

## Death Guns 251

Chapter 251 - 246: Birthday

"After learning who I really am. Do you still want to date me?"

"I do. It doesn't matter how you are, how many people you have killed, how many more you will kill in the future. I like you and decided to make you mine no matter what. You may be the Death Goddess; I don't care. I have already made up my mind; Sera Wexon will be my woman one day." Alex proudly declared.

Looking at the man who had not killed half of the people she killed, say these words made some unknown emotions rise inside her heart which in turn made her heartbeat quickened. She tried to calm down her emotions quickly.

[[Tch! When it comes to saying good words to trap women, Master, you are pretty good at it.]] Silveria commented.

'Well, it will be a waste on you.' Alex responded.

[[What that mean?]] Silveria asked, furious. It was clear that Alex's words hurt her pride.

'Better figure out by yourself.' Alex said, not continuing to entertain Silveria any longer. The latter couldn't only pout at her master's harsh treatment.

Finally, Sera talked, "I see. I thought you would have given up after learning who I am, but I guess I underestimate your determination. It's good to be determined. However, I will only go on a date with you only after you become stronger than me."

[[Pft! Hahaha...]]

Silveria burst into laughter just after Sera announced her condition.

Alex's complexion sank; he hadn't expected Sera to impose such a condition. It was only a date, not a big deal; it wasn't like he asked her to kiss him, so why such a condition was imposed? He couldn't understand, but he couldn't refuse either because he may lose the chance to walk into her heart further.

Gritting his teeth, Alex answered, "I understand."

Sera's eyes widened; she was caught off guard; she was not really serious. However, seeing Alex's determination, she decided to continue to pretend.

"That's good to hear. I shall be waiting then. It's getting late. I must go back."

Sera said and stood up; however, just as she was about to leave, she stopped as if she just remembered something important; she tilted her head back and dropped a bomb.

"By the way, I'm Rank 12 a shy away from Rank 13. You have to do your best to catch up and surpass me. Fufufu! See you."

Alex, who was standing, faltered, almost falling face-first to the ground.

"She's not serious, is she?" Alex tried to find solace through Silveria's denial. However, he was bound to be disappointed.

[[Pretty much serious, she is Level 119, 3 more levels, and she will become what they call Saint in this world.]] Silveria announced.

Alex sucked in a breath of fresh air. He sat down and slumped into his chair; he felt compelled to massage his forehead.

"I still have a long way to go to catch up. I wonder how older she is? I thought she is just older than me by one or two years. Guess I was wrong, maybe she is older than-"

Sera's voice cut off Alex's words; her voice rings directly into his ears.

"By the way, I was joking. We will go on a date after you come back from your excursion. It would be best if you used this opportunity to quickly get stronger as I believe that a storm is coming. You will need strength, strength to survive, to protect those dears to you. And one last thing, it's rude to talk about woman's age behind her back."

Sera's voice disappeared after saying those words; Alex heaved a sigh of relief. Sera must have used an extraordinary method to send her voice directly to his ears; maybe this is related to the Wind element? Alex thought. His guess was pretty accurate.

Silveria, who manifested her body outside, sat across him.

"Happy, aren't we?" She teased him.

Alex refused to entertain her; he was lost in thoughts.

Seeing Alex not responding to her words, Silveria pouted before starting to eat an ice cream she had just summoned.

A few minutes passed, Alex decided that it was now time for him to return.

"Let's go back."

"No, let wait a little bit."

Surprisingly Silveria refused to go back, at least not yet. Confused, Alex was about to ask her what game she was playing; however, before he could open his mouth, Silveria had already raised her next question.

"What do you think Lucifer is after? I mean, what is the thing is after? Maybe a woman? Something to make him more powerful?"

Alex is no fool; he knew what kind of game Silveria was playing, she wants to keep him occupied. As for why he didn't know, however, he had the impression that soon he will find out.

In the meantime, he decided to play with her.

"I do not think what Lucifer is after is related to woman; however, I do think what he wants may help him increase his strength," Alex explained.

"I see. I can't wait to snatch that thing. I wonder how kind of face he would make after learning that we stole his thing?"

"Let's get that thing first." He said.

Silveria nodded, but her expression changed, becoming unsightly because Alex just stole her ice cream.

"I have noticed that when it comes to your ice cream, you don't like to share with others. How greedy can you be?"

"Indeed, delicious. Thank you, snatched food tasted better, I guess." Alex shamelessly proclaimed.

Silveria's eyes were bloodshot. If a look could kill, Alex would have been dead a thousand times already.

Taking a deep breath, she calmed down her raging emotions; she secretly vowed to take her revenge on Alex later; if today weren't a special day, she would have-, 'Let's not think about it.' she thought.

Alex had been observing Silveria's reaction, seeing that she could restraint her anger, he chuckled.

After spending another hour chitchatting, the two departed.

Outside, Night fell.

The last radiance of the sun vanished underneath the horizon, only to be replaced by darkness that shrouded the world. The clouds drifting in the air were also smeared in a dark hue. However, the capital looked as if it was daytime.

Alex walked to his villa while admiring the scenery around him, and soon he was in front of his villa.

However, he soon froze because everything was dark as if all lights were switched off. If he were not sure that this was his house, he would have walked away.

Taking a deep breath, Alex proceeds to enter the dark villa; he knocked twice; however, there was no response. He then pushed the door open, and suddenly, the whole villa brightened.

"Happy birthday, Alexander."

Alex was rooted on the spot. In front of him were his friends and employees; they all had a gentle smile on their faces. There was a giant cake in the middle of the hall, all types of food on the tables.

Leon approached his frozen friend and wrapped his arms around his shoulder, and dragged Alex with him.

"Happy birthday, my friend. May you live a long life filled with thrill, and I sincerely hope that I can stay beside you until the end as your brother, of course."

Alex smiled, "I sincerely hope so too."

He had forgotten that today was his birthday if he follows Earth's calendar.

"Welcome back, Lex, and Happy birthday." Luna approached Alex; Leon hastily separated from him, tiptoeing. Luna kissed Alex in everyone.

Wrapping his arms around her slender waist, Alex reciprocated with a quick french kiss. Luna flushed red because she didn't expect Alex to be this daring.

Laughing heartily, Alex welcomed his sister in his free arm before greeting the others.

Naturally, Maria, Sakuya was present, Ferris, Eris, Kuina were also present. Surprisingly, Artemia was present as well.

"Happy birthday. May you celebrate a lot more birthday from now on, and may you never lose your smile."

"Thank you, princess. I'm happy to have you all here today. It made me realize how lucky I am to have you all. May this friendship last as long it can. Cheers," Alex said and raised his glass.

"Cheers!!!"

The others also raised their glass and cheered.

After cutting and eating the cake, Leon and the others surrounded Alex; Leon was the first to tease him.

"I never expected Alex to be younger than us."

"Me too."

Eris, Ferris, and Kuina said in unison.

It was today that Alex learned that Leon and others were older than him by one year. Because they all had artifact on them that makes impossible to appraise them.

"Alex is now 18, isn't it?" Sakuya asked; from her tone, it was sure that she was drunk. However, when Luna and Maria wanted to drag her to sleep, she refused, saying she was not drunk.

'You are drunk, though.' Alex mumbled when he saw her.

After celebrating for a while, Artemia excused herself, followed by Kuina, Ferris, and Eris.

Leon was last to leave, and before leaving, he winked at his friend.

"I hope your waist is strong enough to take them on."

If Alex couldn't understand what he meant, he would be a fool.

"Scram."

Alex bellowed while kicking the latter. Leon dodged Alex's kick and left while laughing.

Chapter 252 - 247: Sakuya

After Leon teased and ran away, the latter returned inside to see Sakuya still refusing to go to sleep.

Maria and Luna had a helpless look on their faces as they don't know how to deal with a drunken Sakuya. Maria had tried several times to sneak behind Sakuya and knock her out, but strangely Sakuya could dodge Maria's strike at the last moment.

Gracier was brought to her room as she was feeling sleepy.

Luna and Maria noticed Alex's arrival, as well as Sakuya; she was wobbling on her feet.

Pointing into a random direction, she ordered,

"Alexander, come here. Don't you hear me? I said to come here."

Maria and Luna facepalmed; Alex sighed and said,

"I'm not in that direction; I'm on your right. Please sleep already; you must be tired with everything you've done tonight."

Sakuya pursed her lips; it was apparent that she didn't want to go.

Suddenly, Sakuya's eyes brightened, and immediately Maria had a bad feeling, she knew she must stop Sakuya before she said something she shouldn't have.

"You know Alexa said-"

The moment Sakuya opened her mouth to speak, Maria sprung forward and sent a deadly kick toward Sakuya's head. Everything happened too fast, and when Alex got a clear picture of what was happening, Sakuya had leaned backward, her back almost touching the ground. Gently, she let herself fall to the ground before rolling to the other side and stood up after sensing no more threat.

"Tch!"

Maria clicked her tongue, visibly annoyed that her attack had missed its target.

Alex felt compelled to massage his forehead. He wanted to open his mouth; however, Sakuya spoke first.

"Ah! I forgot what I was about to say. Whatever, Alexander, where are you? Didn't I asked you to come over?"

