

## Death Guns 531

### Chapter 531 - 516: Acquaintances Meeting In Exodus

A few kilometers away from Maria and Kuina, located was a big canyon, and currently, in the middle of this canyon, a fight was taking place.

A group of players was fighting against a big scorpion; although they were heavily damaging this 2 Star Boss, the casualties on their side were big; out of the fifty men Ryder had brought, more than half was killed, he became frustrated.

Lightning flashed from his hand and landed on the big scorpion stopping its movements momentarily.

Ryder looked behind him; a girl was sitting nonchalantly on a boulder chewing something; this girl was beautiful, short bob hair, crimson eyes, her hair was also crimson like a flame. The only shortcoming you could point out on this girl's body was her small breasts, no there weren't small but literally flat like a flatboat. This girl called herself Riley, a temporary member of his guild. She is strong, perhaps stronger than him.

Swallowing his pride, Ryder shouted. "Ms. Riley, please help if not-"

"I want half of the reward." Riley cut off Ryder and declared, even now, she was not looking at him, nor was she concerned about the ongoing fight.

Ryder pushed back the curses he was about to shout and nodded.

"Okay, I agree."

The moment Riley heard Ryder's confirmation, she jumped down from the boulder she was sitting on. Even though some of the members of the Crimson league wanted to complain, they dared not as they knew how overbearing this woman was. They quickly distanced themselves from the big scorpion; only Ryder stayed.

The scorpion's crystal eyes glared at the small human girl; as the scorpion was about to attack Riley, he realized that the temperature was suddenly increasing, becoming hotter and hotter.

Each step Riley took increased the temperature until the ground started melting; Ryder immediately wrapped lightning around his body to fight against the heat.

The big scorpion had sustained some injury; he usually should not be afraid of this human girl. Still, he couldn't stop shivering because of the giant phoenix image behind Riley; others could not see it, but the big scorpion saw it, and his fighting spirit was dampened; he immediately tried to flee.

"Want to run? It won't be easy."

Riley sneered and stretched one of her arms forward; immediately following her gesture, the ground that had turned into molten lava stretched like tentacles that bound the fleeing scorpion.

Sii! Sii!

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Red numbers kept floating above the restrained scorpion head as his body emitted a burnt scent.

From above the scorpion head, all the heat in the canyon converged to form a giant flame spear; it was so huge that even outside of the canyon, it could be seen. Those from the other guilds hiding could not help but gulp; they knew as long this girl, this monster was with the Crimson League, they could not do anything against the Crimson League; she was like a mass destruction weapon.

Back to the canyon, a chaotic scene could be seen; the members of the Crimson league were escaping the moment they saw the gigantic flame spear; they did not wish to be caught in the aftermath of the strike; even Ryder couldn't stay.

"Fuck!" Ryder swore as lightning covered his feet and his figure vanished; he had thought he could stay and land the finishing blow to get some XP, but Riley doesn't want to share; he could have chosen to stay but whether he could survive or not was unknown.

Riley smiled when she saw that Ryder finally left; during this time, the scorpion tried to free himself; he even tried to cut his limbs but froze when the phoenix image behind Riley became vivid.

"Armageddon!"

Riley declared and let lose the giant flame spear from the sky; like a meteor, it crashed on the restrained scorpion.

Kabooooom!

A terrible explosion occurred, shaking the whole canyon; even those outside felt the tremors and saw giant mushroom clouds rise to the sky.

Every one of them had this same question in their minds. 'Is this something a human could do?'

Naturally, the answer was yes.

When the cloud and the explosions calmed, Riley could be seen calmly standing without a single scratch; a huge crater of twenty of diameter was right before her; as for the big scorpion, he was utterly erased, not even leaving anything behind.

[Ding! Congratulations to player Riley O'flame for completing the S Rank quest.

Rewards:..]

While Riley was happily receiving her reward upon killing the 2 Stars Boss, Ryder outside was frowning; his completion was ugly; he had just received a message from his deputy leader.

{SOS: P-party annihilated, your brother killed, p-please come at our- Boom}

The sudden explosion abruptly cut off the communication. Ryder's blood pressure increased; he clenched his teeth and shouted in the direction of Riley.

"I will let you have everything we get in this quest; please help me out with something."

The remaining members of the Crimson league were shocked by their leader's sudden declaration. Although they wished to voice out their dissatisfaction, they dared not because currently, they could see how angry Ryder was.

Suddenly, Riley appeared before Ryder in a flash; she was like a dragon that smelled treasures. The two exchanged looks before they disappeared, leaving the others dumbfounded behind.

In another location, the ground had been erased as if natural disasters happened here; one part seemed frozen while the other was showing signs of being melted.

In the middle of this was a man in an extremely sorry state; his right leg was gone, his arms gone as well, his armor was destroyed, some pieces of this armor pierced his body, Ramos in the half-dead state chuckled bitterly, wondering how a simple mission turned into a complete massacre, he and his men could not last twenty minutes before getting completely destroyed.

Suddenly, there was a gust of wind mixed with lightning; Ryder appeared behind him was Riley.

Before Ramos and even Ryder could ask the typical question, 'It is you two who did this?',

Maria's sword removed Ramos's head, and it rolled until it stopped before Ryder's feet.

Kuina chuckled while Ryder felt like he was about to burst, suddenly he was shocked because Maria, who spun to face him finally, and Riley both shouted simultaneously.

"Eri!"

"Maria!"

Two acquaintances dead but reincarnated into separate worlds finally meet in Exodus.

Chapter 532 - 517: Maria Vs Eri

It was pretty unexpected for Maria to meet Eri Spencer here, those two relationships weren't friendly as both their fathers were rivals in the same field, so they often met and fought over nothing, the result ended most of the time in Maria victory as she was most beautiful, more scheming than the short-tempered Eri.

Both women stared at each other; the world seemed to have stopped for them as they only had each other in their eyes.

"Fufufufu!"

Eri was the first to burst into laughter while Maria's sounds followed.

"Hehehehe!"

Kuina and Ryder were dumbfounded but the sudden situation. Before they could place on both Maria and Eri moved simultaneously as if there were perfect synchronization.

Boom!

The first clash was a draw.

Ryder didn't miss out on the opportunity; he disappeared in a flash and appeared before Kuina slashed upward; the blow was ruthless, intending to bisect the fox girl into two. Although he likes beauties, the current situation was not the one where he would put beauties over his dead brother.

However, just as he was waiting for the feeling of slicing through flesh, Ryder was astonished to have only hit empty air; the Kuina before him vanished like an illusion, not it was an illusion.

Suddenly, Ryder felt a chill down his spine. He immediately jumped back to barely miss a huge fireball that appeared in thin air and crashed into his previous location.

He saw Kuina nonchalantly smiling while making some gesture; the meaning was pretty simple, let go elsewhere.

Pushing back the feeling of surprise threatening to come out, Ryder nodded and followed Kuina with caution.

Meanwhile, Maria and Eri had clashed dozen times without a clear winner. Ice and fire clashed repeatedly.

