

## Death Guns 491

### Chapter 491: Inheritance 1

When Lilith opened her eyes again, the entirely different scenery stunned her. At that moment, it was no longer the big hall but a vast, pitch-black land instead. The sky was also incomparably dark. Lilith frowned; truth be told, she thought several times going back, she doesn't know how Sakuya was doing faced with the transformed Triple Fusion Beasts; however, she shook her head, if she were to ever do that, then it would be like throwing away her friends sacrifice, she must continue and get that thing, the thing that her brother badly want to the point of insanity, this would be like getting another victory on top of killing one of his dukes.

"Ah! It's hard, but it's fun." Lilith mumbled and walked forward. In this dark land, her figure cut through like a spear.

Meanwhile, outside Sakuya was fighting the transformed Triple Fusion Beasts, because of its current size, it's has become faster. Sakuya rolled on the ground and wiped away the blood around her mouth; although here and there, few injuries could be seen, this didn't stop her from smiling as if she had won. The small Triple Fusion Beasts cocked its head to the side wondering if this human had gone nuts after too much beating? If not, then why the hell was she smiling when she didn't succeed in landing a single blow since he was forced to use its true form?

The Triple Fusion Beasts sneered, making human-like expressions, and tried to move forward and slice the cocky human for good when its expression changed; it was then the beast heard that female voice; it was the voice of a hunter that successfully led her prey exactly where she wanted.

"Hehehe! Finally, it worked. This technique came to me because of my fight against a spider. I became curious about what would happen if, instead of using thread, I used the wind to make a thread to trap my enemy carefully? Not only would it stop them due to the wind element, but it would also deal them constant damage before I even move. This is how I created this technique; I called it Kaze Ito; by the way, it means Wind thread, simple isn't it?"

"Grow!!!"

The Triple Fusion Beasts growled as he couldn't move; several thin green threads were wrapped around its body; not only did they block its body by completely sealing its movements, the thin threads were so sharp that there were piercing through its sturdy body.

"Roarrrr!"

The Triple Fusion Beasts roared, mana exploded from its body, snapping many threads; however, it was regenerating at astonishing speed, devouring the overflowing mana.

"My, my! Please don't be so hasty; I shall deal with you. Be on your way."

Sakuya declared with a smile before unleashing dimensional slash; the Triple Fusion Beasts alongside the threads were cleanly cut in two.

The monster's last thought was that this girl was a monster.

After killing the Triple Fusion Beasts, Sakuya kneeled and breathed in and out. If the monster had escaped, she would be in danger; although she succeeded in trapping it, it was mainly due to the monster's carelessness; if he was unleashed all its mana to deal with the mana threads, Sakuya would have been in a tough spot. However, the monster panicked; if it were human, maybe they would have thought differently.

"Well, I'm happy that he has limited intelligence." Sakuya spat while checking her status.

"Good, Rank 11 is not too far." She mumbled, killing the Triple Fusion Beasts had made her jump two levels.

[Sakuya Hishimiya]

Class: Magic Samurai

Age: 17

Female

Race: High Human

[Rank 10]

Level 100

Experience Value: 3000/40400

Magic Power: 3270/3270

Magic: Wind, Dark

Attack: 1730 (+20 BP) ► 1770

Defense: 1070 ► 1090

Agility: 1540 ► 1560

Intelligence: 1330 ► 1350

Luck: 1240 ► 1260

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] [Wind Slash] [Iaido Level 8] [Wind tornado Level 5] [Gale Slash Level 8] [Flying Slash Level 5] [Presence Detection Level 4] [Dark Vision Level 2]

Special Abilities: [Dimensional Slash] [Shukuchi Level 5] [Sword Intent Level 5 ► 10 Max, Sword Expert] (New)

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

Sakuya immediately spent her SP on her sword intent as she believed that it was a skill she would need more than anything.

After she was done, Sakuya looked behind her and sighed.

"I wondered if Alexander is doing fine?"

She couldn't help but get concerned, especially when she had feelings for this man; feelings are a double-edged sword; it makes you strong; however, at the same time, it makes you vulnerable as well.

"Sigh! How bothersome." Sakuya sighed and sat crosslegged and closed her eyes; she had done what she could, so the rest was up to those two; what she needed to do was to recuperate.

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While Sakuya was recuperating, on another floor, the battle between Alex and Leonardo had reached its climax; the two fought and destroyed everything around them; both had lost one arm. Alex lost his left while Leonardo lost his left as well.

"Hah! You're a monster."

"You are not bad as well," Alex commented as well, the two had fought, giving their all, and the result was a draw, well, they didn't use their core abilities, but except for that, they fought, giving they all. It could be said they they were evenly matched.

Back to back, they sat; Alex clutched his gun with his right arm while Leonardo clutched his sword with her right arm; silence permeated the hall for a moment before Leonardo asked.

"Shall we continue?"

"Well, I would like that, but you will lose, and you know that. Why not retreat and try better next time?" Alex responded to Leonardo's question with a suggestion.

Leonardo stayed silent for a moment before sighing; Alex approached him and whispered something into his ears; he responded by whispering something into his ears as well before his body vanished after he activated something.

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While Alex and Sakuya had taken care of their respective opponent, Lilith had continued on their path; she had the feeling that she had been walking for eternity, the only thing she encountered was darkness.

After walking for about ten kilometers, the wind surrounding her howled violently like a starving beast ready to pounce on her.

"Seems like you guys are my enemies, huh!" Her situation was not different from that of Artemia when she was finally the final challenge.

Lilith smiled and squinted, holding the scythe before her. At the next moment, the shadowy creatures howled and pounced on her like a violent wave. Hundreds of thousands and layers upon layers of shadowy creatures leaped toward the slender and fragile young lady. No matter who witnessed this scene, perhaps they would think that the young lady would be devoured at the next second. Because there was no way she would be able to deal with the situation if you followed common sense.

But the truth was otherwise.

The shadowy creatures dashing from all directions were wild and aggressive—a few seconds ago. The instant they launched their attacks on the Demon's princess, she wouldn't have been able to stop them even if she had three heads and six arms like an Asura. But in that instant, along with Lilith's action, the demon, everything changed.

Facing the shadowy creatures, the moon princess didn't even glance at them. She stared at the blade in her hand that was emanating a brilliance that was as bright and glistening as the full moon. She rotated her wrist, and at the next moment, a circular halo expanded with her in the middle. The halo didn't seem to have any aggression at all. But despite that, the shadowy creatures wailed and were shredded into bits by the halo instantly. Before they struggled, they were like thick apple skins being peeled from the flesh. The halo dazzled, dismantling the shadowy creatures into worthless remains in an instant. Fragments of their bodies drifted in the air before disappearing into nothingness like melted snowflakes.