Silveria was doing her best to hold back her laughter. However, you could see that she was almost at her limit because of her shoulders; they were shaking.

Like the others, she knew that today was Alex's birthday; they had planned a surprise for him; however, what Silveria hadn't thought was the scene happening right now. If previously you had asked her if, between the three, which one is likely to get drunk first, Silveria would have without pointed at Luna as she appears weak when it comes to alcohol. Yet, unexpectedly it was Sakuya who got drunk; first, she didn't even drink half of what the other two had drunk, especially Luna; she ended up being a heavy drinker than the other two.

"It's so fun to watch this scene. It makes one forgot everything, forgot about revenge, forget about all painful thing." Silveria quietly mumbled to herself. There was a smile on her face, and unlike all the previous times, this smile was a genuine one, free of any restraint.

Too focused on Sakuya, the others didn't take notice of Silveria's smile.

Rubbing his forehead, Alex approached Sakuya and tried to get to sleep; however, just as he was about to touch her, he heard the girl's warning.

"Don't touch her."

However, it was already too late, before Alex's hand could touch Sakuya's shoulders, it got repelled by a strong wind and,

Bang!

In the next moment, Alex found himself back against the ground.

"What the."

He couldn't believe what just happened, one moment he was about to touch Sakuya, however, his hand couldn't even touch her clothes, and the next thing was him lying on the ground.

Like a child that succeeds in pranking, Sakuya giggled before lowering her body to look at Alex in the eyes. She seemed unbothered by the fact that because of the short skirt she wore, her purple panty was revealed.

'How mature and at the same time I see don't expect less from the mature looking Sakuya.' Alex had this irrelevant thought.

He quickly threw those nonsensical thoughts to the back of his head and locked eyes with the black-haired beauty that was looking down on him. He couldn't help but gulp up this close, and undoubtedly because of her current state, Sakuya appeared more beautiful than usual; her misty black eyes were captivating; it sucks you in.

Both locked eyes for a moment without saying a word, in that instant, it was as if the two had built a perfect link between them, silver and black got mixed with green to create new, something that made Alex's body shudder with excitement and before he could dwell further into that sensation the link got broken by Sakuya.

The corners of Sakuya's mouth lifted into a smile, a sadistic smile. The moment Alex noticed this smile, he couldn't help but shudder; he believes that whatever Sakuya would say, he wouldn't like it.

At the same time that Sakuya's opened her mouth, Luna was sneaking behind her.

"Lex, let's me step on you, okay?" Sakuya said, still wearing that sadistic smile on her lips; she was not joking.

"What?" Alex couldn't help but blurt out.

Maria closed her eyes and sighed while Silveria burst into laughter when suddenly,

BANG!

Luna, who had sneaked behind Sakuya, gave the latter a hard chop on the back of her head just enough to knock Sakuya out; and it worked as Sakuya didn't sense Luna's presence at all. Luna was like a perfect assassin.

Sakuya, who got knocked out, fell on Alex's chest. Smiling, Luna caught the now unconscious Sakuya by the neck and dragged her out; halfway through the door, she looked back and said to Alex.

"Forget what just happened; it was because Sakuya was drunk."

Maria, who had joined Luna to help her drag Sakuya to one of the free rooms, nodded toward him as if to say better follow Luna's advice.

Still lying on the ground, Alex shook his head while muttering, "Like hell, I will believe that."

By now, Luna and Maria had disappeared. After standing up, Alex stared at Silveria, who was still laughing.

"Laughing too much will hurt your stomach, you know?" Alex said, his head cocked to the side.

And instead of stopping, Silveria burst into laughter again; that gesture looks girly from Silveria's point of view.

After laughing hard for a while, Silveria stopped, and with a serious expression, she said.

"Sakuya is sure interesting. Don't you think too, Master?"

To Silveria's question, Alex chose to ignore her royally. While he was surprised by Sakuya's sudden behavior, he knew she was a sadist, but to what extent he doesn't know. He would need to find out.

'Hopefully, it's not too serious.' Alex hoped.

Seeing that Alex was not planning to respond to her, Silveria decided to drop the matter. While Alex might believe that Sakuya's case wasn't serious, he would soon find out how wrong he was.

Shaking her head, Silveria opened her mouth,

"Happy birthday, Master. May you never lose your gentle side no matter what happens."

"Thank you. I have forgotten that it was today. Sincerely speaking with everything that is in my mind celebrating my birthday was the last thing to think about. Thankfully, I have you all with me; you remind me that I must celebrate this day no matter what. I appreciated it. By the way, where is your birthday?"

Silveria's expression became blank when she heard Alex's question; she wondered how long it has been? Fifty thousand years? Hundred thousand? Too many things happened, so much that she had forgotten if she had once celebrated her birthday.

Seeing the myriad of emotions that appeared on Silveria's face, Alex sighed and wondered once again, what is her story? Their story?

If one day he will have the chance to listen to their story? The full story of everything that happened since the beginning. He was fully aware that now wasn't the time. He could force her, but he was sure that the person who has put restriction on them had thought about such possibility, the possibility of him forcing them to reveal everything they know, and Alex believed that he must have prepared countermeasures against it.

'How bothersome.' Alex couldn't help but think inside his head.

"Forget it." He said to Silveria.

Silveria was brought back to reality due to Alex's voice. She knew that he must have decided to drop the matter by consideration for her, warmth feeling coursed through her chest.

Smiling, Silveria proposed, "Master, will you choose a day that will become my birthday from now on?"

Alex's widened when he heard Silveria's words. His lips curled up to form a smile, "Are you sure?"

Silveria nodded her head to indicate that she was okay with him selecting a new day to celebrate her birthday.

"Good, I will select a day, but you will have to call me Big brother first." Alex decided to tease her.

It was now Silveria's turn to widen her eyes as she hadn't expected such a condition; she crossed her arms and refused to acknowledge Alex as her Big brother. How can she acknowledge someone not even half of her age as her big brother? There's no she would do something like that, especially knowing what awaits her if she ever did something like that.

The two stayed in deadlock for a while before Alex chuckled and declared.

"Forget it; I'm joking anyway. Let's postpone the matter of selecting a new day for your birthday until I succeed in unsealing your sister. We will decide on a date if I succeed, until then, please wait."

Once again, Silveria was surprised, but this time she was pleasantly surprised; she was not the only one, though, sitting chained against the black stone throne; Silveria's sister widened her eyes.

Outside, Silveria smiled and responded, "Sure, I do not mind."

Chapter 253 - 248: One Question

At the same time, while Alex and Silveria were busy talking, Luna, who just put Sakuya on the bed, sat down next to her and heaved a sigh.

"Alex almost got to know the real Sakuya."

"Well, he will eventually know one day. I have a headache; just by thinking about it." Maria, who was sitting on the opposite said.

Luna observed Maria for a while. Others may think it is hard to read Maria's emotions due to her natural cold face, but as a friend who grew up with her, Luna could read Maria's emotions to some extent.

"Are you feeling jealous that I'm the first?" Luna asked.

"Yes, I'm a little bit jealous, and I think it's because I wanted to be the first even though I knew he is your childhood sweetheart. I can't help it but want to be his first, it's kinda selfish, but I guess women are selfish creatures, to begin with."

Luna nodded. It seemed that after getting engaged to Alex, she noticed the look of envy in Maria's and Sakuya eyes.

"I understand how you feel. I'm jealous of you as well. You made him agree to your condition. It's because of you we are together. If he didn't like you seriously, I don't think he would accept such a



condition. Somehow it could be said you got him first. It's natural to feel jealous; if not, it would have been odd."

To Luna's words, Maria nodded in understanding.

"I guess you're right. Fufufu! You may have taken his first times; however, I will be his queen, I will manage the Harem." Maria declared, from her words, she had no intention of backing down from this position.

Having no desire whatsoever for this position, Luna shrugged her shoulders. However, there is something she wished to make clear.

"We should limit the number of women Alex will have. What do you think about Artemia and Lilith?"

"From Lilith, I feel no threat, but from the princess, I feel threatened for some reason. However, I double-checked it seems she doesn't like Alex; however, she is curious about him, and you know better than me it is a matter of time for a curious woman to fall for the target of her curiosity. I hope it won't happen in this case. She's the smart type, hard to control, so I wouldn't want her to be in the Harem as I feel that she may threaten my position, but logically we can use her, her status. Nobody will try to mess up with humanity's strongest empire Third princess's man." Maria explained how she felt about Luna's question.

"I see, you have thought that far. Well, I don't think anything will happen soon, so better focus on what is ahead right now. I want you to change that manager, that golden-haired man. My instincts are warning about him being unclear, as for why I don't know. It's just a gut feeling." Luna said. If she knew that she was not the only one to find that man suspicious, she would be shocked.

After she heard her friend's warning, Luna considered for a moment before saying.

"Like you, I also find his presence repulsive, and I was searching for a way to make him leave. I will do it; however, it won't be easy as he did great work through the years, almost flawless. Well, I will think of a reason to chase him away." Maria promised. Because of the golden-haired man's popularity, it would be troublesome if they didn't have a good reason to chase him, it might make the other employees dissatisfied if why Maria hadn't acted, same goes for Alex. Some employees may decide to follow the man if he was chased without a proper reason. As a newbie, it would be hard to find some new employees because the other restaurants in the vicinity were eyeing them, ready to swallow them after the switch of the owner.