Maybe it was because of their respective element, their gift dramatically opposite of each other, but the dislike they had for each other increased; they could not wait but trample each other under their feet.

Maria's blood became cold while the two daggers inside her hands kept shaking, something in the depth of her soul whispered that she must never lose, not to the girl before him, simultaneously Eri was also feeling the same thing.

Blue and crimson eyes clashed, which generated an abnormal situation; their surrounding seemed to have slowed down. Eri sword sliced through the air and arrived before Maria's neck, however just as the sword filled with heat was about slice through Maria's neck, it momentarily froze; two crystal daggers appeared and blocked the crimson sword.

Clangs!

When the weapons clashed, they created a shriek that sent sparks flying into the air.

Eri was surprised by the unexpected move; however she didn't have time to ponder about what had just transpired because Maria's leg sliced through the air like a snake whip, almost colliding against Eri's face; however, Eri was not to be underestimated either, at the last minute she dropped her body extremely low to avoid the blow, and yet Maria demonstrated that she was also not to be underestimated.

Almost as if she had expected such a reaction from Eri, from under Maria's extended leg, an icicle shot out and reached Eri's chest faster than a bullet. The crimson-haired lady's eyes opened so widely that they appeared funny; however, once again, Eri proved that she was also something; flame burst from her body and enveloped her body like armor before the icicle struck.

Maria's icicle melted before it could touch Eri's chest; she immediately rolled on the ground to dodge Maria's leg.

The two put some distance between them while looking at each other with a face full of smiles.

"You are good even while being weaker than me." Eri gave honest praise; it was not sarcasm but a genuine compliment. Eri was indeed stronger than Maria, whose level was 105 while she was at Level 110.

Maria had learned one thing since her arrival here, which was that level doesn't mean everything; if high level meant a sure victory, not even her outstanding battle capacity or Kuina resourcefulness could beat Ramos and his men. Still, strangely the two won even while being a lot weaker than them.

Maria moved her head until it produced a cracking sound, then her two daggers disappeared to transform into a crystal sword so beautiful that only some talented god crafted it.

Eri was shocked yet again; however, compared to the shock she felt after those daggers transformed into swords, she was more surprised that Maria seemed to have gained perfect control over the Ice element with the apparition of this sword.

Swoosh!

Her speed increased drastically; she disappeared and reappeared before Eri in a flash; her speed almost seemed like teleportation.

Maria swung her sword; Eri wanted to dodge, but she was shocked to discover that her body became sluggish; she immediately identified the problem; cold had somehow seeped into her body through her pores. Eri sneered, her blood boiled, and an illusionary flame phoenix appeared behind her, immediately vaporizing the cold inside her body.

Eri's muscles bulged, and using one arm, she lifted her sword and blocked Maria's sword.

Clangs!

Maria didn't have the opportunity to get surprised as Eri's fist covered in flame arrived and punched her in the stomach, it happened too fast, and even Maria, with his heightened sense, was entirely caught off guard.

"Guh!"

Maria pushed back the blood surging from the depth of her stomach as her body was flung backward, she staggered a couple of steps before finally stopping, she immediately thrust her sword forward like a spear but frowned because she only cut empty air, then from her left Eri appeared she moved her hand, her swordsmanship wasn't any lower than that of Maria, with perfect control of her sword she executed dozen of slashes perfectly aligned into one deadly strike at the same time a huge fireball appeared on the other side of Maria as if to checkmate the Ice Empress completely.

Eri was sure of her win this time; however, Maria still succeeded in exceeding her expectation.

Chapter 533 - 518: An Intense Fight: Phoenixes Awakening

During her training under her teacher, the headmistress of the Imperial academy, Freya; Maria had created an escape technique, a sure evasion skill, but it was not complete yet, so she was hesitant to use it, however, having been cornered if she didn't use this technique then even if she didn't lose more than half if not all of her health would be gone.

Maria slowed down her breathing, then she muttered.

[Ice Soul]

The Ice Empress's whole body seemed to have turned into cold energy that dissipated before Eri combined attacks could strike her body.

Boom!

Eri jumped back vigilantly, looking around her; she was shocked by Maria's move. To transform her whole into cold energy was a pretty dangerous move. It was like she deconstructed her body before reconstructing it.

Maria appeared fifteen meters away from Eri. Her face was pale, and she was panting; she immediately took out a stamina potion and a mana recovery potion and drank them to replenish her stamina and mana.

Eri felt like she could drag the fight further as the phoenix sleeping in the depth of her soul, her Gift's spirit was telling her to finish her nemesis.

[Spirit Integration]

Eri activated a familiar ability; however, it seemed that in her world, instead of Spirit Possession, it was called Spirit Integration.

Boom!

Flame exploded from Eri's body; she seemed to have become mature, she gained weight, and her breasts swelled while her crimson hair elongated until it reached her ass. Eri's eyes turned into a cross-shaped form. The ground melted, the temperature increased to a terrific degree, the surrounding seemed to be wrapped in heat.

Maria, standing fifteen meters from Eri, could feel the heat burning her skin; it was irritating; being an ice user, she disliked fire users, Glacier seemed to be an exception.

"Do it!"

From the depth of Maria's soul, two extremely cold voices, so cold that even with their voices alone, they could alter reality, sounded.

Maria calmly nodded before, in turn, she activated spirit possession.

Boom!

The area behind her instantly turned into ice wasteland while Maria's long hair turned pure white, and a phoenix tattoo appeared in the middle of her eyes.

Although, shocked Eri kept her composure and declared.

"So, you can use it too. Good, let's end it. I'm rather tired."

Maria nodded before both moved simultaneously; crystal white wings appeared behind her back while crimson wings appeared on Eri's back as the two clashed mid-air.

Bang! Bang! Bang! Boom!

Every time they clashed, the sky would tremble while space twisted as two opposite elements clashed again and again.

The fight in the air ended up in a stalemate forcing the two to bring it to the ground.

Eri aimed her sword forward, the ground behind her melted and surged like a volcanic eruption wanting to swallow Maria; the latter tapped her feet twice on the ground and from her back ice wave appeared and clashed against the molten lava, the two girls disappeared before their attacks clashed.

Kabooooom!

A terrible explosion rang out, and even Kuina and Ryder, who were fighting in the distance, felt it. The area turned into a wasteland; one part was frozen while the other part solidified into rock.

Maria and Eri appeared in another location with their sword launched.

Clang! Clang!

It should have been another stalemate because they possessed the same level of swordsmanship; however, something unexpected happened; flame chains suddenly shot out from the ground and wrapped around Maria's feet, momentarily restraining her movement; Eri used the opportunity to slash at her. Even though Maria tried to dodge the sword, she was still cut, her left arm was almost sliced off when suddenly, her sword transformed into two daggers again before one of them broke before Maria, which should be restrained, vanished.

"What?" Eri exclaimed; however, before she could say anything, she felt a chill down her spine; she knew danger was coming from behind; however, before she could turn, another Maria appeared and plunged her dagger in her back.

