

Death Guns 561

Chapter 561 - Side Story: Girl's Meeting: Harem Discussion 1

It happened a few days before Alex's group embarked on the journey toward Exodus.

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Blue Haven Manor, in one of the meeting rooms.

Currently, the round table that was used for discussions between Alex and his guests was used for a different reason:

The first meeting of the women in Alex's life.

None of them wished to do this meeting outside.

That's why they finally decided to use this room.

The people present were Maria, Luna, Sakuya, Artemia, Lilith, Sera, Pandora (Meera), Eris, and Kuina.

Looking at all those splendid women sitting around a table, Pandora felt an indescribable emotion; raising her hand, she asked,

"Excuse me, I more or less understand why you all are here. What I don't understand is why—I am here. I am not one of Alex's lovers."

She had been dragged in this whole mess for no particular reason by Sera and Kuina.

On the side, Eris nodded shyly.

"The same goes for me."

She felt incredibly uncomfortable in this room; the concentration of power was simply insane, almost as if this was a battlefield; no, it's a battlefield. Factions have been formed already, Maria, Luna, and Sakuya on one side, while Kuina, Eris on another side, Artemia and Lilith on another side, while Sera and Pandora just sat there.

"Fufufu~! This meeting should concern all the women important to Alex, or—Perhaps you two do not want to be close to him? If so, you are free to go."

'What a Vixen, humans are too troublesome to deal with.'

Snarling at Kuina's provocative ways of formulating her words, Pandora, who had already stood up, sat back obediently, while Eris lowered her head as if lost in thoughts. Pandora put Kuina on must be wary list.

"Cough! Since this is done, let's speak about important matters. All the women reunited here have a more or less deep relationship with Alexander. Some are lovers; some are friends; some are simple acquaintances. But no matter the reasons, we all care for Alex, and we wish to protect him. At least--that's my opinion."

Saying so, Luna threw a look at Lilith and Pandora.

Luna had been surprised to see the two. She hadn't thought that they would choose to stay after hearing Kuina's words, she could understand for others, but these two she was still thinking what made them interested in Alex.

In the end, it didn't matter; what mattered was tonight's meeting. Luna thought and decided to let her talk; it was finally her turn.

"Alex wishes for us to have better relationships. He said it yesterday. So I have thought about it, but I couldn't find a solution. After all, most of us don't even know each other well except for my sisters beside me. But, there is one thing we all have in common— Alex. As such, I propose that each of us introduce herself then say one thing she knows about him or what we love about him."

Finally, the main host of tonight's gathering opened her mouth and announced, Maria had only one goal for this gathering.

Becoming the leader of the harem. She must make her place known; like this, nobody would challenge her authority.

If she could do so, she would become more helpful to Alex and could carry most of her plans. The others could see through Maria's intention; Artemia smiled while Kuina, who naturally doesn't like Maria, sneered. Sera had a passive face like Lilith while Sakuya, Luna, Pandora, Eris were smiling; none of them wished to compete for leader seat.

Kuina wouldn't let Maria have her way; she raised her hand and introduced herself.

"I'm Kuina Series Foxia, crown princess of the Foxia Empire. I have known Alex in the academy, the moment I saw him, I have immediately detected something unusual about him; thus, I became interested in him. At first, it might be because I wished to learn more about his world through him, but I have ended becoming curious about him, and there's saying: When a woman becomes curious about a man, it is only a matter of time before she fell in love with that man. While I'm not in love with him, I do not deny that if I will choose a potential partner to marry, he is at the top of the list." Kuina declared, her declaration irked Maria, but she decided to control herself; however, after hearing Kuina's following words, her face changed, becoming frosty.

"I understand Maria's approach, but why are you acting as though you're above us? As though you're the boss? Maybe I'm dreaming?"

Slap!

Kuina gave herself a light slap as if to check whether she was dreaming or not.

"I guess I'm not. So, dear Maria, can you explain why you are acting like that? We must be all equal in this place as we care about Alexander; that's the only thing we have in common; none of us want him to suffer and would help him if he asked. So tell me why you are acting as if you're the Boss?"

The atmosphere turned tense immediately; none said anything but the silence said more than anything.

Five minutes passed in a flash before Maria opened her mouth and asked.

"Kuina, you said that we should be all equal here?"

Kuina said nothing upon hearing Maria's question; seemingly unaffected by Kuina's silence, Maria continued.

"You know since birth, humans or any existing creatures are born unequal. For example, you're born as a princess while I was born as the mafia boss's daughter; our status is different; the same thing could be applied to relationships. I knew him before you; we came from the same world, went to the same school, died on the same bus, and reincarnated at the same time; I know him more than you do, I do have more advantages than you, these advantages gave the right to act as I'm currently doing."

Before Kuina could say anything, Maria continued.

"Never forget that I was the one who pushed him on harem road; without this, none of you should be standing here."

This declaration made the room turn silent.

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Silence permeated the meeting room for a good time before Sera opened her mouth to say something.

"Maria. I honestly respect you very much, but I'm not too fond of your insinuation. Although you knew him before us local, this doesn't mean that you should flaunt this considering that there was someone who knew him before you did and has a deeper relationship with him."

While saying this, Sera stared at Luna, who chuckled, not offering any reaction.

Maria frowned; among all the people sitting here, she had not expected Sera to be the one to confront her directly. As for the information about Luna knowing Alex before her, Maria was not surprised as she knew what exactly Sera does for a living and how impressive she was; she had often used her services to crush various competitors since taking over the Golden Spoon.

"Cat got your tongue, heh?"

Kuina snickered when she saw Maria becoming silent after Sera's little attack. The person herself never considered this as an attack, just stating a fact.

"So, the fox princess is trying to seduce Alex and at the same time take the harem lead?"

This unexpected attack came from Lilith. Kuina became speechless, having not expected this attack.

"Say the Demon's princess eyeing Alex like a hawk." Sakuya immediately attacked Lilith making her frown; the atmosphere turned tense like gunpowder that was about to blow up.

But, just as the gunpowder was about to explode, Eris, who had been silent until her first words, finally spoke; her eyes were sharp.

"I will report everything I see and hear to Alex."

Immediately, the seemingly explosive situation stagnated before all the pressures receded so fast it seemed like a lie.

"*Ahem* No need to go so far, is there? We are all civilized adults. Why don't we start from the beginning?"

Sakuya tried to salvage the situation.

Maria shook her head, "Let's be honest. Most of us do not care about each other except for a few among us. As Luna said, our only common point is Alex."

"Alex wishes for us to get along well, but as things stand now, that is impossible. Perhaps things could change in the future. But the situation is what it is now. What's more, there will most likely be more of us in the future, something sincerely I do not wish for it to happen."