'What a headache. We need this restaurant to fund our future activities. Adventuring only without a good activity to increase the money earned would be a waste.' Maria mumbled and became lost in thoughts.

Luna watched her friend lost in thoughts; she knew she must be thinking of a way to help her man, help their family to live a better life. She may not be wise as Maria, strong as Sakuya, but she has a role to play, an essential role; she must increase her strength to the extent that she can almost heal any injury, restore stamina when the others get tired. This is her role, the role of a cleric, the role of the Saintess; she would be their extra life.

While the two of them were lost in thoughts, on the other side, Alex and Silveria continued with their talk.

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"I do not mind," Silveria responded. Alex's proposition caught her off, but it was a pleasant surprise.

"Because today is my birthday, won't you grant me a wish?" Alex suddenly said this.

Silveria's lips lifted into a smile; she expected this question.

"I see. I will grant you one wish. Ask one question. No matter what question you ask, I will answer honestly." Silveria said with an earnest face.

Alex stayed silent; he started to ponder what kind of question he should ask. Having the right to ask only one question, he ought to ask a question that can help him understand a little bit what kind of mess he was getting himself into. He has far less information to picture the whole thing.

'What should I ask? Her real identity? That won't do. Then what about the real enemy they fought and lost against it? I don't think I can handle the answer, at least not yet. Then what about this world? Huh! This world? Hehehe! I know what I should ask.'

In a minute, numerous questions went through Alex's mind; Silveria watched in the side, not pushing him to ask his question; she knew he must carefully consider what kind of question he would ask.

'Well, it doesn't matter as he has the right to ask a single question.' She thought while waiting for Alex's question.

"I want to know if someone is controlling the one responsible for the curse placed on Mysthia's world?"

It was a gamble.

"That dragon?" She blurted out without even realizing that her voice was loud.

"So, it's a dragon, the one responsible," Alex mumbled. His gamble paid off, and he got a rather valuable piece of information; he now knows what he would be facing in the not-so-far future.

"Huh!?"

It finally dawned on her that she got tricked.

"Master, you tricked me." She pouted.

Shrugging his shoulders, Alex replied, "It's your fault for getting tricked. By the way, you haven't responded to my question. I'm still waiting, you know?"

"Ugh!" Silveria grunted.

She knew there is no way to extricate herself from this situation unless she answered Alex's question, she had promised. It was her fault for getting tricked; she shouldn't have listened adequately to her master's question instead of getting flustered and saying something other than answering the question asked.

"Yes, the probability is high." Silveria finally answered.

"I see," Alex murmured; he didn't continue to ask more questions as he knew he wouldn't get anything even if he were to ask. He was lucky to have earned two answers instead of one. Well, luck did play a part in what happened, but it was because he was smarter while raising his question.

'Humph! At least you know when to stop.'

Silveria harrumphed when she saw that Alex did not raise any more questions after getting her answer.

"How strong do you think Artemia will become if she succeeds in making her Gift complete?" Alex asked this after taking a bit of the remaining birthday cake.

"I can only give you a rough estimate. I think if she succeeds, she may become Rank 10 or at least Rank 9," Silveria answered; she said this because she believes that the other party of Artemia's Gift might contain a sealed power, this power will be transformed into levels (XP) after entering Artemia's body.

And there's the most important thing to know, which is Artemia's body must be strong enough to contain the power sealed in the other half of her Gift.

'Well, considering how thoughtful that girl is, she must have prepared everything.' Silveria thought.

"Your answer is within my calculations. Well, in this trip, I need to surpass her or at least be at the same level as her." Alex declared, his fighting spirit got ignited; Artemia was like a rival he must surpass; she was not the only one, though; there is Leon and others.

If he wants to be their leader, he must be ahead of them in terms of strength. Strangely, he thought like this; it was the first this type of thinking entered his mind.

"Do you your best. I'm here; use me the way you want, as you see fit I won't complain." She declared with a serious expression.

Silveria's words made Alex's face twitch; she didn't have to word it like that; it sounds weird.

"I shall take my leave. Good night, master." Silveria said before vanishing; she acted as if she did not understand how ambiguous her previous declaration sounds.

"Good night too," Alex said before he decided to go outside to take in some fresh air.

#### Chapter 254 - 249: An Unexpected Visitor

After spending few minutes outside, Alex went back to his room to sleep. Luna and Maria slept in the same room as Sakuya, too tired after tonight's event.

The next day morning, Maria and Sakuya returned to their mansion. Sakuya's expression remained unchanged as if what happened last night didn't happen; Alex didn't pursue the matter either.

One hour after Maria and Sakuya left, Alex got an unexpected visitor.

Alex, who was inside his library reading some in-depth information about the monsters inside dungeons, got startled when he heard that the second princess came to visit him.

"What are you going to do?" Gracier asked; like her brother, she was also reading some pieces of information about the dungeon's ecosystem, and she was aware of the past that existed between her brother and the second princess.

She was not the only one, though; Luna was also present in the library; she closed the book she was reading and removed her glaze before looking at Alex in silence. She was curious about what Alex would do.

"Hah! I will see her." Alex finally decided after taking a deep breath. Judging by the butler's expression, the princess wouldn't go without seeing him.

"I will be right back, girls," Alex announced before leaving the library.

"Do you think it's a good thing for a brother to go? What if the princess came with bad intentions?" Gracier couldn't help but ask this question; she closed her book; she was not in the mood to continue reading. Currently, she was more concerned about the reason for the princess's visit.

"Relax, I doubt the second princess came with bad intentions." Luna calmed Gracier.

"She is probably here in the hope of mending her broken relationship with Alex to get a fresh start. Obviously, her end goal must be to have Alex work for her, join her faction like Leonardo and others; however, she won't say anything because she knows that Alex will not accept, she would try to win him over slowly." Luna added how she saw things.

Gracier nodded her head, having finally understood what was going on.

"Brother should chase that vixen away," Gracier said as she doesn't like the fact that her brother being used.

Luna chuckled when she heard Gracier's words; she had expected such a reaction.

"You are right, but better have a lot of allies than enemies. Besides, the relationship between them hadn't gotten to the point that they would become mortal enemies. Your brother is smart; I don't think he will let himself get used." Luna explained.

Gracier couldn't only wait for Alex to come back to tell them how the meeting went.

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Meanwhile, Alex was walking toward the reception room where the princess was waiting.

Silveria had materialized and was walking beside him.

"What are you going to do? Outright refuse her?" She asked; the two knew why the second princess came.

"Let's hear what she has to say. Honestly, speaking I want to chase her away, but I controlled myself and decided to see her. I will make my decision after hearing what she has to say." Alex said before entering the reception room; Silveria had already disappeared.

When Alex entered the room, his eyes quickly swept through the room to finally land on the blue-haired woman sitting gracefully on the sofa; behind this woman stood a guard; he had a cold expression, his

posture was straight like a sharpened spear. Even though he stood there, he was emitting an intense pressure that only Experts would emit.

The man in silver armor gave Alex and glance, then a bow before vanishing from the room.

Alex wasn't surprised when this happens as he had the feeling that it must be the princess order.

"Morning, princess."

Alex said after sitting across the second princess; the latter smiled before saying,

"Good morning Alexander. Happy birthday, by the way."

Alex only nodded his head; he was not surprised that Katherina knew that yesterday was his birthday; she must have gotten the information somewhere, and Alex was too lazy to ask where she got that information from.

"What brings your highness here?" Alex went straight to the point; there's no need to beat around the bush; it was a waste of time.

Seeing Alex's unwelcome expression, Katherina sighed before sipping the tea that one of Alex's servants served.

"I'm here from us to start anew. To build a good relationship." Katherina declared.

Alex snickered, "What for?"

"I believe that we must join hands, or at least be on good terms, like that it would be easy to forms an alliance in the future. Unlike others, you are smart, the general populace might not be aware, but a storm is brewing. There's some unusual movement coming from the demon continent. Who knows, maybe another Demon King was on the rise. We must be united, not fighting each other." Katherina explained.

Alex wore a slight smile on his face, not stopping her; he just watched her talk.

"I know that I made a mistake on our first meeting. But is there anybody that never makes a mistake? I don't think so. We all make a mistake at some point of time in our life. If you know what you did wrong and correct it, I think it's a good thing. I made a blunder, and now I'm trying to correct it. My previous approaches may have lacked sincerity. However, my coming here today can attest to how sincere I am. So, I hope you can consider my words sincerely."

"Heh? Do you think that everything can be erased so easily? Didn't you send some assassins after me? When I was still in Eria's city, if not because of Elseria's protection, there will not be an end to the amount of trouble I would have faced. Now, you want me to forget everything? Cut the crap. Don't joke with me." Alex bellowed, a powerful pressure was emitted from his body, going straight toward Katherina.

The latter didn't do anything; just before the pressure could crash against her, it got dispersed by her aura.