However, the snowflakes were purely black in color. It was like angel judgment, well considering her origin, thinking like this couldn't be wrong.

After wiping out the enemies in one single attack, Lilith didn't continue her offense immediately. On the contrary, she scanned her surroundings and sprinted toward a light in the distance. Since the light was the only thing on the vast, empty plains, it was apparent that it was the venue for her trial.

Even though Lilith displayed mighty strength, she knew that it was just the beginning; if she became conceited, then who knows what would happen, she must always be on her guard. With this mentality, she walked forward always on her guards; however, Lilith didn't encounter any more monsters as she walked towards that light she saw in the distance, and she came face to face with the thing she previously identified as light it was a small shining room.

Lilith immediately went inside the room; the door immediately closed behind her.. The final test was about to begin.

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Lilith stopped and took a deep breath, then immediately went inside the room; the door immediately closed behind her. The final test was about to begin.

As she entered the small room, she was blinded by a white light, it was so intense that Lilith momentarily closed her eyes, and she opened them again. She was in entirely different scenery; she reappeared inside a garden filled with nothing but a white Lily.

In the distance, there was a garden bench. This garden bench was fashioned from a wind-felled tree, the legs being sections of the trunk still clothed in bark, and the top was a fine long plank rendered a deep soulful brown by the varnish. And sitting on this bench was a woman, no calling her a young girl should be the right word; she had long black hair that reached her waist. The moment Lilith entered, the young girl who had her back facing Lilith spun around and greeted her with a smile; however, Lilith's mind was functioning correctly as this young girl had the same features as her; it was too much to be a coincidence.

Just as numerous questions were running through the demon's princess mind, the young girl that looked exactly like her beckoned her to come closer, and to her horror, Lilith moved on her own even when she hadn't given the command to move.

'What?' Lilith shouted in her mind; she almost shouted aloud; however, she stopped. The young Lilith looked at her with appraising eyes, she chuckled.

"Not bad, as expected of me."

Boom!

This declaration was like a bomb that exploded inside Lilith's mind; she momentarily staggered but continued to walk forward before finally sitting on the bench from across the young Lilith. The two stared at each other for a moment; the only thing that could be said to be different between them was that the young Lilith had black eyes instead of purple eyes like Lilith, except for this difference, everything else was the same.

"So you're curious about what's happening?"

Lilith nodded; the situation was too bizarre; although she was able to pierce together a plausible hypothesis, in the end, it was still just a hypothesis; learning the truth from this girl's mouth would help her. Suddenly, a certain someone's figure quickly flashed through Lilith's head. She froze; she had the feeling that since the beginning, Alex knew something; this feeling was intensified when she saw the smile on her younger self.

"Well, to begin, who are you?"

Lilith showed a perplexed look when asked this question. If this person that had the same face as her was indeed her, she should have known who she was, and yet she still asked her who she was.

"I'm Lilith Eleonora Astaroth."

Even so, Lilith still answered; however, to her disappointment, the young Lilith shook her head and said.

"Your answer is half right. That's your current identity. Haven't you been feeling incomplete since the beginning?"

This question made Lilith's body flinch; the young Lilith chuckled and continued.

"I guess you're aware of it. The current you are like a puzzle missing the essential parts to form a perfect puzzle."

"And you are that part, correct?" Lilith interrupted her younger self and raised this question.

"Bingo, you got it. I'm the missing part, but first of all, you must know your true identity. By now, you must be aware that the thing you previously thought to be precious to your brother was in fact yours."

To this, Lilith nodded, then she asked a question she had been burning to ask and couldn't wait anymore.

"Did my friends know this?"

The young Lilith didn't immediately answer; she made a strange face and muttered, "Friends, huh!"

Then she shrugged her shoulders; this was more than enough for Lilith to get the answer she wanted; she sighed; she couldn't blame them for hiding this from her, although she was a bit upset, she could understand why they did what they did. Maybe if she had known this, she would think they were making fun of her, and maybe she wouldn't be standing here.

Taking a deep breath to control her emotions, Lilith looked at the young girl before her with unwavering eyes.

Finding funny Lilith's behavior, the young Lilith chuckled before asking.

"Have you heard of that battle 250 years ago, the battle that made an entire continent disappear?"

Lilith nodded, although nowadays they tried to conceal it, a selected few knew this, and like royalty, she also heard a little about it.

"Do you know that previously they existed beings called Gods?"

Lilith looked at the young Lilith with weird eyes as if to say; everyone knows this, so why the hell are you asking something so obvious? Still, she decided to answer the girl's question, they must be a reason behind such a question, and only by answering, by playing along, would she be able to get the answers she was after.

"Yeah, I heard about them, but they suddenly vanished. Rumor has it that they lost against a terrible being which later cast a curse on our world making impossible for anyone to ever step in the God Realm." While explaining this, Lilith carefully observed the young Lilith's reaction as if to check something. However, she was disappointed that she didn't notice anything, either because she was wrong or this person was a master in controlling her emotions.

"Good, not everything has been buried. I shall tell you a bit about them before you receive your inheritance.." The young Lilith declared before crossing her legs; Lilith decided to listen to her story carefully.

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"Indeed, in the past, they existed beings called Gods; these beings were strong, the epitome of strength, the strongest on their continent. There was the Elf monster Typhania; even among the Gods, she was

feared as she was strong; no, she was the strongest, following her was another High Elf, a master swordsman, and a highly-skilled Archer, Elesim. Then there was the Destruction Mage Emilia, a powerful Fire Goddess, stronger than her, standing on top of the human continent was Artemia."

When she heard Artemia's name, unconsciously Lilith gulped, she was starting to piece together the whole thing, and she was afraid that her speculation would be true.

The young Lilith, no, at this point, she should be called her past self, chuckled before continuing with her story.

"Where I was? Yeah, I was talking about Artemia; she could be classed second among the Gods, right behind Typhania. Moving on, there was the God of Smith, Aphros, pretty good at creating artifacts such good armor and weapons that could compete with Gift, a dwarf; there was his brother that traitor." The past Lilith's eyes turned murderous, but she quickly shook her head to continue.

'I guess she couldn't control her emotions so well.' Lilith concluded and continued to listen.

"Then there was the Demon Goddess Lilith; you must have pierced the puzzle together, right?" The Lilith from the past asked, and Lilith nodded.

"You meant to say I'm the reincarnated demon's goddess, right?"

The Lilith from the past nodded, then Lilith became more confused. Although the Gods were powerful, it shouldn't be to the extent that they could plan their reincarnation after death; they must be a reason, something this person used in order to reincarnate her.

"I'm curious; you must have used an item to reincarnate yourself after getting killed; however, it wasn't perfect because I become incomplete."

"Not quite correct; we deliberately did this."