Everyone aside from Pandora nodded at this.

They already knew that Alex would attract more women as he became stronger. What's more, he also planned to add a certain guild master.

So it was a given that there would be more of them.

"The main reason Alex is so worried is mainly that he fears that we might harm each other. Which, from what just happened, shows that he was right to be worried."

Maria chuckled while Kuina coughed.

After all, she knew clearly that she was the trigger for this reunion. Since her arrival, she had constantly fought with Maria, and most of them had something with Alex.

"I know that everyone one of you wants to have his child, but it's not possible right now because we are not united. Although factions have been formed, we must distinguish between our priority over Alex's wellbeing. To help him, we must be united; this would make him worry less. Our rivalry should be put on the side for a more important reason; those with more information should help those with less information unite the whole harem instead of fighting every time. I do not deny that it's impossible not to have someone, but as a figurehead, competitions are bound to happen because we are sharing the same man; competing will help us to have stronger bonds, but there must be a limit, understood?" Luna said with a harmless smile, but for some reason, her words seemed absolute, making others feel incredible pressure; even Maria was looking at her friend, her sister, with incredible eyes thinking maybe among us it's you who have absolute control over the situation.

Luna continued, "Some of might be thinking it's unlikely that I fall in love with him, but my woman intuition tells me that most everyone present would end up becoming his women, it may not happen today, not tomorrow, not even here but what is sure is that it would happen. Let's talk peacefully; this is our first meeting after. It must end up with a positive note."

Everyone present nodded before Maria coughed.

"Cough! I do apologize for my early rudeness; I'm Maria Alexa Rosares, former daughter of a Mafia boss; I had encountered Alex when I was eight before re-encountering him a few years later. I'm interested in him, but as a prideful woman, I tried to bury these emotions. There was another reason I did not show more interest in him; it was because of my best friend, my sister Luna who had been in love with him since they were children."

This declaration hit Luna hard; she stared at Maria with incredible eyes; It was her first time hearing this, even Sakuya was surprised. Although surprised, the other decided to hear the full story.

"When we died and got another chance, I was glad because I will have a chance in this new world where polygamy is legal. Back on Earth, we three used to joke saying we would have the same man; it was a joke because our society was a monogamous one. However w upon arriving here, it became possible, and sometimes when talking with them, I'd often suggest that we three have the same man to stay united, all of this to have the chance to be beside him."

Luna and Sakuya nodded their heads, recalling that Maria often suggested that.

"And when Alex was confused, I panicked a little, I'm not really good at expressing myself, I gave him that suggestion hoping that he would accept and he did if he had not I would have felt guilty because I'll get something my best friend always wished to have. If it was another girl, I couldn't care less even she was there before me, but Luna was different, Sakuya as well. Well, w that's my story."

Most of those present were surprised by Maria's story; even Kuina showed a rare moment of silence.

"Let's continue with the introduction, and by the way, I'm planning to be head of the harem, whoever can challenge me, I'm sure that I would win."

"Oh? That's some confidence you have there? I shall crush this dream of your." Kuina immediately answered Maria's provocation, but with less hostility; the others shook their heads and decided not to bother with those two who were like cat and mouse.

"You, I don't like you one bit." Maria declared while Kuina's response was instantaneous.

"Me too, one those days I'll crush with my power."

*Chuckle!

"I'm looking forward to such a day." Maria declared before taking out something; it was like old parchment on which an oath was written.

"This is a pledge—an oath. Carefully crafted by me. You need to read it and sign it with your blood. I believe three days would be enough to read everything and decide what you would do."

At the end of the day, words were cheap. Maria knew this. Only an excellent old contract that could bring death if breached could calm her heart as she knew that Alex had been betrayed by his loved ones, not to repeat the same thing this was necessary. Tonight's goal was to show them this.

Before the others, Maria, Luna, and Sakuya immediately sighed the contract, which shone red, and a mark was engraved somewhere on their bodies.

Artemia and Pandora sighed immediately while the others decided to take a few days to think about it; the first meeting between Alex ended up without too much issues.

Chapter 563 - 541: Sakuya's Meaning Of Strength And The Unexpected Gift

Deep in the night, the two pale moons in the sky were still bathing the land underneath them in their beautiful light.

In a courtyard, the silhouette of two people could be seen; they sat there around a table enjoying a tea, a rare moment of peacefulness while bathing in the moonlight; the silence continued for a long moment before Alex, who remembered something couldn't help but ask.

"I say back then, why did you add Lilith, Pandora, Eris, and Kuina in your meeting?"

Sakuya brows furrowed; it was an unexpected question, but thinking about it now, it was to be expected; as the master of the house, it was natural that Alex knew what was happening inside.

"Just because we feel like it. By the way, have you never considered creating your empire?"

This was an obvious attempt to change the subject, but Alex decided to play along.

"Not really; I'm not too fond of politics, you see," Alex replied.

"I see. But let's say, for example, that your enemy is an entire empire, a really strong empire. Will you go against it with you alone?"

Facing Sakuya's question, Alex pondered for a moment before answering.

"Well, it would be hard, but with my special forces and a bit of infiltration, maybe I can face them."

"I see; while what you said is doable, but it will be extremely hard. If you have your empire, it will be easy to control a huge force. I'm not saying to create one now as Mysthia's world is a temporary stop; we will leave this world, maybe soon, into higher worlds where the danger lies everywhere, where strong people, strong empires, and kingdoms existed. Having one yourself can be considered a strength as I believe that being the strongest can be interpreted as having a bunch of kingdoms, and empire under one, this is also a part of your strength."

Sakuya stopped for a moment and prepared another tea for the two to drink, and after pouring another one to Alex, she poured into her cup as well, took a sip of it before continuing.

"It's like on Earth where the richest persons have lots of companies under their name, this made them richer, so why not apply this to strength as well? The strongest should not only be strongest in the universe; he also should have the strongest empire; this would boost his strength; this empire would be his haven where his loved ones, his children will grow. To me, this truly what becoming the strongest entails."

Alex stayed silent to ponder about Sakuya words.

【What that black-haired girl said is not wrong; you should consider it; a true powerhouse needs a strong foothold.】

Unexpectedly it was Nyx who interjected; she seemed to share the same view as Sakuya; it could be said that if Sakuya had not suggested this, she would in the future as only she and Silveria, as one of the survivors of that apocalyptic battle, knew that facing an enemy capable of moving several worlds at the same time alone was tantamount to suicide, their previous master had made this mistake, maybe if he had his empire which was strong enough his words would have more impact and maybe the final impact would have been different. So, not to repeat the same mistake, his successor should take a different path to create a different future.