Alex may appear cold on the outside; however, inside, he was surprised; his earlier outburst was because he had a goal in mind, as he couldn't appraise the princess; he decided to use this method to gauge the latter power and what he found surprised. At the same time, he didn't know her exact level; she was without at Rank 10.

"I understand your words. While I asked none of them to make things difficult for you, it was, in fact, because of me they acted to please me. As for the matter concerning the assassination attempt you suffered on your way here, I'm sorry about it."

Surprisingly, Katherina bowed slightly when she was saying these words. Alex was surprised beyond as he hadn't expected Katherina to bow to him out of the blue.

He was not the only one surprised by the current situation; the silver armored man who was hiding was surprised as well; he couldn't help but ask himself if Alex was worth it. However, he was soon forced to reconsider this question when he recalled the boy's frightening connections. One of them was looking at him; even though the man couldn't locate where Silveria was, he knew she had her Aura locked on him; if he makes any wrong move, he didn't know what would happen. No, strong as he is, the man doubts if he could win if he were to confront Alex's master.

'How troublesome.' the silver armored man muttered.

"Sigh! Raise your head, princess."

On the other side, Alex was forced to say this as it appears that if he didn't say anything, Katherina wasn't planning to raise her head.

Katherina lifted her head, and with a thin smile on her lips, she asked,

"So, will you accept my offer? Let's start anew."

"What is your real goal? There's no way you just came here to make peace with me."

Instead of answering her, Alex proceeds to ask Katherina's true motivation for visiting him.

Katherina chuckled and said, "You are smart, so you know the answer. I may have another goal in mind, but I sincerely wish to make peace with you, to start anew on good terms. Well, nobody does anything without a goal in mind. You coming here is because you have a goal in mind. Let's take, for example, your earlier outburst; you did it with a goal in mind; am I wrong?"

Alex's face stayed impassive; he refused to say a word; his silence was a form of acknowledgment.

"I understand everything you have said. While I may not like you, I understand that it's better to have many allies than enemies. Sigh! I have suffered too much at your--"

Katherina didn't let Alex finish his words before clicking her fingers; a beautiful black pair of boots appeared in front of them, there was a small design of wings carved on the boots.

"Because yesterday was your birthday, and I couldn't participate in, I brought you a gift," Katherina announced before placing the boots on the table.

A beautiful smile appeared on Alex's face when he saw the black boots.

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"Because yesterday was your birthday, and I couldn't participate in, I brought you a gift," Katherina announced before placing the boots on the table.

A beautiful smile appeared on Alex's face when he saw the black boots.

"You should have started from there, princess."

Alex said and picked up the boots and expected it; the speed with which he picked the boots startled Katherina and the silver armored man. The man wondered how shameless Alex could be; the moment he saw the boots, his expression did a 360-degree change, his eyes started to shine.

'Well, I can understand how he feels knowing the origin of that boots. Hah! To think the princess will give away such family treasure.' The man lamented, even he felt envious when he saw the black boots.

「Wow! Master, it seems you have gotten a rather lovely gift; how generous of Katherina. We shall forgive her and become her friend. As a friend, she must share her treasures with us. Fufufu! I can wait to get my hand on what she has.」 Silveria declared, unlike Alex, who hadn't appraised the black boots, she had done it and knew it was not average treasure.

Alex's lips twitched when he heard Silveria's shameless words; he wondered where she has learned to be that shameless. Fortunately, he didn't ask her anything. If not, Silveria would have rolled her eyes at him before pointing at him, saying he was the culprit.

Alex's eyes widened with shock when he saw the description of the black boots.

[Sleipnir

Grade: SS

Increase the wearer's agility by 200 points.

Special abilities:

- Auto-repair
- Fly: Ability to temporarily fly. (Sealed)]

Alex almost whistled when he saw Sleipnir's description; however, what disappointed him was that Sleipnir's most important ability was sealed. Alex wondered what happened and how can he unsealed it. He was instead getting fed up with sealed things.

As if Katherina could read Alex's mind, she said.

"I hope you like my Gift. As you have seen it, Sleipnir's ability is sealed; however, you don't have to worry according to theory, it can be unsealed with the blood of a Dragon."

"A dragon?" Alex asked, eyes filled with disbelief; he almost shouted. 'You must be kidding me. Must I slay a dragon before unsealed? What kind of bad joke is this?'

However, he refrained from saying these words.

Unaware of what going through Alex's mind, Katherina continued,

"Well, I said theory, but only dragon blood can unseal Sleipnir. We have tried with lesser dragon blood: wyvern blood, but while we managed to unseal it, it was only temporary. From that experiment, we concluded that only higher-rank dragon blood could successfully unseal it. You may be able to find a ranked dragon inside a dungeon. I have the feeling that you can unseal Sleipnir and reveal to the world how amazing it is."

Alex didn't say anything, still holding them; he could feel a warm breeze coming from the boots cover his hand; it became lighter. Even though Sleipnir's special ability was sealed, it was still op enough, an increase of 200 points on agility stat is not a joking matter. Also, there's the fact that Sleipnir was SS grade treasure, the same grade as Loki. The highest grade a treasure could reach in Mysthia's world.

"Thank you. I appreciate the gift." Alex sincerely declared. He wasn't ungrateful; when you get something better, thank the person who gave it to you no matter how much you dislike this person.

Katherina waved her hand, "I'm glad you like it. While this can compensate for everything you went through, take it as the token of my sincerity. I hope to form a good relationship with you, a relationship-"

"I won't work for you like Leonardo. It will never happen, so better drop that idea. We are not enemies anymore. However, it doesn't mean we are now allies. It may happen in the future. All I can promise at the moment is that I won't intervene in your life; I won't find trouble with you." Alex cut Katherina off before she could continue any further; both knew what the other wants.

"Ugh! I understand." Katherina was forced to surrender, for the moment, that is. Today's goal could be considered accomplished. While she hadn't succeeded in making Alex her subordinates, she believes that it was a matter of time.

'Maybe I should use my charm to make him mine?'

Katherina considered for a moment before shaking her head; she threw those nonsensical thoughts to the back of her head.

"It's good to have talked with you. I shall take my leave." Katherina said before standing up; Alex accompanied her until the entrance.

Suddenly, Katherina stopped and spun around to face Alex,

"While I know you are strong, please be wary during your excursion inside the dungeon, and more importantly, please protect my sister."

Alex was surprised; he thought Katherina didn't like Artemia from the rumors.

'Guess rumors can't be trusted after all.' Inwardly Alex thought while outwardly, he nodded his head.

As if he remembered something Alex said,

"I hope you will discipline your dog to know how to behave."



Katherina immediately knew whom Alex was referring to as a dog. She couldn't help sigh, and before she could open her mouth, Alex said, his eyes cold, earnest, as if he wouldn't forgive her if she went against his words.

"I'm warning you. Suppose he did something he shouldn't have done. I will take care of him as I see fit. I hope you will not intervene at that time. If not, you will become my enemy."

"I understand. I will discipline him." Katherina was forced to make this promise. Leonardo may be an asshole, but he still has an important role to play. Because she managed to enroll in her faction, she had gained a compared advantage over the other candidates. By now, she should have disciplined Leonardo entirely, tame his wild side and his delusion of grandeur. However, she postpones it due to Alex's arrival.

'I guess I should have a word with him. Well, it will be quicker to talk with his girlfriend, that Camilla girl. I heard that recently he started playing around with his maids and other girls. Hah! What a headache.' Katherina lamented, she knew that Leonardo had a view on her; in fact, she used his desire to have her as his woman to make work her.

Alex watched Katherina board her carriage and left with his guard, who acted as her driver, before returning inside.

Inside the carriage, Katherina sat comfortably and started to read a report on Leonardo's recent activities.

Suddenly, she heard her most loyal guard's voice.

"Was it worth it? Especially, that last condition?" The silver armored man inquired.

Tucking her beautiful blue hair behind her ear, Katherina replied.

"It was worth it. I don't regret coming here today. On the contrary, if I haven't come, I would have regretted it in the future; the only way to win his trust and eventually make him mine, cough cough; I meant to make him work for me was to approach him and show my sincerity. As for his last words, while it displeases me, I do understand him a little. While I may not know what kind of past relationships those two had when they were still in their world, Earth, they called it. I believe it wasn't a harmonious one; Alex is the one to bask in the limelight while Leonardo can only fade in the background. And having seen him, you understand better than me what that boy wants; he wants to be the center of attention. Leonardo may have gotten what he wants; however, the moment Alex show up, he became a background character again. He must be truly pissed; he even lost in their fight. To make matters worse, the women he coveted were snatched right before his eyes. Tell if me, Maximus, if you were in his place won't you try to take revenge?"

Facing Katherina's question, the silver armored man who goes by the name of Maximus contemplated for a moment before responding.

"I will."

"Well, most people will. Alex knew this and warned me because I'm Leonardo's backer. Better discipline your man for him to make a blunder than stop me when I would want to take care of him. It was what Alex meant." Katherina explained.

"I see. From his words, he must be sure that Leonardo will try something and better be prepared if he does. You mustn't intervene. It is a rather bold move; that boy knew you'd accept his condition." Maximus said after analyzing Alex's words.