"We?" Lilith asked with a question mark above her head. This meant she wasn't the only one to have been reincarnated; they must exist other as well.

"Wait, you couldn't be implying that Artemia is also a reincarnated goddess, will you?"

The Lilith from the past chuckled, "Indeed, she the reincarnated Human Goddess. It's only recently she acquired her missing power to help her quickly climb up. However, unlike you, she didn't lose her memories after the reincarnation, even this was done deliberately. We acquire a certain item in a very particular dungeon, you see, and it became useful soon after we opened the Pandora box and let out that calamity. No, think about we might have acted because of curiosity, we wished to find our origin beyond this world, go into the higher worlds after coming from that very unusual and unique dungeon; however, even it wasn't us, someday someone else would have acted. It's good that you and your friend have come a little more, and I wouldn't be able to stop them from getting me. Although I don't know exactly what happened outside, however, I could feel the ominous air, a big storm was coming, and he was about to wake up. If we fail this time, maybe Mysthia's world will be no more. So, let's hurry; it's about to become stormy outside."

Lilith sighed; although there were many things she wished to say, she stopped asking them. She knew she would get those answers after assimilating this person; however, there was still something she was hesitant about; what if all of this was a ploy arranged by her brother to take over her body?

As if she could see through Lilith's worry, Lilith from the past chuckled.

"It's good to be suspicious, but you should know that I'm mere soul fragment borrowing your Gift body; I mean no harm, and you could feel it. I know what you went through. However, I want to ask you a question."

"Go ahead," Lilith said she could more or less guess what question she was about to ask.

"This power, what do you wish to do with it? Revenge?" The Lilith from the past black eyes were like the eyes of a judge.

It was Lilith's turn to chuckle; she immediately answered the question.

"Revenge is just one of my goals; protecting my people is another one my goals. So don't worry, I will save the world if it's what you want, I don't really have the choice, do I?"

To this jab, Lilith from the past shrugged her shoulders and chose to stay silent.

"Well, it doesn't matter, many people have made it possible, some sacrificed their lives for me to be here, and like me, you know that I dislike owing people favor. If saving the world can be considered repaying this favor, then I'll gladly do it." Lilith declared; it was really what she thought. Even though she might have lost some of her memories, the core was still there; the Lilith from the past nodded and warned.

"Be prepared. It would hurt like hell."

Lilith nodded with resolute eyes as if to say, bring it, then the Lilith from the past smiled, it was a smile that sent chill down her spine; therefore she gulped, the scenery around them changed into a pitch-black world, the two stood atop black water.

"Let's begin." The Lilith from the past muttered right before her.

"When-"

The words she wished to say were cut off when the other Lilith finger lightly poked her forehead.

"Ugh!" Lilith's body trembled as if she was electrocuted, followed by intense pain.

"Inheritance begin."

"Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!!"

Lilith's body fell into the dark water after screaming, memory upon memory started to rush into her head, she felt like her head would explode; however, if it were only that, then would have been able to deal with this amount of pain, however, at the same time that her head throbbed, her body was being shredded from the inside out, her cells were getting destroyed then repaired, then destroyed again, the culprit seemed to be the black water. Lilith's consciousness started to become blurry; even so, she refused to give in; she wouldn't fall unconscious, she mustn't.



While Lilith was suffering inside the black water, above it were two girls; one was becoming more and more transparent while the other was in half-materialized shape.

Looking at her body that had almost disappeared, Lilith, from the past, sighed.

"I hope she would quickly finish as things are not looking good outside; who would have thought that he would act like this."

The other girl, Lilith's Gift spirit, nodded and looked outside, past the dungeon where the situation was about to get even more chaotic.

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Let's rewind time to one day.

In Athens, Lucifer called his right-hand man and gave him some instructions, and after the man left, Lucifer grinned evilly; a woman was kneeling before him. Lucifer looked at the woman with blood hair reminiscent of Priscilla and chuckled; he would make good use of this woman; a person fueled by the feeling of vengeance could be easily controlled.

"Lois, head towards the dungeon, there you will find several guards, use them and use that thing if necessary. Your sister would be proud of you if you succeed, and I can bring her back with your sacrifice."

The girl, the vampire called Lois nodded, her rank is a Count, Priscilla's only sister.

"As you wish, your majesty."

Then her figure disappeared into countless bats. Lucifer chuckled and stared in the direction of the Demon's Goddess Dungeon.

"You might succeed, but you will still die, and everything will become mine."

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Thousand of demons surrounded the dungeon, tightly guarding it. Lois, who appeared was immediately appointed as the commander.

Looking at the dungeon's entrance, Lois's red eyes shined intensely; she clenched her fist and muttered.

"Don't worry, Big sister, I'll avenge you."

Losing her sister had been a great blow; she volunteered to be stationed here and avenge her sister murderer; she even prepared something if her sister was alive and knew it would admonish her; it was a forbidden art, something their ancestor forbade them from using, she wasn't well versed in this art but thanks to the emperor generosity she could now fully use it.

Hours quickly passed, and night fell.

A blue crescent moon floated as if a wound was carved in the night sky.

Here and there, you could hear people whispering, laughing as they guarded the dungeon.

Glancing at the thousand demons laughing and planning, Lois chuckled and smiled viciously, if only they knew; shaking her head, she went to sit in front of the entrance, and like this, the night passed, and a new day began.

Suddenly, the dungeon started intensely shaking; this startled a thousand demons nearby; they clutched their weapons, and their bodies tensed up. The dungeon trembling had begun the moment Lilith accepted to inherent her past self-power.

Lois grinned; her chance had arrived; she would avenge her sister.

Meanwhile, inside the dungeon, Alex, who had joined Sakuya after his fight with Leonardo, frowned at the dungeon's unusual behavior.

"What's going on?" Sakuya asked while dusting herself.

Alex shrugged his shoulders. "I don't know; I only hope that Lilith has succeeded or at least is about to succeed."

Shake! Shake!

The shaking began more violently, almost as if someone was shaking the dungeon; it was so intense that the two fell on the ground and were forced to find something to hold or else they would be tossed away.

Suddenly, the shaking stopped, and Sakuya heaved a sigh of relief.

"Thank God it's stopped."

However, contrary to Sakuya, Alex's expression was ugly as he swore.

"Shit! Grab into me!"

"What?" Sakuya was confused; however, she immediately did as she was told after seeing the look in Alex's eyes, he was not joking.

Just after she grabbed into him, the dungeon started to shake more violently; even Sakuya felt an ominous feeling, then there was a blinding light that covered them, and they were teleported away. On many other floors, situations such as this happened.

When the couple opened their eyes again, the sun blinded their sight, forcing them to cover their eyes momentarily; it was when they heard the gaping sounds of thousand people. A shiver ran down their spines, especially after someone started laughing as if she had lost her mind.