Upon seeing two women he cared about to suggest the same thing, Alex began to consider this option seriously; the more he saw that their words made sense.

Just as Alex was lost in thoughts, Sakuya said something that made him easier to decide what to do finally.

"Well, you can create one, but let someone who is more fit to govern it while you would be the guardian; however, you must be the first emperor, even if it's only for a few years."

"That is it."

Alex said and immediately disappeared when he reappeared again. Sakuya was within his arms; he put her on his lap and kissed her.

"Umhhh!"

The kiss was unexpected, making Sakuya surprised; however, her surprise didn't last long as she also began to reciprocate, refusing to lose. What should have been a simple reward kiss ended up becoming a fierce battle kiss where the contestants refused to admit battle; however, soon, they were forced to stop as nobody could stop breathing for an extended period, not even a God.

"Ha! Ha!"

"Ha! Ah!"

Both panted as Sakuya face flushed red, gently caressing her face as if she was the most priceless yet the most fragile piece of jade in the world, Alex declared.

"Thank you, Mio."

Alex said while putting his forehead against her forehead; he knew that this name held certain importance in her heart, that it was dear to her, so he decided to use it from now on when they would be alone.

"It's a blessing to have a fiancée such as you. I'm not perfect; I'm still learning; I'll be happy to have you lighten my life, my road with your presence and advice, like this, we will build a world where we would be happy. Truly thank you."

If his first words had stirred something inside her, his second speech sent her in euphoria; finally she had been acknowledged. Sakuya was extremely moved, so much that tears began to fall.

Alex saw it; his expression didn't change, just that he lowered his head and licked her tear.

"Hianh!"

This sudden gesture made Sakuya produce a sound that sounded like a moan; her body was spasming; she felt extremely weak at the moment.

"It's tasty yet filled with happiness which makes me happy. Here's a humble gift, please accept it as a token of my engagement, the real thing is coming soon," Alex said while taking out a beautiful necklace with a dragon pendant; the strangest thing was that the dragon was shaped in S form as if to say Sakuya.

There was a silence before Sakuya, overwhelmed with emotions, finally opened her mouth.

"Oh! My, it's extremely beautiful, truly a wonderful gift, I really love it."

Chapter 564 - 542: The Plan

"Oh! My, it's extremely beautiful, truly a wonderful gift, I really love it."

Sakuya then took the necklace; it felt cold in her hand; the purple dragon pendant seemed to be shining. Immediately an information window popped out.

[Fallen Wing: A item created by a famous blacksmith and runemaster.

Grade: S

Special abilities: Dragon's Wings temporarily create wind wings. It can last half an hour.

Wind Meteor: create a giant wind capable of destroying a small mountain. Consume 1000 MP and usable once per week.]

"Wow! Where do you find this ridiculous thing?" Sakuya eyes were shining; she was surprised to see the necklace Alex had just gifted to possess these ridiculous abilities; Alex smiled and explained how he acquired this necklace; it was the reward from a 3 Star Boss he had soloed a few days ago.

"Thank you, my love. Can you please help me put it?" Sakuya, who changed the way she used to address him, asked; Alex happily put the necklace around her neck; the final result was perfect; it was as if it had been created just for her.

Touching the pendant, Sakuya said. "What kind of reward I shall give you now?"

She pondered expression; however, it was unknown why Alex felt a sudden chill down his spine, he immediately interjected.

"Hahaha! You don't need to trouble yourself; I'm happy as you are happy; this is more than enough."

"No, no, I must reward you with something. How about I step on you?"

Words he feared finally left Sakuya's mouth, and before he could stop her, she used his previous argument against him.

"By doing this you will receive your reward, I'll be happy while you would be happy as well. Or you don't want to?" At the end of her speech, she put on a pitiful expression making Alex feel troubled.

'Like hell, I would. I'm not into that kind of play, and while we are it stop making that kind of face, it's disturbing.' Alex mumbled inwardly.

Silveria, who had not shown any reaction since the beginning, finally spoke; she was laughing hard; she seemed to be enjoying the situation.

〔What is the problem master? Weren't you the one that said that as long she is happy, you would be happy as hell? So kindly accept to be stepped on. Hehehehe! I can't wait to see.〕

Alex ignored Silveria's sarcastic words and heaved a sigh before opening his mouth and saying.

"I don't want that kind of reward, you must have noticed by now, I will never let you perform your wild fantasy on me as I'm not a masochist, I do not enjoy these kinds of things, relationship is about understanding, while I do understand you and accept you as you are, this doesn't mean that I let your wild side, your sadistic side control me, no I'm in control."

Alex's words dampened Sakuya's mood; she could understand him yet at the same time not because that part of her was constantly whispering to her to dominate everything, especially when it comes to those she loved, her sadist side would want to step on them, trample on them, to be over them. Sakuya tried to control it, but sometimes it was impossible to control it perfectly, so that side would often emerge like in the present case.

Slap!

"Ouch!" Sakuya was jolted awake as she was slapped on the butt, glaring at Alex, who did this she saw him grinning, somehow this smile made her feel a chill as unknown emotion began to rise inside her. Before identifying what this emotion was, Alex immediately changed the subject.

"Mio, I need your help," Alex announced with a serious face. Sakuya made a serious face as well.

"I want you to put back that mark you have received upon accepting the quest to hunt me down," Alex added.

Sakuya was interested in what Alex was planning; she nodded and showed the mark she had carefully stored away.

The moment the mark appeared somewhere in the city, the True End guild master, who had a gloomy face, his expression brightened because he detected a weak signal coming from somewhere. However, he could locate where did the signal exactly come from; with a bit of searching, he could, and most importantly, he was happy that from that hunt, somebody had survived. This person, whoever it might be, must have a lot of information to share, so finding this person is a must.

"Starting searching for this person, send all men available in the search party." The guild master ordered.

Immediately someone in the shadow moved.

Back in Sakuya's courtyard, while putting back the mark, Sakuya made sure to isolate her location; it would be hard for those searching for her whereabouts since the mark was activated; it would act as a GPS.

"Great, you should head to the slum area, and once you will fake being severely injured. You will wait there for them to approach you, they would try to question you, buy some time, you might pass out, with a little bit of luck they may bring you into their headquarter." Alex explained the first part of his plan.

Sakuya listened to it and nodded after a moment of contemplation.

"I get it, but what would you be doing in the meantime?" She asked.

As if he had been waiting for this question, Alex smiled, revealing his peerless white teeth.

"Me? I'll be following you from the shadow. It's the second part of my plan. While I have searched for the exact location of the last guild, I could not find the exact location. However w I was still able to narrow down three locations."