Cold instantly permeated in her body, a cold that froze one's soul. Eri roared, and flame burst out from her body, trying to fight against the cold invading her body; the Maria behind her was evaporated in an instant, but the bone-chilling cold refused to go.

"Cough! Cough!"

Eri coughed blood mixed with pieces of ice; at that moment, the injured Maria flashed next to her and kicked her flying.

Boom!

Eri's body was shot back like a cannonball; she rolled on the ground for a few meters, unable to get up, Maria who was about to give a chase, abruptly stopped as she felt a feeling of fear like never before assaulting her, it was a kind of primal fear, if she gets any closer to Eri who appeared defenseless she would die, it was not an illusion but a reality. Maria's instinct had saved her many times.

She jumped back a few times, yet the feeling of fear kept increasing. Suddenly, a huge explosion, unlike nothing that had happened before, happened.

BOOOOM!

Above the motionless Eri, a giant flame phoenix appeared and roared.

"Roarr!"

The giant phoenix roar shook the whole plain; it even reached the faraway city alerting the strongest existence within. Maria was frozen with fear, then the phoenix disappeared, no it disappeared into Eri's body, and her body abruptly rose.

Swoosh!

Maria regained her focus; pupils dilated as, at the exact moment, Eri appeared before her and grabbed her head.

Bam!

The Ice Empress couldn't move as Eri thrashed her face into the ground, bursting it with pieces of stones and mud. Before she could release a cry, she pulled her out and tossed her into the air. She followed her in the air, her knee crashing into her belly.

Maria's mouth fell open, and blood sprayed out.

She tumbled to the ground, her body convulsing with pain. From the sky, Eri, who seemed possessed, created a small flame spear containing a terrible amount of heat and threw it toward Maria, who could not move despite everything she tried.

The Ice Empress could only stare helplessly as the flame spear got closer and closer. Suddenly, everything came to a standstill; not even her heartbeat could be heard when suddenly a screech that froze one's soul escaped from Maria's mouth.

Screech!

Her body rose from the ground; her arm elongated, transforming into an ice claw; a majestic phoenix appeared on her back, followed by the image of Ice phoenix glaring at the possessed Eri with a Flame phoenix image behind her.

Maria extended her claw and unexpectedly caught the flame spear.

A terrible cry rang out, space twisted, and both Eri and Maria suddenly vanished.

#### Chapter 534 - 519: A Good Beating

From afar, Ryder, who was floating in the sky, was dumbfounded for a long time; he wondered if that fight was still something humans could do; he quickly shook his head and focused on the figure below him.

At the moment, Kuina figure was extremely sorry; many injuries filled her body with blood oozing out them. Ryder was not easy to fight; any she did was faced with a fierce counterattack; her illusion seemed not to work on him. Ryder could be said to be a natural-born when it comes to manipulating lightning; the only person Kuina could say that could rivalise him would be the Drexia Empire's third princess, Artemia Eritrea Von Havens.



Ryder created a lightning spear in her right hand while wielding a sword in his left; he was about to finish Kuina when the latter finally made a move.

At the same time, Kuina's golden hair began to flutter, and her nails quickly extended to half a foot long.

Ryder felt the dramatic change in Kuina's power. This change was not a level up, but it seemed to be the activation of some kind of bloodline power.

"Swoosh"

The illusion of a gigantic nine-tailed golden fox appeared behind Kuina, momentarily startling Ryder.

Kuina's figure appeared in front of Ryder in a split second. The latter disappeared and reappeared on the ground, believing that he would gain a few seconds yet Kuina followed him. Her claws made a terrifying sound in the air. Ryder parried with his purple sword. When the claws hit on the sword, there were sparks splashing around. Ryder's body trembled slightly, seemingly startled at the power that Kuina burst out at this time.

Tremors and cracks continued to appear on the ground and Ryder momentarily lost sight of Kuina moving at lightning speed.

There were already a few thin blood marks on Ryder's face that emitted a burnt scent; he became highly irritated; how dare she ruin his handsome face. Roaring lightning burst out from Ryder's body; he had thought that with this move, the enraged Kuina would have fallen back or would have at least received some injury, even it was small, and yet what happened next shocked him; Ryder's soul almost escaped from his body.

Swoosh!

From behind her back, a tail shot out and clashed against the lightning that burst from his body.

Boom!

Fire and lightning clashed, producing an explosion that sent Ryder's body flying; however, just as his body started flying, another tail appeared from behind and wrapped around Ryder's leg, lifting him before suddenly slamming him against the ground.

Bam!

It was the same situation Maria experienced a few minutes ago; Ryder's face was thrashed against the ground, his mouth fell open, and blood flowed out.

"Roarrrr!"

From Kuina's mouth, an inhuman roar escaped, which momentarily froze Ryder's movement. The five tails behind Kuina joined together to form a pointy tip, and from the tip, a crimson light burst out, heading straight toward the frozen Ryder.

Ryder felt death getting closer to him and moved, but failed, his eyes became resolute lightning burst from his right hand, and the hand exploded, thanks to this, his body got pushed to the side, altering his fate of certain death.

Sii!

The ground near him was melted and was immediately turned into shiny stone. Ryder ground his teeth to fight against the intense pain when suddenly his eyes widened in horror.

"Fuck!" He cursed as a cheetah Kuina appeared above him, not giving him any second before her tails curled to form a giant fist pounded him hard to the ground.

BAM! Boom! BAM! Boom! BAM! Boom

Not once but thrice, Ryder, who was caught off guard, suffered a serious beating; his legs were distorted, his remaining arm bent in an odd shape.

"Cough! Cough!"

Ryder kept puking blood as his chest heaved up and down; his eyelids felt heavy, he wanted to say something. Still, his half-closed eyes abruptly widened for the second because, from the air, Kuina holding a giant fireball like a volleyball, smiled at him; this smile did not look beautiful at all; it sent a chill down Ryder's spine, Kuina's smile was full of bestiality.

The poor guild master vowed to never mess up with these girls ever again if he were to survive; his pride have been trampled, he never would have thought that he, a dignified guild master, a Level 160, would lose to a girl 50 levels less than him. If previously someone had said it was possible, except if it were for Eri, he would have said that this kind of joke was not funny, and yet he got utterly beaten up and was at the death door. He was prideful but not a fool; some people you could not afford to offend regardless of prestige, status, and power because once you do, you would suffer.

'I surrender.' Ryder weakly muttered in his heart, and yet those simple words saved his life, although the person himself seemed not to be aware.

The moment Ryder said those words in his heart, a sudden notification rang out, startling Kuina; her cloudy eyes regained their usual clarity, she canceled the giant fireball. A huge wave of fatigue assaulted her, making her body weak.

Ryder felt a huge relief even while not knowing what happened; he thought maybe Kuina had ruined out of stamina; either way, he was too tired, the Crimson League guild master closed his eyes and let go of his consciousness.