"Hehehehe~ Hihih, hahaha, die."

Lois, who had lost her reasoning after seeing Alex and detected the faint scent of her sister's blood on him, declared and unleashed an attack on him, Alex accel-ed while holding the attack.

Tuk! Tuk! Boom Boom!

As if it was a signal, thousand of attacks were launched on the group.

"Shit!" Alex cursed as he dodged the attack and counterattacked; Sakuya also did the same thing; however, a shield appeared and blocked their attacks, although it was only normal attacks, for them to be stopped so easily shocked the two, Alex frowned, especially when his sixth sense kept ringing telling him that he was in extreme danger. He quickly scanned his surrounding, except for that vampire, a Rank 10, the others were nothing exceptional.

Suddenly, all the hairs on Alex's body rose. He knew that something bad was about to happen, so he grabbed Sakuya's hand and tried to escape; however, it was already too late.

Loic, with a crazed smile, plunged her own nails in her chest and grasped her heart.

"Commander?"

Those standing next to her were shocked by her sudden action, and they questioned her; however, all they received were a crazed smile, a smile full of madness followed by words that forever sealed their fate.

Ba-dump! Ba-dump! Ba-----dump!

[Ultimate Forbidden blood art: Blood Polis, City of Blood]

Kabooooom!

A terrific explosion occurred; blood exploded and covered Alex, Sakuya, and the thousand demons, then something horrible soon followed.

"Hiahhhhhh! Stop, it hurts."

"Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!"

"Please stop itttttt!"

Numerous cries could be heard, followed by people rolling on the ground, blood escaping from their bodies to form a giant blood dome. Those people's bodies were rapidly shrinking.

Alex and Sakuya froze, facing this abnormal situation.

As the name suggested, the technique used by Lois: Blood Polis, the City of Blood. It's the power to steal the life essence of the living and strengthen yourself and the area around you.

Alex, who was the first to come back to himself, shouted at Sakuya.

"We must hurry and kill it and escape. If not, we will die."

Sakuya nodded; simultaneously, from the center of the blood dome, a terrific roar echoed.

"Roarrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr!"

It was a roar that shook heaven and earth; Alex and Sakuya rapidly closed their ears for them not to burst from the intense sound.

It was then Sakuya shouted.

"Careful!"

A beast so huge but fast as well appeared behind Alex and brought down its terrible claw; Sakuya was about to unleash an attack when she stopped because Alex reacted faster and fired behind him.

[Phantom bullet]

BANG!

On the contrary, Alex was flung away; then, the beast appeared before Sakuya.

"What?"

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"What?"

Sakuya freaked out when the monster appeared before her and swung its claw.

[Iai Giri]

Just as the monster's claw was about to reach her, she unleashed a quick slash.

Kirrin!

There was a metallic sound; Sakuya ground her teeth and borrowed the recoil from the clash to escape; the monster she wished to pursue got stopped because of Alex's attack.

The crimson bullet sliced through the air and arrived before the monster; the latter seemed annoyed as it opened its mouth and fired a red beam at the crimson bullet.

Kaboom!

There was a crimson explosion, and clouds rose to the sky. Alex had caught up with Sakuya.

"Are you alright?" He questioned while searching for the monster's location; due to the crimson cloud, it had become hard to locate it.

"Huff! Huff! I'm okay, but that thing is dangerous. We must take care of it before reinforcements come." Sakuya suggested as she readied her katana. The wind started to gather around her.

"Huh?" Alex was confused at first but soon smiled as he understood what she was trying to do.

Lightly tapping his foot on the ground, green light burst out from under his shoes, the ground cracked as he propelled into the sky. Alex moved his eyes, his left eye turned red as he searched for the core point of this city of blood.

The monster sensed something, she lifted her head and tried to shoot a beam at Alex to stop him from finding that thing, however,

"As if I'd allow you to do that."

Sakuya's voice carried by the wind reached the monster's ears, she became furious, and when she tried to pounce on the insolent girl and tear her apart, thirteen Wind spears coming from all sides exploded on its body.

Kaboom!

"Roarrrrrr!"

The monster roared, numerous blood arrows appeared around its body and were about to be unleashed on Sakuya when she said.

"Bind Kaze ito."

The thirteen wind spears that had previously exploded on its body hadn't disappeared; they transformed into thin wind thread that bound the monster; some of them got wrapped around the blood arrows in the air and dragged them down.

Boom!

"!!!!!!!!!"

The monster howled in pain; during this time, Alex had finally seen where what he was looking for was; he grinned and spun Silveria in his hand before aiming it toward the small blood-red crystal hidden in the northwest of his position.

[Erase] BANG!

The silver bullet tore through the air; time seemed to have stopped, the monster wanted to destroy this small silver light; however, she couldn't as Sakuya was blocking her way, just as the monster opened her mouth to roar, the silver bullet arrived at its destination. It pierced through numerous defenses before breaking apart the small blood-red crystal.

"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

The monster wailed when Blood Polis was destroyed, her supply of Life essence destroyed, the monster started thrashing. Sakuya approached her to deliver the final blow; however, it was a terrible mistake.

"Sakuya, fall back do not get closer."

It was already too late; the dying monster turned into a red mist that restrained Sakuya's movement.

"What?"

She couldn't move; her katana was tightly bound against her, then an intense bloodlust was let loose on her, Sakuya's mind turned white, she momentarily lost focus. It was then from the red mist sharp fangs manifested and crept closer to Sakuya's neck; its goal was obvious to suck away every blood and life essence from this girl's body to avenge her fallen sister.

It was then her hateful enemy voice reached her and,

"Seriously, give me a break."

[Shadow Shift] [Time Decay]

She died. Lois didn't understand what happened; all she remembered before dying was a gray bullet penetrating her body turned into a fog; usually, this body should have been immune to physical attack meaning Alex's bullets shouldn't have worked on her; however, on the contrary, it worked, and she died.

Lois' last thought was, 'Sis, I fail you, and your highness, I'm sorry.'

Alex spat out a sigh, shielding Sakuya behind him, he shouted.

"Isn't it this time for you to come out?"

Sakuya was first confused at Alex shouting at nobody; however, her eyes widened soon, and goosebumps rose all over her body.

"Clap! Clap! Not bad. I heard many rumors about you but compared to those rumors; the real thing is more amazing Alexander Keal Touch."

A man appeared as if he had been there since the beginning; he wore an imperial bore, a purple crown of thorn was on top of his head.

When Sakuya saw this man, all the cells of her body whispered only one thing, flee. She knew this man was dangerous, dangerous more than anything she ever faced; this man could toy with them as he wished, no he had begun, he was there since the beginning, yet he simply watched as thousand of his men were sacrificed. A vampire count was slain, to him that death didn't matter for the grand scheme of things.