Alex took out a map and showed three locations marked in red; all three locations had one thing in common they have surrounded the slum.

"Take this." Alex handed over what looked like a talisman. Sakuya took it confused.

"Once inside, you will crush it. I have already imprinted a location on it. Immediately after going there, you will use Wind Meteor on the headquarter without caring for anything."

Sakuya showed a surprised expression; she could more or less understand what this talisman was. She sighed at how far Alex had thought; indeed, it's someone she didn't want to have an enemy.

"Take this knife, immediately drop it while you are escaping."

Sakuya took the knife as well; she knew he must be planning to use shadow shift with it; however, usually, it should have been impossible, and yet Alex faced à certain confidence.

'He must have a plan in mind. I shall believe in him and do as he ordered. I can wait to see what he has prepared.' Sakuya thought.

"I understand. I shall follow your plan." Sakuya said with a beautiful smile, and Alex responded with a smile as well.

After spending another hour together, they left to carry the plan.. Tomorrow was about the last day of the dark guilds, so Alex had decided.

Chapter 565 - 543: Successful Infiltration

Alex and Sakuya moved immediately to carry out their plan.

As per what they had planned, Sakuya went into the slum area while looking as though injured; her clothes were drenched in blood; she leaned weakly against the wall in an alley, waiting for members for the True End Guild to make an appearance.

Two hours passed in a flash before finally a shadow moving using the darkness a cover spotted the weak Sakuya. The shadow checked, making sure that this was not a trap, only after being sure that it was safe that he moved.

Checking the last survivor pulse, the man saw that it was extremely weak; although her injuries had been healed, she seemed to have lost a lot of blood which weakened her.

'What should I do? Take her with me or?'

Feeling troubled over what to do, the man finally took out a stone and activated it.

"What is it Eight? Have you found something?" Asked a voice coming from within the stone.

"Yeah! I found her, and she is in an extremely weakened state due to blood loss; I don't have a blood replenishment potion with me, nor did I believe that any of you does have one. At this rate, she would die; what should I do? Bring her back?"

There was a silence; the other party seemed to consider what to do seriously.

Meanwhile, because the man was focused on the stone in his hand, he didn't see Sakuya opening her eyes for a moment. Her mouth curled up to the side to form a grin before it disappeared; she decided to escalate things; she used the wind element to lower her body temperature to a critical level while her body started to spasm.

The man freaked out; he tried to calm down Sakuya, whose acting was at the level of a professional actor. Still, Sakuya's body showed no sign of listening; foam even started to come out from her mouth; in a panic, the man poured dozen of different potions into Sakuya's mouth.

If it weren't for the sake of acting, Sakuya swore that she would have killed the man over dozen times; the combination of different potions further increased their extremely bitter taste making it more unbearable; Sakuya finally understood what actors went through just for the sake of acting.

'Sigh! I have started it; better play it to the end.' She mumbled to herself before puking out the potions fed to her; a bit of blood was mixed in them.

"I'm taking her back; at this rate, she would die if I kept hesitating." The man decided and immediately picked Sakuya, not waiting for his superior's approval. The latter finally spoke.

"Wait, Eight, are you planning to die?"

"I will die either way if I let her die. Better die after successfully delivering her than suffer his wraith because of a failure." Eight said before starting running in the direction of the headquarter

"Shit, you lot make sure that nobody is following after us. I'll accompany him." The search team leader ordered, and his men nodded; he had no idea that one of his men had died and was replaced by the enemy.

Alex, after inscribing the destination of the teleportation talisman in Sakuya's hand, patiently waited and killed one of the search team members before wearing this person's clothes to pass as him.

After a few minutes, they arrived before a bar, they didn't enter from the front door. Still, from the back, Alex and the other search team members were called the moment they entered while Sakuya was taken somewhere to be treated, and after she received her treatment, she was imprisoned underground.

It was dusk. Gentle rays of the setting sun glowed from the other side of the mountain, dyeing the entire city in scarlet and enveloping the land with motley radiance. One of those rays pierced through the land and passed through a small window underground to illuminate a small cell where a girl was chained.

At the same time that the sunray illuminated the cell, the girl in chain opened her eyes and frowned.

"Where am I?" Her voice sounded weak.

Her voice was heard outside by the guard guarding her; the latter opened his mouth to tell her where she was.

"You are inside the underground prison of the True End Guild. As the sole survivor of that Hunt, you would be interrogated later by the guild master himself."

Sakuya, who heard this smiled, 'Everything is processing as he planned.' she thought.

However, to not let the guard suspect Sakuya should continue acting.

"What? How can you treat me like that? As the sole survivor, I didn't just provide you information but lost consciousness halfway through; however, when I wake up, I'm chained like some criminal. What is the meaning of this?" Sakuya roared; even though her voice was weak, it was powerful, demanding justice for the unfair treatment she was receiving.

Outside, the guard had a troubled expression; he kept scratching his head, not knowing what to do; at the end, he decided only to say this.

"Even if you shout as much you want, there's nothing I can do about it as I'm not the one to decide; the higher up decide what is appropriate to do. I'm just a lowly warden I can't-"

Before the man could finish his words, he froze because one of the guild executives had come.

"Greeting Sir Barbarossa." The guard immediately greeted the tall man that seemed like one man army.

The one called Barbarossa waved his hand to dismiss the guard from any useless talking before ordering.

"Open the door."

The guard immediately opened the door leading to Sakuya's cell.

Lowering his two-meter-tall body, Barbarossa entered the cell, and his eyes rested upon Sakuya's chained form.

There was a momentary silence before Barbarossa announced.

"You, follow me."

He then spun and left the prison; the man behind him approached Sakuya, removed her chains before carrying her out; they were basically dragging her against the ground; however, there was nothing she could do about it, she decided to wait before blowing everything up patiently.

"Fufufu! The curtain is about to fall.." She mumbled while being dragged toward the meeting room where the True End Guild master seemed to be waiting.

Chapter 566 - 544: Boom! Boom! BOOOOM!

Inside a big hall, the True End members and other few survivors of the other two guilds have gathered; they were waiting for the sole survivor to come and share the information she acquired during the quest.

Sitting on the highest seat, the guild master of the True End Guild was waiting patiently for Sakuya to arrive; to be sure that the enemy had not infiltrated their rank, he ordered the search time members

except for the leader and the one who brought Sakuya to be stationed outside in the bar which had been evacuated just in case.

Suddenly, the door was opened, making everyone focus their attention on the people that entered.

Not too attention was paid to Barbarossa and his men; all eyes were on the girl with the handcuffs.