Shortly, Kuina followed; she fell from the sky face. First, her face got planted on the ground as she slowly started to lose consciousness; there was a smile on her lips as a huge notification was floating above her head.

[Ding!... Congratulations to player Ice Empress Alexia and Nine-Tailed fox Goddess for completing the hidden quest. Rewards will be issued once the two players regain consciousness.]

'It seems that bi- I mean Maria won somehow but lost consciousness. Well, I'm also tired.. Let rest and confirm the situation once I wake up.'

## Chapter 535 - 520: Grinding 1 And Sera's Plan

Alkan's City.

A few days had passed since Alex destroyed Blood Chalice Guild; their guild almost turned upside down the city in search of Alex; however, no matter what he did, he could not catch Alex as if he had vanished after committing the deed. The guild master of Blood Chalice Guild was forced to stop the search, but Alex's name was put on the Red list; not only did the Blood Chalice Guild want his life, all other dark guilds wanted his life as well. Alex became popular overnight.

Currently, the culprit, Alex, was doing a quest.

Standing before Alex was a bull.

The bull snorted, and two columns of smoke shot out of its nostrils as it looked at Alex as though he was his mother's killer.

Alex used the Eye of Truth on the monster before him to get its information.

[Abyssal Guardian: 2 Stars Boss

Male

Level 140

H: 12000

MP: 6000

Skills: Dark Mist; Charge, Berserk.

Special skills: Berserk; Whirlwind.

Whirlwind (Active): Standing on the spot, without moving, turns the sword at a terrifying speed. Cause 600 points of physical damage to all targets within range. After use, it falls under dizziness condition for 5 seconds. Use rate: Low]

The casual look on Alex's face disappeared upon reading the information on the boss he was about to fight.

The abyssal guardian did not seem to intend to let Alex think too much as it immediately ran into him. Its speed was pretty for its big body.

Just as the monster was about to arrive, Alex's figure blurred, and he disappeared to reappear behind the monster; before he could unleash it, he was forced to shift his body slightly to the right, a sword passed above his head. If it weren't for his sharp instinct and perfect control over his body, he would have been impaled.

Using Drift to escape from the range of the monster's next attack, Alex was greatly shaken by the monster's smartness; he acted as if he was surprised by Alex's sudden disappearance while patiently waiting for him to appear behind him, and he thrust his sword backward while he immediately followed when his second attack failed to land.

"Moooooooo!"

The Abyssal Guardian roared and went into a frenzied dash. The monster raised its sword high and cut down, intending to cut Alex in half as he arrived before him.

Alex snorted and did not bother to look back, and took a step to the left. The abyssal guardian's sword missed its target and hit the ground, causing a great sound.

BAM!

Immediately after dodging, Alex turned 180 degrees while cutting horizontally with his Reaper covered with green light, successfully striking the lower body of the monster.

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After cutting once, Alex passed by the abyssal ghost while running to the opposite side. A fraction of a second after taking the first step, a silver gun appeared inside his left hand, and he shot a phantom bullet at the monster.

BANG!

A gunshot rang out, followed by a red window flashing above the monster's head.

-2500

Suddenly, Alex felt danger, and he saw the bull being covered in red light; the monster's speed got instantly doubled, he appeared behind Alex like a ghost; it seemed to have used his Charge skill and natural speed.

[Time Acceleration]

Alex was forced to use one of his time abilities. The Abyssal Guardian was shocked to see that its speed had reduced drastically; however, a dangerous glint flashed inside his eyes, and Alex felt an intense feeling of danger superior to the one he had felt a moment ago.

"Fuck!" Alex cursed and immediately ducked down then a beam was shot out from the Abyssal Guardian mouth.

Bang!

-500

Alex shot a piercing bullet at the Abyssal Guardian with his body still leaning toward the ground; however, he was not the only one that attacked; although injured, the Abyssal Guardian still raised his sword and swung.

\*Bang\* -370

Alex used Time Acceleration but was still hit on the back and was sent flying almost 4 meters. Even so, he didn't waste any opportunity, and even in the air, he fired another bullet.

[Aurora Bullet]

As if the Abyssal Guardian knew how dangerous the incoming bullet was, he copied Alex's previous move and dropped his head backward; it almost touched the ground.

Alex pushed back the surprise he felt upon seeing such an absurd scene and disappeared when he appeared again he was above the Abyssal Guardian with his leg raised high as if he was about to perform a splitting kick, the Abyssal Guardian immediately crossed his arms, thinking that he could block the strike but upon seeing the nasty grin which appeared on Alex face before he pointed the silver gun downward and,

[Time Decay]

The gray bullet burst out from the silver gun, but unexpectedly, the Abyssal Guardian never intended to make things easier for Alex because he opened his mouth wide open and blasted a dark beam at the gray bullet; Alex's eyes widened he hurriedly jumped back to distance himself, not get caught in the explosion which was about to occur.

Boom!

A massive explosion occurred when the dark beam and the gray bullet clashed. The Abyssal Guardian was caught within this explosion as he roared; a huge red notification floated above his head, engulfed by the explosion.

-3000

"Moooooooooooo!"

Boom!

For the second time, a huge crimson light covered the Abyssal Guardian body, and he shot forward at an almost godly speed.

Although he used berserk and charge for the second time and was almost running out of mana, the Abyssal Guardian was still shocked by the terrible luster inside Alex's eyes, for some who was about to be pierced by a sword, he looked away too calm, it was then the monster understood, however, he was already too late for him to stop his charge.

[Time Stop]

As if he had done playing, Alex calmly mumbled; the Abyssal Guardian froze in his charge; it was almost a comical sight to behold.

[Aurora Bullet]

Bang!

The Abyssal Guardian head was instantly removed; he staggered forward a couple of steps before his body abruptly dropped down; he was dead.

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In another city, under the bright magic lamp light, sets of torture instruments were seen hanging on the wall.

A naked fair-skinned woman was confined in the center of the room by a strange instrument of torture. She leaned down, and her body was

lowered. Her head and hands were fixed on the

shackles. Her buttocks were raised. The sexy hip of a woman was visible. This pose could undoubtedly accelerate the secretion of hormones in many males watching it.

A man was standing behind the woman, waving a strange whip in his hand. In the woman's screams, crisscrossing welt marks appeared on the white back and hip.

This image and sound appeared in a room of the

White Moon Inn at the same time. A woman wearing a white fox mask frowned behind her mask. She waited until she acquired the information she wanted before cutting off the holographic image; she was sick seeing the image.

After closing off the holographic image, the woman removed her mask, and a beautiful face appeared, brown hair, and brown eyes. Naturally, this woman was none other than Sera.

Suddenly, with the flick of her fingers, someone appeared; shockingly, it was a white-haired girl, Alice, Gracier's bodyguard. Like Maria and Kuina, Sera and Alice appeared in the same city.

Only Sera was aware that Alice was present almost all the time; her guild members weren't aware of her presence.

"Alice, how are the preparations?" Sera asked without turning her head. Alice answered in the same emotionless tone she often uses.