Alex stared at the man standing in an assured manner before him, almost as if he owned the world; well, at least he does own the demon's empire, this man, the current emperor of the demon, the man who massacred his family, killed his father to be here.

"Lucifer," Alex said with difficulty the man's name he didn't wish to face, at least not now; however, not everything goes as one plan anyway.

"Oh! My it seems I'm quite hated. I wonder why? This is the first time you and I face each other, so I'm curious as to why you hate me so much?"

Sakuya was trembling, even though the man just stood there doing absolutely nothing, her body which instinctively knew how dangerous the man was, couldn't stop shaking. Then a warm hand covered her trembling hand to comfort her; it was Alex doing.

"I don't hate you simply. It's just I don't like you," Alex responded while squeezing Sakuya's hand; it had become cold because she was afraid of the monster before them.

There was a silence before Lucifer suddenly burst into laughter.

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There was a silence before Lucifer suddenly burst into laughter.

"Hahahahahaha! How courageous, you are indeed interesting. I was testing you to see if you'd cower, but on the contrary, you even have the gut to say in front of me that you don't like me. Some might say you're reckless, but to me, you're courageous; however, I wonder what gave you so much confidence?"

At the end of his word Lucifer released a bit of his power, space began to twist, Alex and Sakuya felt as if a huge load had been put on them, their bodies began to shake, Sakuya coughed blood and kneeled while Alex ground his teeth and glared at Lucifer.

"Don't look at me like that; I'm just defending my home; some rats sneak in, so as the owner, I have to clean up, don't you agree?"

Faced with Lucifer's venomous tongue, Alex chose to stay silent; his mind was thinking about dealing with the current situation. Since the moment they appeared here after being thrown out of the dungeon, he knew that trouble would come; however, he had thought that he would escape before Lucifer came, he thought he still had a little bit of time; however, this assumption was wrong, and Lucifer came.

Alex, who discreetly tried to activate the ultimate last trump card he had prepared, froze at Lucifer's following words.

"And by the way, if you are thinking of escaping through teleportation scroll, I advise you to give up on this though because you see I came prepared."

[[Master, he isn't bluffing.]] Silveria confirmed Alex's worse fear forcing him to curse inwardly.

'Damn it.'

Taking a deep breath, Alex's mind never stopped searching for a solution; while helping Sakuya to get up on her feet, he asked.

"What do you want?"

"Hehehehe! Nothing, just." Lucifer concealed his power smiled like a saint before declaring.

"I want you dead; I'll torture you slowly before killing you."

The smile had disappeared from his face by then; contrary to Lucifer's expectation, Alex did not panic at this sudden change, he chuckled and declared.

"I doubt it; if it's your goal, you'd have done that since the beginning. Well, those behind you don't want me dead, at least not yet, so I wonder if you have the power to go against them?"

For the first time since his apparition, Lucifer frowned, his handsome face creased as if he had chewed a bug; he was truly furious. However, he wouldn't fall for this little brat scheme, but it was still necessary to teach this human his place.

"You know when courage exceeds some limit, it's called stupidity, you're stupid, and I will teach you a lesson before that bitch come out," Lucifer said before flicking his fingers; suddenly, dozen of men appeared around Lucifer. The weakest was Rank 12.

Outwardly Alex showed a shocked expression while inwardly, he was grinning. His provocation worked; among those men was holding the jamming device that stopped him from using the teleportation scroll. This device wasn't on Lucifer Alex had checked, and Silveria had made sure that his conclusion was correct.

Alex pushed Sakuya doing while secretly pushing something inside her hand. This sudden action made Lucifer and his men crease their brows, and this momentary action enabled Alex to find what he was after finally.

Immediately, Alex launched an attack.

Lucifer looked at Alex with disappointment as, among all people he could attack, he chose to attack him; he thought he was smart, he should know the difference between them, yet he still decided to court his death? For what reason? Or does he think because the Lord wanted him, he couldn't be killed? How foolish. Lucifer sighed; he couldn't be bothered with him; he was disappointed.

One of Lucifer subordinates standing behind him, a Rank 13 Bull demon, stepped forward and sent a punch toward the incoming Alex; he didn't stop, suddenly under everyone astonished eyes, Alex summoned two silver guns he pointed one of them, the original behind him and the second in a certain direction then.

Bang Bang!

A crimson bullet accurately landed on Sakuya feet and exploded; the exploded momentarily blocked their sights before her body was propelled high into the sky; Sakuya immediately unleashed her strongest attack toward Lucifer.

"What?"

The bull demon exclaimed before changing the trajectory of his fist to block Sakuya attack; his hand was almost sliced off.

During this time, Alex and Lucifer stared at each other; time seemed to have stopped, Lucifer saw Alex grin, and he knew that he had fallen into Alex's trap, he roared.

"Stop him."

One of his men tried to go where the device was; however, he sensed a bullet coming towards its head, his snorted, then his body blurred and Alex took his place and appeared before a small looking demon, even though strong was shocked by the sudden event before he could make any move, the bracelet on his wrist broke.

Kacha!

Everything happened in a matter of seconds, a thin thread appeared and got wrapped around Alex's waist, and he was dragged into the sky; Sakuya immediately poured the bit of mana she had left into the old looking parchment, the teleportation scroll, Alex had put it this in her hand before launched that attack.

The teleportation scroll burst into light, a golden light that swirled to form a small portal; Sakuya glanced down; Alex had almost arrived, he fired two crimson bullets at the enemy to distract them.

Lucifer calmly looked at the crimson flame surrounding him and his men; none of them acted, no they had tried however he stopped them, they could feel how furious the emperor was, to be played like this made him furious.

"Good, good. You've succeeded in enraging me, and I'll show you what true despair is."



Then he stretched his hand; it transformed into a huge palm that rushed toward Alex and Sakuya; this palm was incomparably fast; Lucifer observed as the hand got closer to them, he could see Sakuya showing extreme panic while Alex smirked.

"What?"

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Since the beginning, Alex never thought of escaping, not easily at least. It would have been a foolish thing to think like that. Facing this kind of opponent, you have to be clever and faster.

The hatred exhibited at the beginning was to draw his attention then injure his ego by showing he was not afraid of him, him a Demi-God level expert, provoke him to make him show his cards, not all of them but at least some of them. When planning for this mission, he had thought of what he would do if this kind of situation were to happen, and he prepared accordingly.

Alex, who saw the giant hand force down the feeling of fear that was about to emerge and smirked at Lucifer; he had one goal in mind by doing this it was to make Lucifer shocked, thus momentarily slowing down his attack, during this time, Alex quickly winked at Sakuya before cutting off the wind thread wrapped around his waist before firing a harmless bullet at Sakuya.

"Alex!!!!!"