Although her body was weakened due to the blood loss, this didn't make her beauty shine less; even though she still had the fox mask on, everyone present could say without hesitation that she was a beauty behind that mask.

Barbarossa's men stopped not too far from the table, both surrounding Sakuya from the side; like this, they could react just in the case she attempted something.

"Remove her handcuffs and her mask." The guild master of the True End Guild ordered, the guild master of the Blood Chalice sitting on his right, gripped his armchair with a bit of strength, almost breaking it; he was too impatient to acquire information about the man responsible for his current situation.

Barbarossa's men did as they were ordered; they removed Sakuya's handcuff and mask.

The moment her mask was received, a collective gasp was heard for the simple reason that Sakuya beauty surprised them; even though they had expected her to be beautiful, their expectations were greatly surpassed upon seeing what lay behind the mask, black hair and black eyes that suck one in.

It took them some time before they regained their calm.

"Cough! Cough! Introduce yourself first before telling us everything you know." the guild master of the True End Guild ordered.

Sakuya looked at them with dead eyes as if furious about the treatment she had received; those present except for the guild master of the True End Guild frowned upon seeing Sakuya's reaction.

Both the guild master of the Blood Chalice and Barbarossa spoke simultaneously.

"Speak, how dare you to ignore us. Quickly start speaking; how do you think you are?"

The guild master of the True End Guild frowned upon hearing these words thinking that they were too harsh but decided not to comment; however, even faced with so much hostility, the girl kept her composure as if nothing could bother her.

Sakuya's unusual behavior made him frown as an uneasy feeling started bubbling inside him, making him stand up.

Simultaneously, Sakuya, who had not talked since the beginning, finally spoke; her words sent a chill down everyone's spine.

"I'm the Grim reaper wife."

Immediately following her declaration, a golden talisman appeared in her hand.

Upon seeing this talisman, the bad feeling he got was increased ten folds making Jason shout.

"Stop her." The guild master of the True End Guild shouted as he shot forward like a rocket to intercept Sakuya before she could use the teleportation talisman; unfortunately, he was a step too.

Fwoosh!

The golden talisman in Sakuya's hand exploded into a brilliant golden light that blinded everyone.

Clangs!

The next thing they heard was the sound of something falling on the ground after Sakuya disappeared; then, mysteriously, a man with a fox mask appeared. However, he wore a fox mask the eyes behind the mask couldn't be concealed; he had different eyes, the one on the left was green while the one on the right was blue.

Immediately upon seeing the man with heterochromia eyes, everyone present had one thought.

'It's him.'

At the same time, Alex made an exaggerated bow and announced.

"Greeting to you all, I'm Alex Grim."

Jason knew how dangerous this man was, although he couldn't understand how he entered inside even with all precaution he had put in place, that beautiful woman must have been his accomplice, but all these things didn't matter as Jason knew that he must do something like all the hairs on his rose telling how dangerous this man before him was.

Without the once of shame, Jason dragged the leader of the Blood Chalice close to him before tossing him toward Alex.

Everything happened too fast; the guild master of the Blood Chalice didn't have the time to react as he flew in the air.

"What?"

Even Alex was shocked by Jason's unexpected action; still, his goal hadn't changed; he immediately used his trump card.

"Time Stop"

Time stopped radius of five meters; however, Jason managed to escape before Alex's time ability could work on him.

Barbarossa and other executives of the True End guild suffered under Alex's Time ability.

Alex stepped forward and grabbed the Blood Chalice Guild master's head.

Bam!

He thrashed his face into the table, which was broken, then his face hit the ground, bursting it with pieces of stones and concrete. As he had his time frozen, he couldn't emit any release any sound; Alex pulled him out and tossed him into a specific direction before taking out another golden talisman who looked exactly like the one Sakuya had used; he crushed it.

Alex's figure vanished from the meeting room. Immediately following his disappearance, time resumed.

"What happened?" Barbarossa was the first to regain his mobility, so he shouted; however, he received no reaction; following others' gaze, he saw the Blood Chalice guild master's bloody figure falling at the end of the room where a magic circle shined.

"Fuck! Retreat." Barbarossa ordered before using his life-saving trump card.

Before the others could unleash their life-saving item, from outside, a big and invisible wind meteor fell on the True End headquarter.

Kabooooooooom!

The wind meteor destroyed the bar at the front before destroying the first floor of the underground palace; at the same time, the bomb Alex had hidden inside when he infiltrated started detonating; it was a chain reaction.

Boom! Boom! BOOOOOM!

The whole True End guild crumbled under the terrible explosion that occurred one after another, Sakuya who was floating in the sky not too far observed everything; she felt an inexplicable joy upon seeing such a scene; however her expression changed when she detected a presence not too far from her position, using mana to improve her sight she able to see three men and women, one of them was Barbarossa. In contrast, the woman was the one that dragged her body against the ground. Sakuya had always wanted to pay her back for what she did, and she hadn't thought that the occasion would soon come for her to enact her revenge.

Swoosh!

Sakuya's body descended from the sky and impacted the ground heavily.

"Eh?" Barbarossa was surprised upon Sakuya's arrival.

'Time to use my newly created movement skill.'

Sakuya mumbled, ready to use her newly created skill.

Chapter 567 - 545: Final Showdown

Swoosh!

Sakuya's body descended from the sky and impacted the ground heavily.

"Eh?" Barbarossa was surprised upon Sakuya's sudden arrival.

'Time to use my newly created movement skill.' Sakuya mumbled before shouting.

[Shadow Steps: Seven Steps of Phantasmal Chaos!]

Sakuya's body was immediately turned into black smoke; she seemed to have transformed into seven clones as she moved and arrived between the three instantly.

With a shrill shriek, her katana tore through the air and heavily slammed into the woman's chest, giving her no time to dodge. She was cut into two before the upper part of her body was sent flying in the distance.

BANG

The impact sent her upper body crashing twelve meters crashing against a nearby shop window; the glass panels exploded into tinkling shards.

The woman died instantly while Barbarossa did exactly what Jason, his guild master, had done upon Alex's arrival; he tossed the man before him toward Sakuya to buy himself a bit of time.

Slash!

Sakuya slashed and bisected the man standing on her right into two.

"I hate thrash such as you."

"People who can easily discard the people who once was they comrade, you deserve thousand death."

Sakuya's voice became deeper, and the chilly air that exuded from her body almost turned into a substantial cold breeze that froze the entire world around her.

Barbarossa, who was running for his life, felt a chill down his spine but didn't dare to stop for any moment; he believed that he would have a chance if he kept running.

Looking at the running Barbarossa, Sakuya's hand moved.

