on an even more fantastic beauty, she exuded a silent sense of lethal beauty.

When the fireworks finally ended, Sakuya finally spoke.

"Actually, I am a bit confused."

Alex looked at Sakuya quietly, urging her to go on.

"I got a question I wanted to ask. Is to say I'm curious about your motivation"

She continued without checking Alex's reaction.

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Alex stayed silent for a moment before finally opening his mouth.

"Well, it's simply because I'm greedy, I'll have the best for myself, I'm that greedy, I don't mind few constraints because it's what I desire. I will accept any condition to achieve my goal. I'm staying true to myself that's all."

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Sakuya was still in the lake but because she was overusing the miracle in it, the lake's water had become normal, therefore she quietly left.

Once on the shore, she got dressed before checking her status.

[Sakuya Mio Hishimiya]

Class: Magic Samurai

Age: 19

Female

Race: High Human

Rank 15 [Demigod]

Level 180

Experience Value:??/1M

Magic Power: 17000/17000

Magic: Wind/Dark/Space

Attack: 6100

Defense: 5200

Agility: 5800

Intelligence: 3000

Luck: 2000

BP: 0

SP: 0

Gift: Katana Kaze no Yoroichi

Skills: [Advanced Appraisal Level 8] [Language Comprehension] [Item box Level 6] [Kendo Level Max] [Swordsmanship Level Max] [Iaido Level Level 10] [Wind Art Level 10] [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] [Orc Slayer] [Swordmaster] [Goblin Slayer] [Orochi's Slayer] [Demon Slayer] [Sword Genius]

"Fufufu! Not bad my MP increased by 2000 and some of my stats as well. It's a great harvest if I'm honest. Let's go play with some monsters before the others woke up." Sakuya closed her status window before vanishing. Her blood was boiling and slaughtering monsters would be a good way to calm down.

In the meantime, the others were experiencing various dreams while their bodies were slowly absorbing the miracle water.

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Maria as well as having a dream, a peculiar one, one of her deepest desire she harbored when she was still young in high school, she wanted to be an idol, unfortunately, her father refused saying it was for her good but here she could accomplish this goal.

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Morning, in a certain house somewhere in California.

Lying on the bed, Maria looked into the slowly brightening sky. It was a refreshing morning with chirping birds soaring through the sky. However, this failed to lift Maria's mood, she was still bedeviled by her emotions.

This wasn't a first for her.

The morning was the time when she has to get up and go to school.

She was bad at academics, really bad.

Aside from her voice and her background with few other talents, she had no other talents.

Including studying.

Why would she like to go to school under such a state?

With her current powers, it wouldn't be hard to change her grades. In school, she was also very popular, just like her other idol identity, she enjoyed the attention she got. She might be bad at studying but the popularity evened out the scale.

Forget about school, recent events have made her detest the idea of staying at home or even the stage she longed for in the past.

No, it was not due to her hatred for the stage or her house. Her heart and feelings are in disarray, that's why she lost interest in food and pretty much anything else.

This started a few days ago.

More accurately speaking, it started after a certain male escorted her to the gate of her Highschool college.

Maria couldn't pin down the exact reason she was so anxious. Her heart was as muddled as a muddy puddle after a rainy day. She couldn't decide how she felt about the outcome of her encounter. It was incredibly vexing for her to experience this turmoil.

"Ahhh!!!"

Maria used her blanket to cover herself. She shrieked.

"It's all that detestable man's fault! Men are dirty creatures. Just touching them felt suffocating, this is why I am so annoyed, I hate him!"

Maria's intoxicating voice echoed inside her blanket. She felt very annoyed.

"Ugh... I don't want to go to school..."

She threw away her blanket.

"No, staying at home will just frustrate me further. At least, when I am at school, cute toys are there with me!"

Maria bounced off her bed before she started changing.

She departed to her Highschool college, an all-girls high school.

"Maria!"

"Maria!"

"It's Maria!"

"Uwa! So beautiful!"

In a sailor uniform that is also this all-girls High's uniform. Maria walked while showering in the praise and attention given by the students along the way. She also started grinning as her stress slowly faded away.

As expected, coming here was the right choice.

She praised herself for doing this. She was feeling better now. She waved back at the girls who welcomed her like crazy fangirls.

Maria arrived at her classroom. Servant-like girls waited in an organized line near her seat.

If this was any other school, she would have been seen as a showoff, earning the disdain of other students. But, here, this was considered normal.

They are all her followers. They also know about Maria's true identity as an idol.

It was unknown if her fans are genuine fans or mind-controlled by Maria's shadow organization.

"Big sister Maria."

A lady stood out as she addressed Maria respectfully.

"May I have some of your time my Lady?"

"Of course, I don't mind."

Maria looked out the window nonchalantly.

"What's the matter?"

"Today's fan-letter reading day!"

The girl could see Maria was not in a good mood. She brought out a huge box of letters.

"Do you want me to read them or would my Lady like to read it herself?"

"No need."

"I am not in the mood to read letters today. I am putting you girls in charge of the fan letters."

"Ah!"

The followers didn't expect this reaction from Maria.

Maria just debuted half a year ago. In this span of time, she transformed into a very popular rising star, easily climbing to the same level as long-established stars. Although her fans are all females, she still has a solid following.

Naturally, she gets fan letters on a regular basis.

She delegated the letters to her followers because it sounds like a chore to read letters every day. So, she picked a day out of the week to read all the letters. She never stopped this for anyone.

It was the first time her followers heard her saying she was not in the mood for fan letters.

"My Lady..."

The follower felt a bit troubled.

"Do you truly not want to read them?"

"No means no!"

In the past, Maria only slightly told her followers off, doing so with poise and elegance. However, her ruffled feathers caused her to raise her voice against her follower. This shocked the follower greatly.

Maria sighed before turning her head the other way.

"Just handle the letters for me"

"Okay!"

The follower backed away with her box of letters. Another student approached Maria.

"My Lady, there are some fans who requested a concert, what do you think?"

Maria was interested in the suggestion.

"This sentiment is shared by many fans?"

"It appears so, my lady..."

The follower was excited to see a positive reaction.

"My lady's concert got canceled due to an accident, right? All the fans said they wanted you to host another one."

"Concert canceled? They said it was an accident?"

A few days ago?

Wasn't that around the same time she met that man?

An accident?

The concert was going just fine until she fought that man. The subsequent attacks destroyed the venue and she also got taken away by that man.

Right, he said something about erasing the memories of her fans, right?

Was that the fake excuse they placed in the minds of her fans?

Her heart started going chaotic again when she recalled that guy's smiling face.

'Ugh, whatever, let's do another concert, it's probably a good change of pace.'

"Okay!"

Maria roamed her icy blue eyes over her fans.

"The concert is in three days' time. Spread the words through my official fan page, I will settle the rest."

"Understood, my Lady!"

Maria nodded. She was about to make arrangements for the concert when a piece of paper fell from her pocket. The paper landed on the floor.

Raising an eyebrow, she picked up the paper and her beautiful face stiffened.

The paper had a number on it.

'Call me when you need a supporter when you need a believer, even if you lost your voice, when you feel like singing, just ring me up.'

She recalled that memory subconsciously, her heart started racing.

Slowly, she took out her phone and started slowly tip the number written on it.

Maria was too immersed in this dream already, just because she wished to fulfill that unfilled dream of hers.