Sakuya struggled; however, her body was already passing through the golden portal, then she heard Lucifer's furious roar and the giant hand rushing toward him; however, like a giant, Alex stood between the two, giving her one last glance he smiled while mumbling.

"I'll see you soon."

Then,

Boom!

"Alex!!!-"

Sakuya voice was cut off as she disappeared through the golden portal; however, she seemed to have coughed blood before completely disappearing, as if something had succeeded in injuring her.

Alex frowned upon sensing this.

〔Master, concentrate〕 Silveria shout awoke Alex, and he poured mana into his ability Time Stop; however, he still couldn't stop the giant hand from closing in, and it was impossible for him to accel nor shadow shift as this hand seemed to block all these skills, Alex sighed before,

〔Master?〕 Silveria asked, confused because Alex aimed the silver gun at his right hand and fired; then the giant hand arrived and caught Alex.

"Gah?!"

Terrible pain assaulted his body when he was caught; he felt like all his bones were about to break; his bones were making a popping sound as the giant hand gripped him tightly.

Swoosh!

A terrific wind assaulted him before Alex was slammed into the ground by the giant hand.

Bam!

BOOOOM

A world-ending blast occurred, turning into a gigantic mushroom cloud as Alex's body violently slammed against the ground.

His mouth fell open, and blood sprayed out. His left arm was broken, and his body was convulsing with pain.

Simultaneously, the giant hand transformed into purple lightning that covered Alex's mangled body and, he started screaming.

"AHHHHHHHHH!"

Before suddenly bursting into laughter.

"Hahahahaha! Hahahaha!"

Lucifer frowned, his expression unreadable; one among his men couldn't take it anymore and began walking toward Alex; he decided to teach this human a lesson he would never forget.

Suddenly, someone stopped the man.

"Duke Valepor, where are you going?" It was Lucifer's, right-hand man. Duke Valepor frowned but couldn't ignore the man as he knew his status and was better than anybody; what would happen if he ignored him and walked away.

"I'm going to teach this human a good lesson; he must not disrespect our lord."

Lucifer stopped his right-hand man; seeing this Duke Valepor, also known as Greed, dragged his big body toward Alex, the latter was still laughing even he coughing blood.

Duke Valepor approached Alex and stopped not too far from him; seeing his terrible body, the Duke grinned; however, the look and Alex's laugh irked him; therefore, he asked.

"You fool, why are you laughing? Have you gone nuts? Although your second escaped she received Duke Pallos' attack, she would die."

'So the person who attacked her is called Pallos, good I've registered it.' Alex inwardly mumbled while he continued to laugh.

"As for you, stop laughing. You'll die."

Alex ignored him and kept laughing. Duke Valepor frowned and pierced Alex's right thigh with a dark tentacle; Alex didn't even react, his left thigh pierced still no reaction, it was only when his injured left arm was pierced that he stopped laughing coughed blood.

"Hehehe, you're not that tough after all." Duke Valepor mumbled when suddenly Alex tried to say something but couldn't; he could only cough blood; however, Duke Valepor frowned and walked forward he wanted to hear what Alex had to say before destroying it, maybe he wanted to beg to be killed, or maybe he wanted to beg for mercy, either way, none of these things he was going to grant, he would slowly torture him, if he put a good performance maybe the emperor, Lucifer would reward him.

Head filled with delusions; Duke Valepor confidently walked until he was above Alex; he put his right leg on Alex's chest and squeezed it by putting pressure on his leg.

"Gah! Cough! Cough!" Alex coughed blood; his vision was becoming more and more blurry. Even so, he never released his right hand.

"Talk. What do you want to say?"

"Cough, cough! Come closer, Cough!"

"Oh? Do you wish to beg for mercy? I shall hear you out as merciful." Duke Valepor said, and he lowered his body; he was still cautious, ready to intervene if Alex tried anything funny; however, Alex kept coughing blood. This made the Duke let his guard down, now closer to Alex, almost face to face, he asked.

"So what do you want to-"

"Time Stop"

The Duke froze his mouth wide open, Alex heterochromia eyes shined viciously, his right hand moved, and he shoved something inside the Duke's mouth before declaring.

"I was saying die for me."

Thud!

Alex's body fell back; he was tired, he started to lose consciousness.

'Please come back!' He prayed.

Time resumed, and Duke Valepor staggered back; he clutched his throat, trying all he could to remove the thing that entered his mouth but ultimately failed.

"Ahhhhhhhhh!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

Gray light enveloped his body, and under everyone's eyes, he was turned into a mummy in an instant. Horror was the first emotion most demons felt, followed by extreme rage, Alex's name was immediately put on the Red list, at the highest place.

Lucifer, who stayed silent, finally opened his mouth and declared,

"Die!"

"And how are you planning to do that? Kill him when I'm here?"

A voice suddenly reached their ears, and space got ripped apart above Alex, and a woman appeared. She was dressed in black; the sky darkened, lightning rumbled, she was like a goddess.

Seeing this woman, Alex smiled and closed his eyes; the rest could be now left to her; Lilith Eleonora Astaroth had come.

Lucifer's contorted before he began to smile.

"Welcome back, sister."

Chapter 498 - 483: Escape And News

Lilith, dressed in all black, looked on down on Alex, who had just lost consciousness, looking at his mangled body, which was slowly recuperating. Her expression contorted, not having seen Sakuya anywhere, she judged that she must have escaped; the remnant of space magic attested this.

Then she saw the remnant of the Duke and smiled.

Lucifer was getting impatient as Lilith completely ignored after the first word.

One of the duke's men became furious, a Saint stepped forward and tried to say something.

"Woman-"

Lilith moved her hand, and the man upper body got swallowed by a terrible dark space ripped apart above the man's head and swallowed half of his body.

Thud!

The remaining part fell on the ground; a chill ran down everyone's spine. Lucifer was so shocked that his mouth was wide open, you could shove a tennis ball in it; she knew she had gotten strong but not to this extent, the dead demon might not be a high-level Saint, but he was still Saint nonetheless, for him to be easily killed like that was absurd.

Just as he was lost in thoughts, wondering how strong Lilith had become, she launched an attack on him.

"Humph!"

Lucifer snorted; although she became strong, it was not to the extent that she could face him yet.

Rip!

Lucifer sent a punch toward Lilith's attack, and it was instantly extinguished. Chill ran down his spine immediately; he disappeared to miss space lame that appeared behind him.

Just as he was feeling furious to have been played, Lucifer heard Lilith parting words.

"See you soon, brother, and I hope you will like my parting gift."

Lilith entered the space gash she had opened and disappeared; however, just before it could be closed entirely, Lucifer launched a furious attack that widened the gap before it was quickly healed.

"Damn it, let's go back."