Splash!

Faster than she could announce her ability name, Barbarossa had been split from top to bottom perfectly into two parts.

[Yami Maho Jigen Giri]

Plop!

Barbarossa had no idea that he had already died as his body parts touched the ground.

"Fuh! Nice movement skill, but it sure does consume a bit of mana. Well, I'm still rough on the edge; when I have perfect control over it, the amount of mana it would consume will decrease, I believe so." Sakuya mumbled after catching her breath.

Suddenly, a voice echoed inside Sakuya's head.

[Nice ability, it needs a bit of polishing to be perfect.]

"Oh! It's you, Kaguya." Sakuya said, not surprised as she knew the person's identity was talking inside her head, the busty green-haired body also known as her Gift's spirit Kaguya, so Sakuya loved to call her.

[My name isn't Kaguya but-]

Before Kaguya could finish, Sakuya cut her off.

"Whatever. Go straight to the point; you never appear without an ulterior motive, so say it." Sakuya said as she sat around a broken table.

Kaguya clicked her tongue in her dimension; her kodachi was held tightly between her twin peaks.

[You don't have to make me look like a villain, you ungrateful disciple.]

"I never remember ever becoming your discipline, though. Please go straight to the side."

Seeing that Sakuya wasn't in the mood to play with her, Kaguya sighed before asking.

[Your new skill is a mix of wind and darkness elements, isn't it?]

Sakuya nodded without hesitation.

"Indeed, it's as you said; however, why do you ask this?" She couldn't help but get curious about why Kaguya raised such a question; she must have an idea in mind which she was more than happy to know; Sakuya waited for Kaguya to explain.

[As I thought it is indeed the case, the darkness element is most present in this new skill of yours, so I thought about something.]

"You thought about what?" Sakuya asked rather impatiently as she couldn't conceal her growing curiosity anymore.

[Impatient ones have never been popular. Well, I shall tell what I have in mind.] Kaguya then imprinted what she wished to convey directly into.

Upon receiving Kaguya's idea, Sakuya's eyes widened, her lips curling upward in a vicious smile; she couldn't help but praise Kaguya from the bottom of her heart.

"Thank you, if it's in a novel, you fit perfectly for the Demon Queen role. Your ideas are truly vicious."

[I'm not happy to receive such praise.] The green-haired beauty pouted in protest; Sakuya ignored her and began focusing on Kaguya's ideas; she couldn't wait to implement them into a skill and try it on her enemy.

"Fufufu! I'm looking forward to it."

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In another location, Jason, the leader of the True End Guild appeared, he immediately checked his surrounding to make sure that nobody was following him.

"Fuck! Fuck! I have prepared many plans; however, none worked, I still lost everything. Shit! I swear to get my revenge, I will sl-"

Jason stopped speaking; all the hairs on his body rose as he felt someone's presence, a presence which wasn't there previously; he didn't even detect this person before it got closer to him.

"You swore to do what?" Alex, who had been waiting for Jason to appear here, finally came out to confront him; he got this information thanks to a few seances of torture.

"So, you even knew this location?" Jason asked a question to which he had already the answer.

Alex didn't answer him; he only shrugged his shoulders, making Jason chuckle.

"I guess that when it comes to this, I shall take your head to appease th-"

Before Jason couldn't finish what he was about to say, Alex threw five knives toward him.

Fwoosh! Fwoosh!

Jason easily dodged and laughed, "Can you let me finish?"

BANG!

"Ouch! What was that?" Jason, who narrowly dodged Alex's bullet, questioned. His eyes were fixed on the silver gun inside Alex's hand.

Naturally, Alex didn't answer him; he immediately activated Hellsing.

A terrible pressure felt on Jason's body, almost making his knees go weak.

"Domain?" Jason shouted, surprised that his enemy had a domain; however, this surprise disappeared quickly as a resolute face replaced it.

[Hell fire]

A domain of fire appeared under Jason's command; his body regained his freedom as he stretched his hand, and a giant sword appeared in his hand; holding it with his two hands, he shot forward and arrived before Alex in an instant before slashing at him, everything shouldn't have been perfect.

However, right before the giant sword could touch Alex, he lifted his head, and his heterochromia eyes shone green and blue.

"Time Stop"

Jason's body froze; Alex put Silveria against his head and mumbled.

[Aurora Bullet]

The white bullet the magazine blasted Jason's head into bit; it was instant death.

Chapter 568 - 546: Breakfast With The Mayor

It happened a few hours before Alex and Sakuya began their assault on the True End headquarter.

In another city, in one of the top houses in this city.

"Mm... Nn..."

Sunlight shone through the curtains and fell on the girl's eyelids, stirring her from sleep. She awoke to discover herself overcome with lethargy, not unlike muscle pain. The girl appeared to be around eighteen at best. Her features were peerless; her face had a hint of coldness within, her skin still lustrous and smooth.

Currently, this beauty jet black hair was mussed into what could only have been described as a textbook example of bed head. Sleepily rubbing her eyes, the girl yawned. Drowsiness still lingered in her cold, crystal blue eyes. This was Maria Alexia Rosares, an Earthling reborn into Mysthia but currently inside Exodus.

Maria squinted at the sunlight streaming in; this was a room she didn't remember, she must find out where she was, but first, he must stand, however just as she tried to sit up.

"?!!"

She stiffened, and his eyes widened in surprise. Before her was a pair of breasts, rising and falling in a gentle, constant rhythm. The pajamas covering them were open slightly, giving Maria a peek of the white underwear hidden beneath. Swallowing despite being a woman herself, Maria looked up...only to be confronted by the beautiful face of a sleeping girl. Her golden hair shone in the golden rays of the morning. The girl's pink lips were parted as light; adorable breaths slipped from between them. Lovely eyelashes quivered as she slept, though her smooth, white skin remained undisturbed. From under the quilt, five tails could be moving together as her chest rose and fell.

Maria must admit that Kuina got a hot figure that can send any normal into beast mode; however, the initial good impression she had on Kuina vanished, especially after seeing a certain tattoo on her inner right thigh; this tattoo was the statement that she was Alex's woman, although not right now by signing that contract she was implying that she would spend the rest of her life beside Alex, she had committed to him, he could only be her man in this life.

Maria had the bad habit of swearing when little stressed; however, as she didn't know where she was, she decided to control herself better.

She glared at the girl, still pretending to be sleeping; she knew that Kuina had long since woken up but decided to play; Maria's eyes narrowed and her lips curving in a devilish smile. She raised her left hand high and was about to bring it down when Kuina pretending to be sleeping, opened her golden pupils and glared at Maria.