"Yeah, it's why he warned me to discipline Leonardo. Hah! I hope that delusional boy will know what is good for him and not try to do something he shouldn't have. He is a fool to think he would ally with that Holy son. I can more or less guess the condition of this alliance. Both must have decided to divide Alex's women between them." Katherina muttered while scanning through the report inside her wants.

Putting a disgusted expression, she announced, "What do they take women for? Trophies to be distributed? What a bunch of assholes. Maximus, we will be going towards that asshole mansion. I need to give him an earful."

"Certainly, my lady."

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When Alex came back to the library, both girls stopped chatting and turned to face him.

"How did it go?"

Luna was the one who asked this.

Sitting between the two, Alex responded.

"Pretty well. Katherina came to apologize and asked that we start anew. After a moment of consideration, I accepted."

Luna looked at Gracier as if to say, 'Didn't I tell you?'

Gracier pouted. Smiling at how cute she was, Luna stared at Alex intensely and said.

"Well, you accepted after gaining some compensation, am I right?"

Scratching his nose, Alex said with a smile,

"You know me too well."

"Big brother, I wanna see what you got," Gracier shouted; she was curious about what Alex gained, knowing her brother he must have got something good.

Alex presented Sleipnir to them, and it went without saying that Luna was the most shocked as she also has appraisal skills. She was astonished, even though she expected Katherina to gift something to Alex, what Luna didn't expect was that Katherina's gift would be this expensive, akin to national treasure because it's how rare SS Rank items (A/N: Treasure if you want.) are, how valuable they are.

Luna felt Katherina was too generous, so generous it was suspicious, somehow she felt uneasy, and Alex's following words didn't help her feel better.

"That Katherina is a good girl to give such a-"

"Humph! Why not make her your woman then?" Luna harrumphed; she was dissatisfied with Alex's words.

And the latter knew he had misspoken when he saw Luna jealous.

Gracier ignored the couple and stared dreamily at Sleipnir. She hoped that one day her brother would unseal it and take her to the sky. She has forgotten that she could also fly, that she possesses beautiful flame wings that could make one envious.

To disperse the heavy atmosphere around, Alex rapidly made a suggestion.

"Girls, why don't we have a quick mock battle?"

"Huh?!"

"Why not?"

Gracier was surprised by the sudden proposition, while Luna smiled and accepted right away.

'I'm safe for now. Gotta control how I speak from now on.' Alex thought.

Soon, the three moved to the training ground; it was big. Looking at the two girls who changed in training gears, Alex spoke.

"You two come at me, don't hold back."

Facing this declaration, the girls smiled and said in unison,

"Sure. However, you will not use Shadow Shift, your eye, and Erase. Do you agree?"

Alex was surprised by their condition; however, when he thought about it, it made sense these two abilities were dangerous; he could end the match with them, so better prohibit it.

"Sure, I agree."

"Great, shall we start?" Luna asked.

"Wait, I want to check something first." Alex stopped them as he had something to verify. After putting Sleipnir, he decided to check his status to verify if he got an increase of 200 points on his agility stat.

'Status,' He mumbled.

『[Alexander Kael Touch]

Class: Magic Gunslinger

Age: 17

Male

Race: High Human

「 Rank 7]

Level 66

Experience Value (XP): 0/18900

Magic Power: 5070/5070

Magic: None

Attack: 1550

Defense: 1450

Agility: 1600 (+200) ➡ 1800

Intelligence: 1450

Luck: 1230

BP: 0

SP: 0

Gift: Two Guns \* Semi-sealed\*

Skills: [Advanced Appraisal Level 1] [Item box Level 2] [Swift Fingers Max] [Divine Sense Level 4] [Throwing knife Level 5] [Dark Vision Level 2] [Dual Wielding Level 2] [Accel Level 3] [Knife Art Level 4] [Link Level 3] [Gun Art Level Level 10] [Normal Regeneration Level 5] [Mana Recovery Level 5] [Synthesize Level 3] [Shadow Shift Level 1]

Special Abilities: [Language Comprehension][Danger Sense] [Overdrive] [Death's Eye] [Envisage] {Erase} {Magic Bullet} {Snatch} [Hellsing] [Xerox]

Titles: [Otherworlder] [The one who can't use Magic] [The one whose fingers are faster than Flash] [Goblin Slayer] [The Reborn] [Shadow Nemesis] [The Slaughterer]』

"Great. Let's begin." Alex announced after checking his status.

Gracier and Luna exchanged looks; Luna wore a dangerous smile on her face, the moment Alex saw that smile, he knew something dangerous was about to happen.

And indeed, it did happen.

A white light covered Luna's body before she raised her hand high and swung it down.

Boom!

A blinding holy light exploded from her fist, blasting straight at Alex; it was swift. Alex was forced to momentarily close his eyes while jumping back, and it was exactly what the girls were aiming for.

Like a ghost, Gracier appeared on the other side, her bow readied and,

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Gracier performed Rapid shots.

Both girl's timing was perfect; if it were an ordinary opponent, he would have been caught off guard; unfortunately, Alex wasn't one.

With his back still facing the incoming arrows, Alex crossed his arms; two silver guns were pointed behind him, their muzzles aimed at the incoming arrows as if he had eyes behind his back.

BANG BANG BANG

Three bullets tore through the air and welcomed the incoming arrows.

BOOM!

When Alex's bullets clashed against the fire arrows, they exploded, creating an explosion, a beautiful firecracker in the air.

Even though they were surprised by Alex's quick reaction, the girls still moved.

Like a rocket, Luna shot forward; her left leg raised high, water was wrapped around her foot like a glove, she appeared above Alex and tried to bring down her leg.

It was now Alex's turn to be surprised; he had not fought against Luna to know how strong she is; if you think she was just a cleric, a simple healer, then you will suffer a fate worse than death. Luna's current physical strength was beyond that of her level.

Even so, looking at the incoming foot coming straight toward his face, Alex grinned before ordering,

'Non-lethal bullet.'

[[Sure]] Silveria responded.

Bang!

Alex fired at Luna's foot just as it was an air breath from his face. Luna was surprised to find her foot missing. However, she didn't have time to contemplate what happened because Alex threw his fist toward her stomach.

At this rate, she wouldn't have the time to create a shield to defend against Alex's fist; fortunately, she was not alone.

Just as Alex's fist was about to collide against Luna's stomach, a fire arrow was shot at his fist; Alex quickly retreated. And to his astonishment, the fire arrow transformed into a flame string that got wrapped around Luna's thin waist and brought her back. Everything happened too fast; Alex couldn't only watch helpless Luna joining Gracier.

After being rescued by Gracier, Luna panted for a moment before saying.

"Thank you, little Alexandra."

"You welcome, brother wasn't gotten serious yet. He is only playing around." Gracier said while watching the smiling Alex.

"Sigh! I know. It's frustrating to think after suffering our attacks; he was still perfectly fine. I guess we shall make him get serious, don't you agree!" Luna asked; however, she didn't receive any response.

Then she decided to check Gracier to see why she wasn't responding; Luna was shocked to find Alex appear not too far from Gracier. His knife aimed at her; however, it was blocked by Gracier scythe.

"Since when?" Luna couldn't help but exclaim; however, now wasn't the time for such a question. She knew she must help Gracier.

With his free hand, Alex aimed Silveria at Gracier's right leg, wanting to hinder the latter; however, just as the bullet was about to reach Gracier's leg, it got blocked by a white shield that appeared out of nowhere.

"Tch!" Alex couldn't only click his tongue.

Sensing heat starting to gather around him, Alex knew that his sister was planning to unleash Fire lotus, something similar happened back then, the first time the two fought, and Alex almost lost.

Putting strength under his foot, Alex jumped back, and because of Sleipnir, he was sent into the air. Not wanting to waste any opportunity to attack, Alex shot at Luna; the latter quickly created a shield to defend against Alex's attacks. However, the bullets changed trajectory at the last moment and struck the defenseless Gracier's hand, the one holding the scythe.

Clark!

The red golden scythe fell to the ground, and Alex landed on the other side; he quickly rolled on the ground to avoid a white beam shot at him by Luna.

By the time Alex got up, Luna had treated Gracier's injury; even though it was a non-lethal bullet, it still hurts a lot.

After receiving Luna's treatment, Gracier smiled at her before facing her brother; her expression turned serious, the air around her changed, one, two, three,.....

Hundred fire arrows appeared around Gracier; the arrowhead pointed at Alex, the latter gulped before grinning. It was time to test if what he felt after putting Sleipnir on was right.

Whoosh! Whoosh !!!!

Like a bullet, the arrows were hurtled at him; Alex let go of Silveria and summoned his knife. He heard a sudden call, it seemed to be coming from Sleipnir, as if Sleipnir wanted something, so Alex concentrated, free himself from any worries; he understood what Sleipnir wanted, he poured his MP into Sleipnir as the latter wished for. His body became lighter like a leaf; he could feel the wind around him, the minute change in the air. If Alex had opened his eyes, he would be astonished to see that his knives were covered by the wind making them sharper, longer than usual.

Alex felt his MP drain at fast speed, so he moved; his speed was so fast that it was hard to follow. One minute hasn't passed since Gracier created the hundred fire arrows. The girl's plan was simple, Gracier would use this attack to keep Alex occupied while Luna would finish him.