"All done."

Only two words, nothing more, nothing less, but for Sera, those two words were enough. She smiled; her smile looked devilish under the magic lamplight; even the emotionless Alice felt chill down her spine, she almost took a step back. For the second time, she felt afraid of someone, previously she had not thought much about this seemingly harmless woman but to think that she would prepare such a plan, it was too vicious. Alice was glad that she didn't have Sera as an enemy; most people would think that Sera was only good at killing people that she was not smart enough; however, this is a huge misconception; it was this misconception that was about to cost the guild master Sera was serving.

"Good, good. We will enact the plan starting from tomorrow." Sera declared while repeatedly tapping on the table.

Tap! Tap! Tap!

Alice stayed silent for a moment before finally opening her mouth to ask a question, unlike her.

"Will the plan start during tomorrow's quest or after?"

Upon hearing Alice's question, the corners of Sera's mouth lifted into a smile, and she said.

"You are pretty talkative tonight. Is it because this plan, once it succeeds, will benefit your master?"

Alice didn't answer; Sera pursed her lips together because Alice chose to stay silent. She shrugged her shoulders and answered.

"Who knows."

Alice nodded before disappearing; once alone, Sera closed her eyes; lingering on her face was the same devilish smile she had before Alice disappeared.

#### Chapter 536 - 521: The Meeting

The next Sera adorned her white mask reverting to her identity as Shadow of Death. She headed to the guild headquarter upon receiving the guild master summon. Walking on the long corridor, she stopped before giant doors, and guarding these doors were two guards in shining armor and holding spears. The moment the two guards saw Sera, they immediately opened the path and let her enter.

Taking a deep breath before entering, Sera calmed down her heart and walked in. The first thing you would see upon entering the meeting room was the big throne at the other end of the room, and sitting on this throne was a handsome man exuding elegance and an air of arrogance extreme, this man was none other than the guild master of one of seven strongest guild in the capital, although located at the bottom of the Seven, it didn't stop Lucifer Morningstar from acting arrogant as if he owned half of the world.

Upon seeing Sera's arrival, the man sitting on the throne, Lucifer placed one leg above the other and said, his voice was practically loud, so loud that it resonated through the meeting room.

"Welcome, Shadow. We have been waiting for your arrival."

Sera nodded and sat at the other end of the giant table in the middle of the room; as she sat, her eyes quickly scanned the room. There were twelve men with her addition; Lucifer was not counted among death. Lucifer called them the twelve demon lords, such a childish naming, but you could lose your head if you underestimated any of them.

Most of them showed hostility upon seeing Sera sitting together with them, but she showed no emotion as if they weren't worth her time. Just when one of them wanted to say something, a man with red hair, a magic swordsman because he felt displeased with Sera's attitude he froze when those brown eyes locked him in place, the man soon found himself in the middle of blood sea, corpses littered the sea like an endless nightmare.

Qkil gulped down as he felt cold sweat run down his back; Sera killing intent was so intense that it was able to twist reality; he wondered how many people she killed in the real world to be able to have this killing intent? Just by imagining it made Qkil shudder intensely.

Because Sera quickly concealed her killing intent, Qkil heaved a sigh of relief; he lowered his head, feeling ashamed of himself. The others frowned as they could also feel Sera's heavy killing intent, the one that felt the most uncomfortable was the man in shining platinum armor, a handsome middle-aged man with blonde hair and a beautifully trimmed beard. The reason for his uncomfortableness was because of his class, a paladin. He was the strongest after the guild master. His name is Sir Perceval; the man frowned but chose to stay silent. The others also did the same.

Seeing the tense atmosphere reigning inside the meeting room, Lucifer chuckled before touching her most prized weapon, Angel of salvation, a legend-grade artifact.

By the way, artifacts are classified by grade, such as:

Common; Bronze, Silver, Gold, Legend, Mystic, and Godly.

So Lucifer possessing a Legend grade artifact could be said that he had the right to be arrogant because Legend grade artifacts aren't easy to acquire; only a few exceptional individuals and the guild masters of the seven guilds owned one, by the way, Sera was part of those exceptional individuals as she owned a legend grade dagger called Silent night, this was one of the reasons why Lucifer valued her so highly coupled with near-perfect assassination skills, it was thanks to Sera that the Fallen Angel guild managed to occupy the highest seats among the lowest of the seven guilds.

Finally, Lucifer opened his mouth to announce.

"We will begin the Ancient civilization quest soon. As you might know, this is a Hell mode quest. We fought hard to acquire this quest; we must finish it soon because the other guilds are eyeing us; if we fail, they will snatch the quest from our hands, something I particularly didn't wish for to happen. I know that some of you are dissatisfied with Shadow but bear in mind that I shan't tolerate any misbehavior. She had proven her worth by slaying our enemy vice guild leader, she earned her place, and I fully trust her."

The others could only grumble at this mention; Qkil clicked his tongue and looked away; there was another person who reacted the same way as Qkil did; however, unlike Qkil, she didn't look away but glared at Sera, her eyes full of hostility. There was a reason behind this hostility of the female mage; At the same time, none of them present had ever seen Sera's figure, they reckoned that she must be an extremely beautiful woman judged by her demeanor and the air surrounding her, there was even a rumor circulating that stated that Lucifer accidentally saw Sera's real face and thus became infuriated with her.

Whether all the twelve present believes in such rumor rest to be proven, but the female mage who goes by the name of Sharon, Lucifer's childhood friend, obviously believed in this rumor which made her extremely wary of Sera; however, she could not do anything for fear of enraging Lucifer who seemed extremely fond of Sera, she could only ground her teeth in hatred while suddenly abiding her time until it was time to strike.

Once again, Sera ignored her entourage and waited for Lucifer to continue.

"We will attack with all our force, the enemy Boss is a 4 Stars Boss, nothing we ever faced until now. We must be careful. I know it is unwise to focus all our force on this quest, but we do not have the choice. Don't worry; I made sure that the other guilds will not attack our headquarter during our absence."

Upon hearing Lucifer's words filled with confidence, the others nodded, feeling a bit better as they fired nothing other than getting attacked while not being present; if someone were to acquire their guild's stone, it would be over.

Lucifer nodded his head pleased; he then proceeded to look outside, toward the endless tower in the distance. Although they are in the capital, their position was too far for the Tower. To climb up the



tower, you would need the astronomical amount of Fame Points, and this quest they were about to complete would give them a lot of Fame points, enough to try going into the tower once.

Lucifer smiled, already seeing his glorious return from the tower.. He will step over them and reign as a supreme demon.

#### Chapter 537 - 522: Misfortune Come In Pair 1

The members of the Fallen Angel guild began their expedition to Lesa plain located in the outskirts of the capital, it was called plain, but it was filled with forest and mountain range.

The quest area was located in the depth of the tallest mountain, almost equal to the Fuji mountain on earth.

The two hundred members quickly arrived at the location in an orderly fashion. The moment they entered the mountain, a quest notification rang out announcing the beginning of the quest.