"What are you trying to do, miss leader?"

Detecting the hint of sarcasm in Kuina's tone, Maria showed no reaction. She sat in her bed and observed the room they were in.

Although it appeared single at first glance, Maria knew everything was expensive, Kuina could also detect the same thing. She put her feud with the Ice Empress aside and decided to know where they were.

"This must be the room of some high-ranked official. Maybe the mayor's house." Kuina stated.

Maria said nothing as she kept checking the room when she suddenly frowned.

"What is it?" Kuina questioned but soon got the answer; someone was coming.

Knock! Knock!

"Excuse me, the mayor wishes to meet you. He said to come down eat breakfast."

The person, probably a maid, announced after knocking on the door.

Maria and Kuina looked at each other before coming to a consensus; Maria was the one that answered.

"Okay, we understand; we will be there in a few minutes. Please wait outside."

"Certainly, my ladies." The maid outside curtsied elegantly before standing there waiting for the two to finish and come out.

A few minutes later, Maria and Kuina dressed elegantly could be seen going down to the first floor where the mayor seemed to be waiting for them. As they arrived they saw a middle-aged man with a warm smile looking at them, they immediately identified this man as the mayor, although he appeared extremely normal the girls knew that he was nothing but normal as they could vividly remember that it was this man that appeared and carried them away.

Sitting on the mayor's right was a beautiful woman in her forties whose wrinkles did nothing to diminish her beauty; this must be the mayor's wife; on another side of the table was their daughter as she does share some similarities with them.

Then came the last member around the table, Maria's body stiffened when she saw this person simultaneously. The other party also frowned.

"Geh! You have woken up; I wished you never did." The foul-mouthed Eri said she was about to continue but stopped when the mayor coughed, and his wife smiled.

"Welcome, you two, please take a seat, and let's dig in."

Both Maria and Kuina greeted the mayor, his wife before taking their respective seat. As Maria didn't wish to sit across Eri, she ended up sitting together with Kuina, who was chuckling; then the maid carried breakfast to the table. On the plate were freshly baked round buns served with milk, butter, and cheese. Next to these sat hardboiled eggs, a salad made with fresh produce from the agricultural plant, corn soup, and a bunch of grapes.

As Maria cut the whole wheat bread, its steam filled the room with a rich aroma that tickled Kuina's sensitive nostrils; she immediately followed after her as she could feel her stomach ready to rumble if nothing was put into it soon.

The breakfast ended up rather fast with the mayor's daughter and his wife leaving the room, leaving only Maria, Eri, Kuina, and the mayor inside.

A momentary silence filled the room before Maria opened her mouth and asked.

"Once again, I thank the mayor for the hospitality, but I would like you to go straight to the point. You have rescued us with a goal in mind, so I would like to know what is it?"

Chapter 569 - [Bonus] 547: The Ambitious Mayor

"Once again, I thank the mayor for the hospitality, but I would like you to go straight to the point. You have rescued us with a goal in mind, so I would like to know what is it?"

Seeing Maria going straight to the main point, the mayor chuckled, he was happy, he likes people like Maria. However, not everyone was like him, Kuina said nothing as she could have done the same thing if Maria hadn't done anything, Eri on the other side didn't appreciate the tone Maria was using, having been someone who was constantly against Maria, she wasn't going to miss out this opportunity.

"I say, Maria, don't you think that you are being rude to the Mayor?" Eri asked while showing her white teeth.

Maria felt a headache coming; she decided to take care of the problem before listening to the mayor's explanation.

"Excuse me, mayor, can I have a bit of time?"

Maria asked while looking directly into the mayor's eyes. The latter looked back for a second before chuckling.

"Sure, take your time." the mayor said with a shrug.

"Thank you, Eri come with me, Kuina as well," Maria said before standing.

"Where are we going, and what are you planning?"

Although she asked this, Eri still followed Maria, Kuina who was in the back, chuckled as she could guess what Maria had in mind. She showed no reaction to Eri acting as though she didn't exist; people like Eri is better be ignored than wasting your time on them trying to strike a conversation, it is not like Kuina lacked friend and somehow she didn't like this girl from the start, it was a natural reaction.

"Just shut up and follow me." Maria chided Eri heavily; she pouted but still said nothing; she silently followed her.

Meanwhile, Maria was thinking about what she was about to do. Since she learned that they were inside the mayor's residence, she remembered that it was close to the northern city gate and beyond the gate was a mountain; it was toward this mountain they were going.

Their purpose for going there was simple; it was to spare; a good friendly spar would do them some good. Maria believes.

On the other side, the mayor also guessed Maria's intention; he couldn't help but chuckle; however, his chuckle died down when he noticed the mood of his men.

"Shadow, is there something you wish to say?"The mayor asked.

There was silence before the rift appeared behind the mayor, and from this rift, a figure half materialized came out.

"Well, I'm curious why you chose those three. Although they might be a little bit strong, I doubt they would succeed, so why waste your time? I don't like that girl with blue eyes."

"Hahaha!" the mayor laughed first before saying.

"It's the first time that you talked for so long. I understand your fear; however, I chose them because I believe that they could help me. To those that come into this world, it's a game where they can't d;

however, unlike them, we can die while many restrictions have been put on us. This is an imperfect world; no matter how strong one is, there exist some problems you can't personally take care of, in my situation, I can only get close to players and issue quests as they called it in the hope that they did succeed. NPCs can't act as they wished."

The mayor sounds downhearted as he says these words.

The shadow stayed silent for a moment before asking a question that every native of Exodus once thought of.

"Is there a way for us to break this curse and become free?"

The mayor shrugged his shoulders.

"How should I know."

Then his eyes became distant, as though he was looking to somewhere far, thousands of kilometers from this city stood a tall tower piercing through the sky as if it pierced even the world going into the void, a tower said to hold all the answers, said to grant the most absurd of the wishes.

'Maybe if our children between players and us can free us upon reaching the highest floor where is said to the core zone of Exodus. Well, it's not something that will happen any time soon; I should focus on what is close to me first.' the mayor thought before snapping out his thoughts. He looked at the shadow who had accompanied him for half of his life already and suggested.

"As for your biased opinion about these girls, I suggest that you should watch their match to make your own opinion on whether or not they are qualified to take up that quest."

Shadow nodded. "I shall do as you suggested then."

Fwoosh!

Shadow disappeared, leaving the mayor alone, who soon became lost in thoughts again. Crossing one leg over another, he mumbled.