However, everything changed when Alex moved, he passed through the fire arrows, and they vanished, cut into two; no resistance was shown; it was as if he was cutting the leaf, not an arrow made of magic. Before the girls could open their mouths, they got stuck in their stomachs; they felt the air escape their lungs before plunging forward headfirst.

Whoosh! Whoosh!

Like the wind, Alex moved again and gently laid them on the ground. Afterward, he sat down while panting hard; his forehead was drenched in sweat.

『Interesting I never thought this boot has that ability.』 Silveria said.

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『Interesting I never thought this boot has this ability.』 Silveria's voice echoed inside Alex's head, the latter was too tired as if he had run a marathon, he was feeling a little dizzy. To put it simply, what happened when one almost drained one MP.

After catching his breath, Alex observed Sleipnir; he would be a fool if he couldn't deduct that the peculiar state he was previously in was due to his boots. He decided to check his status to see if there was something he had missed.

『[Alexander Kael Touch]

Class: Magic Gunslinger

Age: 17

Male

Race: High Human

「 Rank 7]

Level 66

Experience Value (XP): 0/18900

Magic Power: 170/5070

Magic: None

Attack: 1550

Defense: 1450

Agility: 1600 (+200)

Intelligence: 1450

Luck: 1230

BP: 0

SP: 0

Gift: Two Guns \* Semi-sealed\*

Skills: [Advanced Appraisal Level 1] [Item box Level 2] [Swift Fingers Max] [Divine Sense Level 4]  
[Throwing knife Level 5] [Dark Vision Level 2] [Dual Wielding Level 2] [Accel Level 3] [Knife Art Level 4]

[Link Level 3] [Gun Art Level Level 10] [Normal Regeneration Level 5] [Mana Recovery Level 5]  
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However, to Alex's disappointment, he didn't find anything, he decided to ask Silveria if she knew something.

「Master, I know what you want to ask. Previously I was not able to see because I didn't focus on the result of the appraisal; however, after seeing what happened a moment ago, I decided to recheck it. Sleipnir had another ability besides Fly. The ability to synchronize with the wind to become faster, more deadly, the wind will cover any weapon you hold to make it a bit longer. By the way, it won't work on me, but as you might have noticed, it can also accelerate not only your movement, your brain's cells will work faster. It's somewhat surprising that Sleipnir possesses such ability; if a Wind element user uses it, it will become more dreadful. However, this ability consumes too much MP as you have experienced it.」 Silveria explained before Alex could ask.

'I see. I guess I could not see Sleipnir's real ability due to my appraisal skill level being too low. If it's true, then maybe Loki has some hidden ability I don't know?' Alex thought.

「Well, that may be true. However, one thing you should know is that Sleipnir's rank is higher than that of Loki. Sleipnir's rank is beyond SS Rank; maybe SSS, if it exists, the current system differs from ours.」 Silveria made an astonishing revelation, if the world knew this they will be a storm. Maybe Katherina would regret having given away such a treasure.

'I see I'm pretty lucky then.' Alex said, staring at Sleipnir.

Half of an hour passed in a blink; Gracier and Luna woke up; they rubbed their eyes and surveyed their surrounding. They saw that they were still inside the training ground using Alex's lap as a pillow, the latter smiled at them.

"I thought you are not going to wake up soon. How are you feeling? I hope I didn't go hard on you?" Alex asked, his voice was filled with concern.

The girls smiled and reassured Alex.

"Don't worry, we are fine. Well, I knew you were strong but experiencing it makes me realize how strong you are. Even without your core abilities, you were able to handle us easily. Well, I know most of the credit goes to Sleipnir, especially that last move. However, this happens because of your talent, your hard work. A good tool in the hand of an untalented man, a lazy man, will never show its full power like it will when wielded by someone who knows how to use it. I guess I can say that Katherina has done a good job giving you Sleipnir." Luna said while looking at Sleipnir.

Gracier nodded her head; she also shares the same opinion as Luna.

Alex smiled, not praising Katherina because he doesn't want to make her upset.



The three returned to their rooms to bathe; Alex whispered something into Luna's ears. After hearing Alex's words, Luna smiled.

Later, Gracier and Luna went to visit Maria and Sakuya.

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The sky began changing its hue.

Night fell.

The shimmering radiance of the starry sky once again enveloped the sky. The clouds slowly dissipated, exposing the bright, lustrous moon that illuminated the land from above. At this moment, inside the Blue Haven Villa, a couple was going to have a date.

Alex, who was escorting Luna toward the date location, couldn't help but take a look at his fiancée, the one that makes his heart speed up, one of the ones he loves, nobody can replace the place this gentle girl. This girl kept waiting for him even after their reincarnation. Luna held a special place inside his heart; this will never change.

"Beautiful," Alex murmured. Luna heard it, and she smiled, feeling happy to be praised; it doesn't matter how many times she heard this.

Since Luna was always casual with her dress and appearance, Alex now felt that her beauty was even more spellbinding when she cared about her appearance.

Luna wore an evening dress, a Floral Applique Gown; it was V-neck sleeveless with fixed shoulder straps, it had a left front vent. The dress accentuated her body, making her more charming; if previously she was like an angel, now she was like a seductress.

Alex was sure of something; he was sure that if he walked outside now with Luna's arms tucked in his, it would surely carry away the breath of many men and women of any age. She gave off the feeling that no men were worthy enough to lay eyes upon her.

But he knew that no matter who or what she was, whether he was worthy or not, he would never let go of her. She was his; this will never change no matter what; he would be a fool if he were to let such a woman go. He must always tell her how much he loves her, how much she meant to him.

"You are my angel, the one that brightened my days, never leave my side because I will never stop loving you no matter what happened, Luna Touch."

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"You are my angel, the one that brightened my days, never leave my side because I will never stop loving you no matter what happened, Luna Touch." Alex declared.

Even if they haven't married yet, this declaration of Alex made her release once again that she was already part of the family.

Luna felt over the moon hearing Alex's loving and sweet declaration. Her beautiful eyebrows raised as her eyes smiled in happiness. She hugged him intimately and felt how warm his chest was. A strange feeling of absolute safety and warmth always filled her body whenever she was in his embrace.

The first time she felt this was when they were kids; she had sneaked into his chamber and asked him to let her sleep beside him, Alex accepted, and since then, she will always sneak inside his room almost as if she couldn't sleep without him.

It might be since that day she became attached to him, her attachment developed into love, and she came to love him more after that declaration, after accepting him. Luna decided that she will never let him go in this life and even in their next one. If she were to let him go, she wouldn't feel complete without him, and his existence gave meaning to her life. For his sake, she will do anything; if he became a demon, she will still happily stay beside him as the demon's wife, no she can even turn into a demon if it could help him. This is how much he meant to her.

Both had their thoughts, unaware that they were thinking the same thing. They genuinely love each other from the bottom of their hearts.

Alex kissed Luna's forehead and smiled as he pointed towards one of the chairs put out near the table he had prepared, "Now, let's take a seat and have dinner. I want to spend some quality time with my fiancée."

Luna's beautiful golden eyes sparkled, hearing that Alex's words. She happily nodded and quickly took a seat and looked at Alex; her eyes were filled with love. She knew he noticed her mood; it was why he set up this date.

"How attentive." She couldn't help but mutter this.

Suddenly, the delectable aroma of the food Alex prepared wafted through her nose.

After smelling it, she recognized that it was Tomato Spinach Chicken Spaghetti, one of her favorite food. Luna felt loved.

Looking around, she was incredibly impressed with how warm and beautiful the garden looked now with all the string lights and candles, highlighting the beautiful flowers and plants even more.

Alex sat opposite her and asked with a proud smile, "Hehehe! It seems like you love what I have done with the place."

Luna gave a bright smile as she said,

"Yes. It looks so beautiful, especially with the surrounding view and the moon in the sky. I feel refreshed and happy sitting here and having dinner like this. This is way better than going to those luxurious restaurants. I never thought you would decide to have dinner here. I guess you will stop surprising me."

Alex chuckled, "Well, I guess nothing could beat the feeling we get by dining in our home. Let's dig in."

The two happily ate their food while lovingly gazing at each other's eyes, while at times, they would look at the scenic view outside and enjoy it.

The moon in the sky shined brighter than usual, as if she was giving them her blessings.

Alex was the first to finish; he started to drink a glass of wine while observing Luna eat.

'The way she remains me of a-'

Alex abruptly stopped whatever he was about to say because Luna glared at him.

'Are you an Esper?'

He almost shouted this. However, he didn't and shifted his focus toward the moon.

'I wonder if grandma is doing fine?'

Alex couldn't help but become melancholic; her grandmother used to place him on her lap while gazing at the moon, back when he was still a child.

"Don't worry, I think she is fine. Everyone on the other side is fine. Maybe one day we will be able to return to Earth if we become stronger enough." Luna consoled her fiancé after seeing the look on his face.

Smiling, Alex said, "I guess you are right. However, I doubt that we have the same timeline."

Luna could understand what he meant; she also has this worry.

"Well, even if we can see them. We have to visit their graves and pay our respect. Let's stop thinking about those depressing stuff."