Lucifer roared and immediately headed towards the palace; he must find out what Lilith meant by saying she had left a good parting gift for him. However, thinking about a certain event that recently took place, a bright smile appeared on his face as he mumbled.

"After you go back, there is great news awaiting; if you can't safely go back, that is."

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In an extremely remote place, space was ripped apart, and a bloody figure stepped out and suddenly fell toward the ground head first.

Crack! Crack! Boom!

Lilith's body created a small crater as she fell. She didn't move for fifteen minutes before slowly raising her upper body.

"Cough! Cough! Demigod should be underestimated. Where is Alexander?"

She started searching around her but couldn't find him anywhere. She immediately frowned upon this discovery.

"Damn it, we must have been separated because of Lucifer's attack; even the location was messed up. I must find him; he is injured than me. Let's stand u- Ouch! I guess a short rest is needed."

Lilith mumbled before closing her eyes to check her injuries.

Three hundred kilometers away from Lilith's current position was an open-air onsen, and currently, this was occupied by a girl. Only one word could be used to describe her body soaked in hot water, hot. Six golden tails appeared behind this girl; they were moving independently as if they possessed a consciousness.

"Huh?"

Suddenly, the humming girl frowned and raised her eyes; she could feel something falling from the sky.

"What the-"

Kuina hadn't finished her words before there was a terrible explosion after that thing landed on the water.

The water rose like a wave, and Kuina was sent flying, unbothered to hide her seductive body; however, her tails hide the most sensitive part. Kuina floated in the air and extended her right hand, and red mana gathered around her hand to rapidly form a burning flame spear; she pointed the flame spear downward.

"Come out," Kuina shouted; considering what happened recently, she was vigilant; if it ended up being a prank, she would teach the prankster a terrible lesson.

Suddenly, Kuina, who was getting impatient as nobody was responding nor initiated an attack on her, stopped mouth agape when she finally caught sight of the thing that floated up, black hair, extremely handsome face, and she knew this face.

"Alexander?"

Kuina descended and approached Alex; his body was in an extremely sorry state.

"Let's move this guy out of the water and treat him first. The rest should be taken care of later."

Using her tails, she lifted Alex's body out of the water; if he were conscious, he would have enjoyed the heavenly sensation of being wrapped by such a soft tail.

Two days later, Alex woke up; he was in an unfamiliar room, sleeping on an unfamiliar bed. He got up from the bed, strolled to the window, and looked outside. It was an unfamiliar land as well; just as he frowned, wondering where he was, a voice coming from behind echoed.

"Good, you have finally woken up. How are you feeling, Alex?"

Alex immediately identified the owner of this voice; the first thought that came to his mind was that he was back to the academy and this must be one of the isolated dormitories; however, he quickly shook his head and discarded this thought as the air, the mana in the air gave an entirely different feeling than that in the academy.

Finally, turning toward the only person that could give him an answer, Alex opened his mouth and said.

"I'm fine; how many days have I slept for?"

"Two days," Kuina responded. Alex nodded and asked another question.

"Where is Lilith?"

"Huh? The Demon's princess?" Kuina asked to be sure, and Alex nodded.

"I haven't seen her. Maybe you got separated, only you fell from the sky landed where I was bathing." Kuina explained.

"Ugh!" Alex groaned; Kuina's expression changed and became serious; she bit her lips and announced terrible news that shook Alex to the core.

"Ferris Wolfgang, the Wolfgang Empire crown prince is dead."

"Pardon?" Alex stood there frozen, not believing what he had just heard.

Chapter 499 - 484: Talk With The Foxia Empress

In the Foxia Imperial Palace's majestic throne hall, humble braziers encompassing each of the ten alabaster columns lit up the entire hall and bathed it in an orange glow.

The illustrations of a kingdom in the sky on the layered ceiling dance in the flickering light while stone effigies and memorials look down upon the slate floor of this magnificent hall as if to tell about the kingdom's past glory.

A cobalt rug split the entire room in half and was matched by the thinner ones on either side of the hall while matching banners with emblazoned margins decorated the walls.

Between each banner hung a lantern; almost all of them have been lit and, in turn illuminated the artistic depictions of legendary figures below them.

Narrow windows were hidden by curtains colored the same cobalt as the banners. The curtains were adorned with gilded linings and decorating tips.

A striking throne of moonstone sat in front of a giant painting of the previous ruler (a woman) and was adjoined by two large but far less ornate seats for the royal highness's family members.

The throne was covered in intricate illustrations, and fixed on each front leg was a crystal crown. The thin pillows were dark cobalt, and these too have been adorned with golden borders.

Those expecting an audience with the Fox empress could do so on the countless long and rather bulky marble benches, all of which were diagonally facing the throne. Those of higher standing could instead take seats in the gorgeous balconies facing the throne.

And standing before such a grand throne was the empress of the Foxia kingdom, recently turned empire, Demeter L. Foxia, Kuina's mother.

The empress was walking to and fro, with her expression seeming as if she was in deep thought while at the same time expecting someone's arrival. She couldn't be blamed as an outside omen of invasion could be felt; the world was changing.

Suddenly, the empress smiled as her guess, accompanied by her daughter, had come.

Creak!

The giant doors made creaking sounds as Alex, followed by Kuina, walked in.

"Alex, greet the empress." Alex immediately went on his knees and greeted the empress.

Demeter sat on her throne, her fox tails acted like a cushion, and she smiled while not forgetting to tease her daughter.

"No need to act so stiff, Alexander. I'm your future daughter-in-law, after all."

Kuina immediately shouted.

"Mother."

Alex's face twitched; however, he chose not to say anything as he didn't wish to be swept in the mother-daughter game; however, Demeter wasn't going to let him go so easily.

"Oh my! Weren't you super concerned when no news was heard about him for several months? Weren't you the one that wanted to go search for him?"

"Ugh! Mother, please." Kuina raised her hands in surrender; she could never beat her mother. She could only sigh.

Meanwhile, Alex was frowning as he understood something from the two words, several months had passed since the three began their journey toward the Demon's continent, he had thought that only one

month had passed, at the best two, however, judging from their reaction more than two months had passed. Alex sighed; he must learn about what happened during his coma.

Demeter noticed Alex's expression and sighed; she had thought to make the atmosphere more lighter as learning that one of his friends was killed must have left him in a great shock.

"Alex, you must have learned what happened from Kuina." Demeter's powerful voice echoed through the throne hall; Alex nodded with a heavy face.

"What happened?" Alex asked as Kuina hadn't told him what had happened; she says Ferris was dead before asking him to come with her as her mother wished to talk with him.

"Ah! The detail is still unknown, but after coming out of the ancestral dungeon, after completing the trial to inherit the throne, Ferris became violent, he killed several guards and was about to kill his sister, nothing she said got through, in the end, she was forced to kill her brother. Ferris's dying words were 'Thank you and please watch out.' This happened less than a week ago."