"I wonder if those three have someone they liked? It would be good if it weren't the case; if I could win them over and succeed in making one of them bear my son offspring, it would greatly help me in the future as the child will undoubtedly become someone strong that can maybe break Exodus fake sky. A world where its residents couldn't break free from, they couldn't go out, only those immortals called players can come and go as they wished. Almost as if we are sheep's reared for their convenience. They kill us without remorse as they believe that we are only data; they plunder our resources. How dare they. I shall begin the revolution from this town until I united the whole world to break free from these shackles that bound us."

The mayor's lips curved upward into a malicious smile; he was already seeing his ascension on the throne; in reality, the mayor was an ambitious person, his ambitions were grand, he had delusions of grandeur, and he began planning to use Maria and others to fuel this ambition of his when he recalled the damage they left behind, especially Maria and Eri, he must have them become pregnant to give him the key that would help him break free and ascend to the top.

Having no idea that this ambitious mayor was targeting them, Maria and the girls were about to begin their friendly spar.

Chapter 570 - 548: Friendly Spar 1

Maria looked at the two girls before; there was a moment of silence before she declared.

"Who among you two want to come first?"

The way she talked, the disinterest on her face somehow irked the two; they exchanged glances before Eri chose to step forward. Her last fight against Maria had ended up in something like a draw; it's time to know clearly which one among the two is the strongest.

As she was an otherworlders like Alex and others, Eri also acquired the appraisal skill, she hadn't used it in their fight, but now she got the chance, Eri decided that it was better to use it and see Maria's current status.

'Appraisal.' Eri silently mumbled; however, the moment she activated her magic to spy on her, Maria automatically knew it; she was not the only one to detect it, even Kuina was aware of it, and she let a chuckle escape from her mouth while crossing her arms to watch a good show.

Maria did not attempt to block Eri from checking her status; she stood there doing nothing.

[Maria Alexia Rosares]

Class: Ice Empress

Age: 17

Female

Race: High Human

[Rank 11]

Level 104

Experience Value: ????

Magic Power: 3090/3090

Magic: Ice Magic

Attack: 1470

Defense: 1210

Agility: 1230

Intelligence: 1220

Luck: 1160

Gift: Frozen Fairies

BP: 0

SP: 18

Skills: [Advanced Appraisal Level 10 Max] [Language Comprehension] [Item box Level 10] [Ice Slash Level 5] [Glaciate Level 10 Max] [Ice Blast Level 5] [Close Quarters Combat Level 10 Max] [Ice Arrows Level 7] [Sword Art Level 5] [Thousand Ice Steps Level 5]

Special Abilities: [Frost ???] [Ice Soul] [Ice Domain Level 5] [Absolute Zero ?????] (Sealed due to how dangerous and unstable it is.)

Titles: [Otherworlder] [The Ice Empress] [The Queen] [Huntress] [Slayer] [Genius]

"Did you love what you have seen?" Maria asked with a hint of sarcasm within it.

Eri chuckled and decided not to entertain her; although she was a bit stronger than Maria, the difference was not that great, except for having a slightly bigger mana pool than her (3500), the other stats were almost the same.

"Let's begin," Maria said and brought out her two daggers; However, they have said it was a friendly spar, they both knew that it was not the case, for Maria it was to establish her dominance while for Eri, this was a way to show Maria that she had grown up, she had surpassed her and wasn't living in her shadow like in the past. As for Kuina, the last in the trio, she doesn't want to lose.

Eri immediately tapped on the ground, and it was transformed into the flame domain from which flame spirits soldiers rose; there were three of them; their levels were around 70 to 80.

"Hue hue! Meet my cute little soldiers." Eri declared pride in herself. Both Maria and Kuina rolled at Eri, acting proud.

"Hundred Ice petals!"

Shing!

Maria's daggers transformed into the beautiful crystal sword came crashing down, smashing a flame spirit soldier to bits. Because she was using the opposite element to the enemy natural element, it had many effects on them.

However, something astonishing happened; immediately upon getting destroyed, that flame spirit soldier was formed shortly after and tried to catch Maria from the back as the other two attacked from the sides.

Maria did not panic; she delivered a kick with all the strength she could muster. Her black hair, which had become long, billowed out with the motion. The Flame spirit soldier before her was split in two and crumpled to the ground. Such a grappling technique delivered with her enhanced strength was stronger than most blunt weapons. Even so, pulling off that sort of maneuver should have been too challenging for most people.

Maria was adept with more than just a sword; her martial arts capabilities were also quite impressive. A brilliant defensive reaction like the one she'd just employed against the flame spirit was proof enough of that. She'd spent a long time honing her skills. Bringing her right leg back down, Maria pushed off the

ground and dashed forward to slash with her sword. This attack, empowered with the girl's mana, crushed the head of a flame spirit soldier with a beast head.

Before, under Eri and Kuina's astonished gazes, her sword was transformed back into daggers; she hurtled one of them at Eri, who couldn't control the flame spirits, soldiers, while at the same time moving around.

"Fuck!" Eri swore and immediately canceled her technique; she gathered all the power of her domain to form a flame wall, 5 centimeters thick quickly; if it were any normal weapon, Eri wouldn't have wasted her time doing what she had done; however, considering how Maria's gift seemed to be her natural enemy, she didn't really have the choice.

Boom!

The moment the crystal dagger crashed against Eri's flame, an explosion occurred, which shook the surrounding before the dagger succeeded in piercing through the flame wall after a short stalemate.

Eri's eyes became fierce as she summoned her gift, the red sword, and tried to parry the dagger to the side when suddenly, the dagger seemed to have a mind on its own because it curved down and bypassed Eri's sword.

"What the fuck?" Eri shouted surprised, Kuina was surprised as well, her face became serious, she decided to look out for these unusual daggers when fighting against Maria.

Meanwhile, the curved dagger went downward toward Eri's feet, and just as it was about to reach the ground, it exploded, transforming ice shackles that immediately tied Eri's feet against the ground.

Eri didn't have the time to be concerned about her feet right now as a second dagger sliced through the air and arrived instantly before her; it was too fast; the timing of each attack seemed to have been perfectly calculated.

At the last second, ERI succeeded in tilting her head to the side, dodging the dagger; even so. She still received a small cut on her left cheek, which instantly began freezing.

"You have lost."

Somehow, Maria appeared behind Eri and caught the dagger before holding it against her slender neck; she could feel the chill coming from the dagger edge and trying to invade her neck, however, thank her natural constitution, it was not easy, Eri could have attempted a desperate method, but she was someone who knew when to stop and knew how to admit defeat.

"I surrender," Eri muttered rather dejectedly; a failure today doesn't mean it would be a failure tomorrow; she was too full of herself and had today fight to be intense as their previous one, this was a misjudgment from her part, Maria used the simplest method to finish the match.