"Have you ever exchanged words with your Gift's spirit?" Alex raised this question after hearing Luna's words.

"Yes, we talked few times. She told me Silveria's real identity and a bunch of other stuff."

At the end of her words, Luna blushed; Alex wondered what her Gift's spirit told her to make her blush when she remembered it. However, he knew Luna wouldn't answer even if he asked.

"Do you know what High Human means?" Alex asked.

Luna was surprised why Alex asked such a question but answered straightforwardly, "High Humans are superior to humans."

"That is all?" Alex couldn't help but raised his eyebrows, he had thought she would know more than that, but it seems that he was wrong.

"High Humans are indeed superior to humans. However, there's more than that. High Humans are part of the original races, the first races created by a supreme being. It's all I know. It seems that High Humans are rare. Why we got reincarnated into this race is unknown, but I'm sure there is a purpose behind this. Never speak about our real race to anybody. It won't end well for us." Alex warned Luna.

"I see, don't worry, I understand. By the way, how long will we live for?" Luna became curious after hearing Alex's explanation of High Human's origin.

"Around 500 years, more as we get stronger," Alex answered.

"That is good. I got to spend many years alongside you until we grew old and die." Luna was happy to learn that High Human could live that long.

Alex was surprised when he didn't hear Luna's wishes for eternal life.

As if she could read his mind, Luna told him,

"I don't care about eternal life. I will be happy if I can have it. However, even I can't; I'm content with growing old by your side. I hope you will not throw me away once I grow old."

"Of course, I will never do something like that. Let's live our lives to the fullest, leaving no regret behind. It may be a short-lived life, but we will make it enjoyable." Alex declared before embracing Luna, who came to sit on his lap.

Alex placed something inside Luna's right palm.

Startled, Luna quickly checked what it was. She was shocked to find a golden key; she immediately understood what this meant. She couldn't help but be overwhelmed with emotions.

Alex's embrace got tighter; no words were needed. Both understood what others want to convey. This golden key means the Blue Haven Villa was hers to manage.

Women are living creatures bound to be jealous no matter how much they loved someone, especially if this person shows more care to another woman than them.

Maria became the manager of the Golden Nugget now Golden's Spoon made Luna a bit jealous even if she didn't show it.

However, now that she also received something equal, no more valuable than Maria's, Luna was pleased, that jealousy inside her heart vanished, leaving place to happiness, an overwhelming amount of happiness.

"Thank you. I will take great care of it." She said before turning her head to kiss Alex. It was a simple kiss. However, Luna kiss was filled with love.

Alex wore a soft smile on his face, "No need to thank me. You deserve it."

The two stayed silent as they observed the beautiful moon in the sky. It was peaceful; they wished for this peace to last forever. However, they knew it was wishful thinking. To live a peaceful life, they need strength, and they will become powerful.

The two spent their time like this until they went back to sleep. That night, they slept in each other embrace, feeling each other heartbeat, not doing anything; this made them closer, strengthened their bond.

Chapter 259 - 254: Troublesome Things

Deep in the night, Capital of the Holy Crux Empire.

The pope was conversing with someone shrouded by a mist; only this person's voice could be heard; it's a male voice.

"Your son got beaten up badly. He couldn't even make it to the final, how pathetic." the mysterious person mocked.

The Pope's expression didn't change; he still wore his gentle smile.

Seeing that the Pope was not going to say something, the mysterious man clicked his tongue.

"Tch! Forget it. From the report, he didn't manage to make any progress with the Saintess. To make matters worse, the latter became someone else fiancée, the Eighth fiancée. This boy is becoming more troublesome. Let's watch for now. We shall take care of him once, making sure that he can't be used."

The Pope's response was a smile. The mysterious man got more annoyed.

"Even though the Saintess lost her innocence, she still can be used. Ensure to secure the Saintess successfully; the Goddess doesn't want any more mishap to occur and delay her plan. Think of a way to get that girl, or else you know what will happen if you don't." The mysterious man threatened the Pope hoping to see a reaction. Unfortunately, nothing happened.

"Tch!"

The mysterious man clicked his tongue and vanished.

After the mysterious man left, the Pope sighed.

"How bothersome. I must follow the orders." the Pope muttered.

The mysterious man who was still hiding harrumphed before disappearing; however, this time, he was gone for good.

The Pope's expression turned ugly after the mysterious man's presence was gone.

"If not because of you getting a preferential treatment, I would have crushed you the moment you acted arrogantly in front of me."

A little bit of the Pope's aura was leaked out, and it crushed the stone table into a powder.

Controlling his anger, the Pope sighed.

"I guess I'm getting old. To think I would have lost my cool so easily. Ah! Forget it. I must think of a way to make Luna's capture successful." The Pope murmured before leaving the room.

Shortly after he left, two shadows appeared and moved in his direction. The Pope wasn't shocked by their arrival; one of the shadows extended a black envelope to the Pope.

After quickly scanning the content of the black envelope, the Pope's expression distorted for a moment before going back to normal again.

"Just watch for now." The Pope ordered.

The shadows nodded before leaving.

"Sigh! I hope everything goes well. It's a shame that things ended like this. Only if I couldn't go back in time, forget it." the Pope mumbled as he disappeared into his chamber.

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The following morning Alex woke up with Luna nestled in his chest like a little kitten.

"How cute." He couldn't help but said this.

Chuckling after observing Luna for a moment, Alex move away the few strands of hair overlapping her face behind her ears and give her a soft peck on the forehead before leaving for the bathroom.

After freshening up, Alex stepped into the hall for breakfast. There, he saw Gracier and Silveria sitting; they were waiting for him. After exchanging greeting, their ate their breakfast.

Luna woke up one hour later. She joined Alex and Gracier after taking her breakfast.

The three left the villa for the academy; today was the date they will depart toward the dungeons.

A few minutes later, the three joined the other students waiting for their teachers to announce what dungeon they got assigned to.

"Too bad we won't be saying in the same group. Don't worry; I will protect your sister as if she was my own if I came across her." Leon promised, although they won't be staying together in this dungeon exploration, Leon still made this promise as he noticed Alex's concern for his sister.

"Thank you. Don't worry; we will have all the time in the world to explore dungeons later." Alex slapped Leon's shoulders while saying this.

Ferris chuckled before shaking his head. He wanted to explore dungeons with Alex, but he didn't say anything as he believes they will be a chance later. When Ferris remember what his father said, he couldn't help but sigh and look at her sister.

Even though Eris appeared to be talking with the other girl's face full of smile, you can see that her smile was slightly unnatural, a bit forced because she was preoccupied with the order they received a few days ago.

'Try to get close to the Eighth no matter what.'

Their father's order couldn't be more explicit (Become Alex's woman).

While as the future ruler, Ferris understood this decision, like a big brother, he could not accept it. However, he knew nothing could be done about it. Being born as royalty comes with shackles; because Eris couldn't inherit the throne, she can only be used like this. A political marriage. It was to draw Alex to their side. Even if it doesn't work, at least they could get Alex's descendant.

All other forces are thinking of a method to win Alex over.

"How troublesome. Sometimes I wish I was born mortal; I will be free." Ferris muttered.

Only if he knew that mortal also wishes to have the life he has because he thinks he is suffering too much.

"Sigh! Eris, do your best." Ferris silently cheered his sister, completely unaware that Alex had heard him. He noticed the sibling's unusualness and added what he just heard, and with Eris's sudden interest in Luna, Alex could understand what was going on.

'Sigh! Indeed how troublesome. I knew my performance during the Mock battles was bound to attract some unwanted attention, but I didn't think it will be this soon and this way. Well, I can approach her and say something after understanding what's going on, but I think it will be unwise. I don't know what type of girl Eris is as I didn't interact too much with her; she may become furious thinking I'm looking down on her; in this case, she would want to become my woman at all cost to prove to me that I was wrong. I don't want this to happen. In the second case, after hearing my words, she may start having feelings for me because I showed some concern; I don't want her to sell her to me. It will be troublesome either way; better observe and deal with the situation accordingly.' Alex analyzed and concluded that not doing anything until Eris approach him was the best solution.

Leon, who was observing Alex, couldn't help but sigh, as the most substantial empire on the beastman continent, they knew what Wolfgang empire planned; in fact, if not because of his friendship with Alex, Leon was sure that his father or someone in the counsel would have suggested marrying his sister to Alex.

"Don't worry, no matter what you decided to do, I will help you," Leon whispered into Alex's ears.

Alex smiled at his friend.

[[This fellow is sure interesting. Usually, with such a body, his love for battle, he shouldn't be wise, and yet this one is quite intelligent, almost more brilliant than you.]] Silveria commented.

'Well, there's always an exception.' Alex said.

[[By the way, Master, what are you planning to do about that wolf girl-]]

'Nothing.' Alex cut Silveria off as he knew where she was going.

[[Fufufu! As Harem king, you ought to make a move first and collect all beautiful women before others.]] Silveria suggested, she sounds like a passionate master trying to force his disciple on the road of depravity.