Almost at the same time, the dozens of gargoyles attacked; however, the dozens of gargoyles that swooped down suddenly reflected in white.

The light source was a dazzling and huge light

ball. Wherever the light ball passed, the gargoyles turned into ashes and shattered. Seven light balls shot out like bullets.

One after another, gargoyles fell to the ground. Rubbles were scattering everywhere. Sir Peaceful had made a move, shooting Holy beams at the approaching gargoyles.

However, these deaths were nothing to the huge

number of gargoyles. Just as Sir Perceval blasted another Holy beam, more gargoyles rushed down from all directions at a fast speed. This made Sir Perceval didn't even have the time to control the directions of the Holy beams.

A faint light lit up in Sir Perceval's hand. The

countless black shadows that charged downward were blasted apart before they could get close.

Then Qkil unsheathed his swords; his swords were like lightning. He fought while progressing forward. Along the way, there were shattered gargoyle corpses. He was still paying attention to that woman, staying away from her as much as possible.

Although there were so many gargoyles in the sky, with perfect coordination, the group managed to eliminate them and progress forward quickly; soon, they arrived in an open space, it was eerily quiet before suddenly from the ground spikes shot out completely catching Lucifer and his men's off guard.

"Fall back, use your shields!" Lucifer roared while dodging spikes coming from the ground; even he had a hard time dealing with those earth spikes, suddenly, Lucifer shot his head back as he finally remembered something important.

"Where is Conor?"

The others nearby shook their heads to indicate that they weren't aware of Conor's whereabouts. Upon hearing this, Lucifer's complexion sank; he feared the worse; if Conor died, the revival stone he brought to help them fight against the Boss would be lost if not shattered; this would be the worst outcome.

Lucifer sliced apart the obstacles before him and rushed toward the back, to abruptly stop when he saw someone protecting Conor, but he was dying, a spear pierced his chest, and one skewed his left leg, and inside his hand was a broken gray stone.

Lucifer's heart sank to the bottom when he saw the broken; he almost wailed but managed to calm down finally. Looking at Sera fighting against a horde of gargoyles on her own even while injured, Lucifer felt pity and was moved; he knew that Sera had done her best, so he ordered.

"Shadow, let's go. You have done your best."

Sera nodded her head, but she smiled behind the mask as she followed after Lucifer.

The group continued to advance in the ruins-filled mountain; more than half of the initial members who came died, leaving only sixty men remaining.

The group finally stopped before a dilapidated panthéon like building; in the middle of this panthéon was an intact temple. The moment the group arrived, an ominous air enveloped them, making them frown. The strongest ones only felt a feeling of discomfort while the weakest ones shivered and stepped back.

Whooooosh!

Suddenly, a huge magic circle flashed in the middle of the temple, and from it, a silhouette came out.

"Information !" Lucifer shouted because he could feel the intense danger the person on the other side posed.

When the other party's identity became clear, Lucifer and his men were dumbfounded because standing right before them was a pale-looking girl in her birthday suit. Because most of the survivors were men, their natural reaction was to stare at those beautiful assets offered for their eyes to feast upon; however, this soon proven to be a huge mistake because the naked woman flashed before the dumbfounded ones, the weakest ones with her arm in the form of sword chopped down.

Pushi! Pushi!

Five men were cut in half, and their bodies fell to the ground before disappearing.

Finally, Lucifer regained his calm and launched an attack with Angel of salvation.

The naked woman lowered to 180 degrees, almost causing men to nosebleed, but they quickly bit their lips and launched attacks in turn.

Boom! Boom!

Shiing!

Strangely, none of these attacks managed to land on the naked woman as her figure blurred, not even Sera, who sneaked behind her, succeeded in landing a blow, she felt like she had hit an iron instead of a

hand, she immediately fell back because she believed that now was the moment, the homunculus would activate her special attack. It was information she earned through that holographic image where Lucifer could be seen torturing a woman to get information on this quest; that woman was one of the survivors of a small guild who chanced upon this Ancient civilization quest but got ultimately wiped out because of how difficult it was.

Lucifer frowned and ordered a retreat; although he had not acquired much information when he tortured that woman, she told him about one of the unique homunculus abilities.

The homunculus opened her mouth and emitted a sharp sound.

From the ground, many golems spawn while the sky got instantly filled with gargoyles that swooped down to attack the group.

Lucifer cursed because of misinformation; somehow, he was sure that the woman deliberately kept some information as revenge; if she had told him everything, he would not have lost so many men and wouldn't be in the current situation.

However, crying over spilled milk would not resolve the situation; the only thing they could do was fight, so Lucifer moved.

#### Chapter 538 - 523: Misfortune Come In Pair 2

Lucifer, angel of salvation, sliced through the air with lightning speed and arrived before the homunculus, the naked woman stretched her hand, and a sword appeared; she used it to block Lucifer's strike.

Clangs!

A metallic screech resonated when the two weapons clashed; Lucifer frowned because he could feel a huge force passing through the sword into his hand, which slightly trembled. He wondered how such a slender arm could possess that absurd strength? And why could she put on some clothes? It's too disturbing; I'm forced to stare even though I never intended to do it.

Lucifer shook his head to concentrate on the ongoing fight; he detected Sir Perceval was moving toward him to assist him; with his help, it would become easier.

Quickly there were already a few thin blood marks on Lucifer's face, but he was not angry or impatient. Instead, he calmly responded to

the homunculus frenzy attacks. From his experience, although this naked woman was strong physically, she was like a new chick who didn't know how to use her strength. However, the most frightening about this woman was that she seemed to be learning.

The homunculus figure was knocked off by Lucifer and fell into the crowd. She jumped up, and everywhere she passed, whether it was the golems or Lucifer's men, were torn apart under the terrifying power.

"Shadow!" Lucifer exclaimed because Sera, armed with one shining black dagger, appeared behind the homunculus and slashed at her repeatedly; however, the homunculus reacted faster and knocked Sera

flying; she spurted blood and clashed into Sharon, the two rolled on the ground, but their figure vanished soon after.

Lucifer frowned as he felt an ominous feeling, but he quickly shook it off as the homunculus killed most of the remaining men; seven remained among the demon lords apart from the disappeared Sera and Sharon.

The seven alongside Lucifer ganged up on the homunculus and fought a bitter battle. They won in the end, but only three people survived.

Qkil kneeled while trying to catch his breath; his armor was covered in blood, Lucifer was gravely injured too, only Sir Perceval looked fine with few dents on his platinum armor.

Lucifer felt like he had suffered a huge misfortune; he lost all his men but succeeded in completing the quest; just as he was about to open his mouth to congratulate the survivors, he felt an ominous feeling, the same feeling he felt when Sera and Sharon disappeared earlier.

"Wa-"

Before his warning could reach Qkil, it was already too late; the only thing he saw before his head was removed from his body and danced in the air was black light.

Plop!