Demeter explained; Kuina lowered her head to hide her tear; she strongly bit her lip; the taste of iron reminded her of what she must do.

Then Alex's voice echoed through the hall; there was a firm conviction inside his voice.

"There is no way Ferris was himself; something must have possessed him because he was not that type of man; he would never try to hurt his beloved sister, most of his decisions are made with the intention of protecting Eris, I know it. So, it's incomprehensible that he would suddenly act as he did without a proper reason."

"You are right. It's the conclusion most of us thought of. However, after his death, nothing was seen; well, there was a bloody letter on his chest that stated that there was a traitor inside the empire; you could imagine what upheaval this caused. The emperor, furious, almost went on a rampage. If it weren't because Eris intervened, a purge would have occurred, creating a terrible bloodbath. Eris's intervention was indeed clever as I could understand her goal; what if the thing that controlled her brother's body intentionally left behind such message to mislead them into creating chaos?"

Alex could understand where she was going. Indeed, Eris's intervention was great because she would regret it if she had just acted as a spectator when her home would be blazing. The enemy goal must have been to sow discord between the emperor and his vassals.

"What a terrible scheme." Alex spat out.

"Indeed, it's terrible. The world is slowly changing; the omen of destruction his getting closer and closer. You, young ones, must prepare to affront what is about to come."

Alex and Kuina nodded as they also felt the need to prepare for the incoming calamity. When Alex was about to open his mouth to suggest to be quickly sent back, the empress chuckled and announced.

"Oh! The final guest has arrived."

Immediately, Alex knew who it was. Demeter continued and said something Alex didn't understand on the spot but would in a few days.



"You three will immediately leave; it's time to go in that thing; what a wonderful world."

## Chapter 500 Back To Avalon

Five days later, a group composed of two women and one man could be seen coming out from a big building.

"It's good to be back. I miss the air here." Alex spat while inhaling Avalon's fresh air.

"Well, the floating capital hasn't changed since all this time. It's not back to be back." Lilith commented, and Kuina, standing next to her, was confused, so she turned toward Alex, who chuckled. He knew what she wanted to say; not only did she get stronger after getting that inheritance, her personality had slightly changed; when she talked, it was as if she was an old monster of 200 years.

'Well, she is indeed an old monster.' Alex thought while checking his surrounding. Because they were disguised, people didn't recognize them.

The three took a carriage and headed straight to Alex's manor. Fifteen minutes later, they arrived. Just as Alex stepped out of the carriage, he saw something flying toward him, his first reaction was to dodge, but he stopped when he saw the red hair.

Immediately Alex caught Gracier, whose smile was bright like the morning sun.

"I'm back, Alexandra," Alex said with a smile that didn't lose his sister.

"Welcome back, brother; I miss you so much." Gracier, who had gained a few centimeters and had become more beautiful, rubbed her cheek against Alex's cheek. In his absence, she would act mature, becoming devil, but when she saw him, she would become docile like a little angel.

Alex affectionately rubbed his sister's hair after putting her down.

"I miss you too."

"Welcome back, Princess Lilith, Princess Kuina." Gracier didn't forget to greet those two behind Alex.

"You are always cute, little Gracier. It's good to see your lovely face again." Kuina said as she approached Gracier to pat her head; Gracier didn't refuse.

Meanwhile, Lilith waved at Gracier, feeling that this girl did resemble Emilia, not in the face but potential; no, she was slightly better; she seemed to have perfect control over the Fire element as red mana surrounded her body if she was their queen.

'Interesting!' Lilith mumbled while looking at the group coming; Gracier must have been with them but got separated because she was too impatient to see her brother. Among this group was someone she was familiar with, her past friend; after she regained her memories, she felt a bit isolated as if she was in a foreign land; however, the presence of this person made that feeling, the loneliness go away.

Maria, Sakuya, Luna, Artemia, and Sera came and welcomed the group. If it weren't because she was maintaining a proper image, Sakuya would have jumped on him. That day being sent away without him almost broke her heart into thousand pieces; although she believed in him, her heart didn't listen to her

mind. It's only recently when she learned that he had escaped and was doing fine, that she let go of her worries.

"Let's not stand here," Maria suggested. The others nodded and followed her. The Ice Empress had become more beautiful; her temperature, although cold it wasn't to the extent that would make people fear her; on the contrary, it added a certain irresistible charm that drew you in.

Looking at her and at the others, Alex took a deep breath and once reaffirmed his goals, strength, and a stable environment for them. If this means conquering the world, turning the universe into his empire to provide them a safe haven, then he would gladly do it, it won't be easy but he would do it.

Unbeknownst to him, Maria was secretly watching him; she could see what he was thinking about, she sighed.

'This fool, thinking of doing everything by himself. We are here, you know. We are trying hard not to fall behind. I need to teach you this, through the hard way if possible.' Then she grinned; Sakuya and Luna walking beside her, felt a chill run down their spines; they looked at Alex with a look of pity.

"What?" Alex sensed their gaze and asked, confused; however, the only response was a smile.

'Forget it; it's nothing important.' Alex consoled himself thinking so.

Blue Haven Manor, main hall.

The group sat around a big table. Maria was the first to open her mouth.

"Once again, welcome. It's must have been hard on you. I'm glad you are all back fine and sound."

Alex and Lilith nodded, then Artemia was the one to talk next.

"Alex, Lilly, and Kuina, welcome back. I know you just came back, but you must have heard about the tragedy that befalls the Wolfgang Empire. The enemy was closer than we thought; we need to hurry and strengthen ourselves to prepare for what was about to come, and believe me, it wouldn't take long. In a few days, classes will resume at the academy. At the same time, I've heard that the headmistress and the Adventurer guild master has decided to graduate us if the chosen among us came out victorious from a certain dungeon."

'It must be the same dungeon Kuina's mother talked about. I'm getting more and more curious about this dungeon.' Alex said while looking forward to the said dungeon; what's so special about this dungeon?

"Alex, the guild master, wishes to see you as soon as you got a good rest," Sera announced, and Maria nodded; she seemed to have been aware of this news.

"I see; I'll see her when I'm free. By the way, how about Leon and Eris? I can't contact any of them."

Alex inquired as he couldn't get in touch with them; not even Kuina could; when he asked about Eris, Kuina flinched and started stuttering.

Although he was curious about why Kuina behaved like this, he couldn't pry open her mouth no matter what, so in the end, he still dropped the matter.

It was then Alex noticed the unusual silence inside the wall after he raised that question, just as he was about to open his mouth to ask what going an unexpected visitor entered.

"Welcome back Alex; I was waiting for you." Eris, who shouldn't be here, appeared from one of the rooms of the manor.

"Eh?"