'Sorry, I'm not that type of person. Although it's true, I plan to have a harem, but the number of women I will have would be limited. I won't go after every woman I saw; my hips won't take it, and I doubt I will be able to love them all. When you have too many women, this is not considered love anymore but a physical relationship; you saw something in them, and after getting bored, you will discard them. I don't want this kind of relationship. If I have five women, I will love them all, not equally, of course, as this kind thing is impossible because you are bound to love one than the others, it's natural, and it's human. So, no, don't count me in; lets me have few women of my liking rather going after every woman and end up neglecting some. I wouldn't last long if this were to happen. The neglected women may stab me during my sleep.'

Alex's refusal was automatic; he never planned to have a big harem, to begin with. He never understood those wuxia protagonists that go after every woman they saw and end up neglecting some; it is hard for the readers to remember all of them. Well, he plans for a small Harem.

[[Sigh! How disappointing, you see a glorious road of you, and yet you refuse to take it.]] Silveria lamented when she understood that her master wasn't going to follow her advice. She was not the only one, though, strangely Silveria's big sister was also disappointed; however, she didn't give up hope, at least not yet.

'Turn into man and create your big harem. I'm cheering for you.' Alex mocked her.

Silveria pouted and started cursing. Ignoring her, Alex resumes his discussion with Leon and Ferris while waiting for Chris's arrival.

#### Chapter 260 - 255: The Departure

Alex and his friend kept chatting until Artemia, accompanied by Lilith and Artemia's bodyguard, the one Alex fought back, then arrived and joined them.

Before Artemia and Co could exchange greeting with Alex, Chris came and immediately announced how the students would be distributed.

Maria, Luna, Gracier, and Sakuya were in the same group, while Ferris, Eris, Roman, Camilla formed another group. Leon, Kuina, Kevin, and Cyril formed another group. Lilith formed a group with Amy and a twin sisters, while Leonardo, Dodolus, and Damien formed another group. The remaining students formed a group of three.

Leonardo and Damien exchanged glances before secretly grinning; however, Leonardo's expression turned murderous when he recalled Katherina's warning when she visited him unannounced.

'I do not know what you are scheming with Damien; however, let me warn you if you went and do something you shouldn't, believe I will watch as you suffer the consequence of your action. It's time for you to open your eyes and search for something good to do.' Katherina had said.

'Fuck, Fuck Fuck. It has always been him. Why? Why? Why is that? Someone tell me why?'

Leonardo became abnormal when he recalled the feeling of always be in the shadow of someone he hated; his eyes almost turned bloodshot.

Damien's expression changed when he saw Leonardo's abnormal state. He cursed his bad luck to think that fool couldn't control his hatred.

"Snap it, you fool," Damien shouted as he sent a light punch into Leonardo's stomach to bring him back. Fortunately, they were facing the others, so nobody noticed what was going.

"Thank you. I almost lost it." Leonardo said before turning to face the others.

After some light speech about the things they must look out for once in the dungeons, they were sent away.

However, just as everyone was about to disperse going to the dungeons. Alex disappeared to reappear in front of Leonardo; the latter was completely surprised.



"Do not cross me," Alex said with a calm smile; however, to Leonardo, it was like a death sentence, his body started to tremble even after Alex vanished from his sight uncontrollably. It was thanks to Damien's assistance that he regained a bit of calm.

"Don't worry, nobody will know. Everything is already prepared. You only have to do as I say." Damien whispered into Leonardo's ears disregarding the odd stare they had been receiving after Alex's visit.

Leonardo nodded before smiled; his smile was full of madness; he passed by Camilla and didn't even look at her, as if she didn't exist. Camilla couldn't help but clenched her fists together until they were almost white.

Last night the two fought because of Katherina's visit; Camilla advised Leonardo not to do anything reckless, to drop any plan he has concerning Alex; however, until the end, Leonardo played the dumb, saying he didn't know anything, that he wasn't planning anything. Furious, Camilla yelled at him to end up being slapped hard until she was sent flying and her head collided against the door; Leonardo shouted at him to leave his sight.

"Sigh! I hope my fear never come true." Camilla muttered as she watched Alex talk with his sister and others. After observing them for a moment, Camilla turned her head and glared at Damien, eyes full of hatred; the latter acted as though he had not noticed Camilla's stare as he understood the reason for Camilla's hatred.

Thinking about how foolish Camilla's man is, Damien's thoughts couldn't help but wander to last night's encounter.

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Flashback.

Yesterday late in the night.

[A bar in the Slum's Area]

It was a rundown bar that could be found anywhere in the slum. However, there was something particular about this one; it stood like a lone boat amidst the ocean and reek blood.

The area around the bar was empty because usually, no sane resident of the slums will come here. After all, only death awaits them if they were to do it.

However, currently, someone was walking toward this particular with a calm pace. This person wore a cloak that covers his body; however, his white hair, even though hidden, still stand out.

"Tch! Once again, I came here." Damien grumbled as he pushed the door of the rundown bar open and went in.

Nobody was inside except for the bartender and a black cat lazing on the counter.

"Oh! A guest, how rare. Welcome to the No name bar." The bartender said with a slight bow. However, Damien ignored him and sat not too far from the black cat.

The bartender let a small chuckle escape from his mouth before leaving.

"Take your time." He said.

And after the bartender left, the black opened its unusual golden eyes and spoke.

"Did you succeed in your mission?" The black cat asked.

"Yes, I did succeed. Leonardo will work with us. We will do as you say." Damien didn't show any surprise facing a talking cat as it wasn't his first time facing the strange cat.

"Good. You may now leave. I will tell when it's time to act." The black cat instructed before closing its eyes again.

However, Damien wasn't happy with the black cat's attitude. Even though he agreed to cooperate with this unknown entity, he doesn't mean that he would blindly follow orders like a perfect soldier, especially when he lacked information.

"What? That's all? What do you take me for? Tell me what it's the plan." Damien, for the first time since their meeting, became emotional and shouted.

A bored expression appeared on the black cat's face, something only humanoid creatures should possess.

"Annoying. Shut up and go back. I have nothing else to say to you. Remember, I'm talking nicely to you because you have some use. You're a disposable pawn; just because I said cooperation doesn't mean we are equal. I gave an order you follow it if you want to get what you desire that is it. So better scram while I'm still patiently saying so." The black warned Damien with its eyes still closed. However, Damien found it challenging to breathe as if the whole bar had been put on his shoulders; he almost knelt.

"Kuh!" Gritting his teeth in shame, Damien left; however, just as he was about to pass the bar's doors, he heard the black cat's voice.

"Don't worry, everything will work as we intended."

Even though he was feeling shame to have received such a treatment considering his lofty status, Damien decided to endure it for the sake of ambition, for the sake of the Holy mission.

After Damien left the bar, the bartender appeared again and asked the black cat.

"Isn't it is dangerous to talk to him the way you did?"

"Don't worry, those church fanatics also ready to go to the extreme when it's a question of their mission. So, that fool will follow the order no matter how much I belittle him." The black responded.

"I see. Why are you not interested in this Saintess?" The bartender asked.

"Well, well, I do. However, I know what my priorities are. Better stick to the plan. I want that girl, and you want him. No distraction is allowed. Understood?" The black asked with its golden eyes wide open.

"How scary. I understand. Hope everything goes well." The bartender lifted his arms and said in surrender.

While closing its eyes again, the black cat said. "Don't worry, it will. It's a well-thought plan."

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Back to the present.

Damien's group departed, and before leaving, he looked at the sky while mumbling.

"Hope everything goes well and soon I will make you me while at the same time receiving the goddess praise, her blessings and reign supreme as the New Pope."

On the other side, Alex was saying his farewell to his sister and others.

"Gracier do not wander alone. Stick with others, understood?" Alex ordered, his tone indicated that he was serious.

"Understood, brother. Don't worry, I'm the weak Gracier anymore. I'm the proud Gracier, Alexandra, your sister." Gracier said with her head held high.

While chuckling, Alex rubbed Gracier's head before putting a kiss on her forehead, then he said. "I know, I know, my proud little princess."

Gracier smiled proudly and stick out her small chest.

The others smiled when they saw Gracier's reaction. Suddenly, Alex pulled the nearby Maria into his embrace and planted a kiss on her lips.

"Oh!!"

Shouted the others, Maria was so surprised that her ears went red for a moment before she pushed Alex back, however, instead of falling to the ground, Alex maneuver somehow to end up beside Sakuya and planted a kiss on her lips, however, unlike Maria's case, it was a light kiss.

Another commotion started, dodging Sakuya's kick; Alex moved at last toward his fiancée; the latter seemed to have been waiting for him, they shared a deep kiss before Alex leave.

"Take care, everybody. I hope to see you soon." Alex left these words behind.

Maria's group, Damien's group, Ferris's group were going into the same dungeon, while others were sent to separate dungeons.

After leaving the others, Alex joined Artemia's carriage where she was waiting for him.

Isabella, who was sitting in the driver's seat, harrumphed when she saw Alex approaching.

"How shameless." She commented. It seems that she was seen what Alex did earlier.

Alex ignored the sore loser and faced Artemia,

"Princess, shall we go?"

With a smile, Artemia held her right hand out and said, "Yes."

After helping Artemia board the carriage, Alex joined her, and Isabella drove the magic carriage forward.

Alex's first dungeon exploration was about to begin.