Qkil's head danced one few times in the air before falling into the ground with a plop sound. Time stopped, Lucifer gripped his sword so tightly that his knuckles turned white, he glared at the culprit of the situation before him, normally he should have never believed if they told him that this woman could do something like this. Yet, she did it; this was not a dream but a reality; Lucifer was well aware of this.

Calming down his rage, he managed to squeeze out a few words.

"Shadow, what is the meaning of this?"

Sera, who appeared behind Qkil and suddenly beheaded him, smiled behind her mask and tilted her head to the side.

"You are asking what the meaning of this is? Isn't it obvious I'm snatching the throne?"

It was simple, yet it made Lucifer's eyes turn red with fury; he began to laugh as if he had lost his mind.

"Hahahahaha! Good, really good, you're lower than a dog."

"Thank you for the compliment," Sera said as made curtsied elegantly.

Lucifer's face twitched, the rage he had pushed down came forward, and he decided to let it loose. The trump card he had saved until now just in the case when the other guilds ambushed them, he decided to use them, he didn't bother asking a hypocritical question such as what did I do to Sharon as he knew she must be dead.

"Perceval do it."

Upon receiving Lucifer's order, Sir Perceval nodded and stepped forward.

Kan-Kang!

A giant shield appeared and was embedded into the ground in front of them. Sir Perceval joining his hand in the form of prayer, just with this gesture alone, the surrounding air changed, Lucifer felt as if he was recovering at a fast speed when he looked at Sera intending to see the panic inside his eyes, he was shocked to see her brown eyes unwavering even with his trump card unleashed.

Before Lucifer could ponder about the meaning behind her calm face, Sera opened her mouth and declared.

"How long are you planning to stay silent for?"

Both Lucifer and Sir Perceval froze. Sera paid them no heed as she declared.

"The stage has been prepared; it's time for you to shine, Nihil."

Sera looked at Lucifer and declared.

"You and me we will fight elsewhere."

Before Lucifer could place one, Sera flashed before him; her speed was unlike anything he had ever seen.

'So, she has been concealed her strength until now?'

Lucifer mumbled as Sera caught his face and launched him into the distance before following after him.

The sudden development shocked Sir Perceval, but he didn't have the time to be concerned about Lucifer's fate because someone suddenly appeared like a ghost. Alice appeared.

"T-this is..."

Sir Perceval widened his eyes in disbelief at the

the incomprehensible scene he was witnessing before his eyes. From the moment of Alice's arrival, he felt an emotion that he thought he had already left behind him a long time ago as this world was only a game.

"Holy Saints' Tree of Blessing!"

Sir Perceval's furiously thumping heart told him of the unparalleled danger before him. The oppressive premonition of death he felt compelled him to take the initiative to curb Alice, knowing that it was the only way he could survive this ordeal.

Even while he was shouting, he had already

started bleeding from his eyes, nose, mouth, and ears. The heavy price he had to pay translated into greater power as he invoked the absolute defense of his bloodline ability.

For the first time since coming into this world, he would use his bloodline to fuel his ability; if not, he would die.

Chapter 539 - 524: Misfortune Come In Pair 3

"Holy Saint Tree of Blessing!"

Sir Perceval shouted, and immediately following his shout, a humongous holy tree rose from the ground and grew at an alarming rate. Glowing spirits like angels chorused harmoniously around it. Then an altar rose from where Sir Perceval was standing. The apparition of the illusionary beings looking like gods resting in the Holy Saints' Tree slowly awakened and granted the paladin protection.

Under the sanctuary of divine light, the frightening man pointed his sword at Alice and was about to release the most insane attack he had ever unleashed under the pressure of fear.

With his blood as tempering, his bones as the structure, and a branch of the Holy Saints' Tree as a blessing, he gained an enormous strength for a short period.

An golden sword appeared in front of him; looking at the impeccable sword, Sir Perceval felt invisible.

'I can win this fight.'

The birth of the Judgement' Sword convinced

Sir Perceval of his victory in this fight. It was an unexpected product created from his fear of death, but the great power it harnessed was unstoppable. He didn't care about the side effects of forcibly using this ability as long he survived; everything else was secondary.

"I don't know what kind of existence you are to make me afraid, but the results won't change.  
Disappear!"

Sir Perceval tossed aside the sword he usually used and grabbed the glowing Judgement' Sword with fervor. The moment he came into contact with him, his body released blinding radiance.

The blessings of the ancient gods allowed him to forget tiredness temporarily; his mana was amplified while his injuries healed almost as if he had reversed time. Then he swung the sword with great might, and a tidal wave of golden light rippled outward, destroying everything in its wake, the ground was erased, the ruins disappeared.

A full golden armor appeared on Sir Perceval to protect when the golden light was wreaking havoc forward. Finally, it arrived before Alice, whose face remained impassive as if the incoming attack was just a joke.

Upon seeing the calm expression on Alice's face, Sir Perceval felt a chill run down his spine.

"!"

At the same time, Alice's lips also inched upward into a playful smile; if Alex or anybody who knew her were here, they would have been shocked by Alice making such human expression while at the same time they would've pitied the person whom she smiled at.

All the hairs on Sir Perceval's body rose. He wanted to escape, but as if the fear he thought he had overcome came back and glued his feet against the ground, making him unable to leave.

Click!

A silent sound echoed amidst the golden destruction; then everything came to stand; still, time got reversed, everything went back to when Alice first arrived.

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

Fear greater than any he ever experienced coursed through Sir Perceval's body, jolting his blurred consciousness awake, and he blurted out.

"N-no way, all was an illusion." Sir Perceval mumbled as his body staggered back, Alice smiled again, and Sir Perceval fell into despair.

The moment Alice appeared, she immediately unleashed her domain: Dream Weaver!

Since then, everything Sir Perceval had done was an illusion, not quite right, Perceval indeed used the Holy Saint Tree of Blessing, but unlike what would have happened normally upon summoning the Holy tree, Alice modified it to fuel her domain to show him what she wanted.

"Y-you are a monster!" Sir Perceval said as he watched the girl, the thing before him who appeared to be a mix of evil things.

Alice was unfazed by the paladin words; she flicked her fingers and all the mana she had observed gathered together and,

"Primordial Fire!"

Boom!

All the mana was transformed into a blazing inferno that swept everything on its path, a white flame purer than anything erased Sir Perceval and the temple behind him.

Alice coughed blood after killing the paladin, her face was pale, her breathing turned ragged, taking out a stamina potion she drank it before looking in a certain direction before her figure vanished, she didn't head in Sera's location as she believed that alone she could handle the situation, she headed to the Fallen Angel guild headquarter to finalize things.

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In another location, an intense fight was taking place. Lucifer frowned because he could not land a single blow on Sera since the beginning of their fight; she was too agile, nimbly dodging his sword at the last moment.

Lucifer took a deep breath, mana coursed through his whole body before finally gathering under his feet, making to gain an explosive speed for a second.

Boom!

The ground under his feet cracked as his body launched forward like a rocket; in a flash, he arrived before Sera, and his sword suddenly glowed intending to make Sera blind; however, the expert assassin had seen this coming, she leaned backward, and one of her legs kicked Lucifer sword to the side.

Boom!

The sword left a huge gash on the ground as it struck; maneuvering her legs somehow, she wrapped them around Lucifer and launched him into the opposite direction while at the same time, her figure blurred and reappeared midair above the falling Lucifer with a black dagger ready to claim the latter life when suddenly a frown made its way on her face she twisted her body and positioned her dagger into a defensive posture.

Gakin!

Somehow, Lucifer's sword followed him and almost pierced Sera's body from behind.

Both distanced themselves from each other before staring at each other; Lucifer grinned and declared.

"They said misfortune never come alone, I guess it's right. First, I have lost most of my men, and secondly, you betrayed me, but do you think you have won? Do you think that everything that I have built would become yours because you have killed some of us? A Guild that has three years of existence can't be changed like this, we have many trump cards, and you know none of-

Before Lucifer could finish his words, a notification suddenly rang out, making him unconsciously frown.

[Warning: The Fallen Angel guild's stone has been discovered and the name of the original guild master erased.]

Chapter 540 - 525: A Total Defeat

[Warning: The Fallen Angel guild's stone has been discovered and the name of the original guild master erased.]

This sudden notification was like a huge slap on the confident Lucifer's face; he had been rambling about it would be impossible to uproot him, yet his guild's stone has been acquired only God's know-how.

Sera chuckled behind her mask and said.

"You were saying?"

Lucifer had no time to be concerned about Sera's mocking tone, there was only thing inside his head at the moment, and he voiced it out.

"How?"

"You wanted to know how you lost?" Sera inquired with a smile, and unconsciously Lucifer nodded; he wanted to know how he lost; however, his expectations were shattered upon hearing Sera's following words.

"And why would I entertain a loser's wish?"

There was a sneer on her face behind the mask; the truth was that Sera was a bit of a sadist, not to the extent of Sakuya, but she is sadist, she loves to toy with her enemy, it was exactly what was currently happening.

Lucifer's face turned livid upon hearing Sera's words; she was mocking him. Taking a deep breath before calming down his rage, Lucifer took a stance, his right leg positioned before his left one while his sword was above his left arm as if he was about to perform a thrust, he announced.



"Severance!"

Immediately following his announcement, his figure alongside the black sword vanished; Sera felt an extreme feeling of danger; she could not pinpoint from which direction it was coming from, but one thing was sure that was she would die if she were careless, she had expected Lucifer to have a trump card, but this trump card seemed to have exceeded her expectation if she had the choice she wouldn't want to use her trump card. Still, she guessed that she didn't have the choice.

Shiing!

Lucifer, who was lurking around in the space thanks to his sword special ability usable once a week, heard a sound resembling an unsheathing sound; he sneered before thrusting his sword; the black sword suddenly appeared behind Sera and was about to pierce her back when suddenly, Lucifer felt like everything became sluggish as if he was swimming in muddy water.

Danger!

Lucifer tried to switch into a defensive stance when suddenly, like a ghost Sera's body appeared before him and stabbed a black dagger into his stomach. In contrast, another identical black dagger blocked the sword in the front.

Time stopped, Lucifer forgot the pain he was feeling in his stomach, forgot about everything, his eyes were only fixed on the black dagger blocking his sword and the one piercing through his stomach.

"Cough! Cough! I-it's my defeat, a complete defeat, to think you even conceal the fact that the Twilight Dagger was a pair. Would you mind telling me the name of the move you used at the end? Take it as the last whim of a dying man."

Sera sighed; she didn't move; she started to explain the skill she had used.

"It's called Resonance: when the two daggers are used together, you can trigger a resonance. A radius ten meters around the wielder would have time slowed down regardless of the enemy level, and it's usable once a month. I didn't wish to use it, but you give me no choice."

"I see, cough! Cough! No wonder my body felt sluggish back then, by the way, it's a good ability." Lucifer gave honest praise; he harbored no hope of surviving, it was why he was not surprised when Sera even told him the Twilight Daggers limitation because after death he would be expelled from Exodus as he only had one life left, Lucifer was not the only one in this situation, pretty much the twelve demon lords were in the same situation.

The pale-looking Lucifer opened his mouth again but coughed blood before being able to speak.

"O-one last thing, tell me, how do you know where I have kept the guild stone?"

Sera smiled and waited for a while before opening her mouth to deny Lucifer's last wish.

"I refuse."

Lucifer's face became frozen for a second before he chuckled.

"I see. Thank you, by the way, my Name Luxor L Pendragon from Etherion Empire, I hope we will see each other again, and I'll get my revenge."

Following Lucifer's declaration, his figure suddenly burst into light before it's disappeared, forever from Exodus world.

Sera sighed and mumbled,

"He is gone; you can come out now!"

The space around Sera was distorted, and from it, a silhouette came out, surprisingly it was Sharon who should have been dead; instead of being downcast because her guild was gone, she seemed strangely calm.

"Thank you for fulfilling my wish as promised. I'll give you the last revival stone in my possession."

Saying this, Sharon took out a gray stone and handed it over to Sera, who stowed it away.

Silence permeated in the air for a moment before Sera finally said something.

"He knew."

Sera's declaration made Sharon's body tremble; she almost staggered but managed to hold herself together, and with a firm voice, she declared.

"It doesn't matter; I did it for his good, for our good. If I let things continue the way they are, he would like how his siblings ended up. This is something I never wish to happen. I don't know if you know this feeling, but love can make one do unthinkable things for the sake of the one you love."

"Love? Huh!" Sera shook her head; this feeling was foreign to her, but when she thought about love, the face of a certain black-haired young man with heterochromia eyes passed through her head, and in a certain sense, what she was doing could be interpreted as preparing the stage for her loved one, something herself was unaware of.

"I hope you will bring the guild to a higher level even though the same place we built turned into hell for me, yet I don't regret it. Sharon Elvenblood is my name; please show me your face."

Sera sighed before removing her mask; Sharon's eyes widened upon seeing the beautiful face behind the mask; even as a woman, she felt attracted to Sera's beauty.

"Hahaha! I'm glad that you didn't show them your face. If not, he could have given you the guild just because of this. Farewell!"

Boom!

Sharon's body exploded, and she left Exodus.

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In another world where mana was so dense that it was almost suffocating stood a temple, and currently in this temple, two people stood face to face, a young man dressed in royale robe and a beautiful woman.

After a long silence, the young man sighed and declared,

"Let's go, Sharon."

The beautiful woman nodded and followed the young man; those two were none other than Luxor L Pendragon and Sharon Elvenblood, whom Sera beat and snatched their guild.

Outside the temple stood a majestic view, towering buildings, and giant flying beasts; Luxor took a deep breath and walked forward, and soon twelve guards surrounded them to accompany them. He was back in this shitty place again.. Luxor thought, but the presence of the girl beside him turned this shitty place less shitty.