

Death Guns 581

Chapter 581 - 557: Before Departure 1

While Sakuya was testing her new technique on some poor hoodlums in the slum area, Alex sat up; he had noticed Sakuya slipping away but chose not to do anything, she was free to go out if she needed so fresh, well Alex knew better than anybody that it was an excuse, if he were to make a bold guess, Sakuya must have gone out because of what happened, being someone who loved to dominate others, the feeling of being toyed with under someone and submitting albeit non completely must have been unbearable, so she needs to let it.

"Well, I pity the poor men that are going to suffer Sakuya's wrath tonight. I pray for your wall." Alex joined his hands in the form of prayer.

Silveria chuckled and commented.

[[Stop acting as though you ever care one bit about those men's wellbeing. Having acted as you did, you knew that she would react like this, so there is no need to play like this.]]

Alex chuckled as he found Silveria's words somehow reasonable; however, there was nothing he could do; he couldn't let himself become an outlet of Sakuya desire; he would lose his dignity if he were to give in. He was not someone who enjoyed being toyed with, he was not a masochist and never he will be even if he loved her more than anything.

"Well, I have thought of something to relieve her pent-up emotions."

[[Oh? May I know what solution you have thought about?]] Silveria was curious.

"Training, I was about to propose that we spar together," Alex responded, to which Silveria didn't say anything for some time before sighing heavily.

[[You are truly ruthless; not only do you dominate her in the bed, but you want to crush her with your strength the following morning immediately; between you two, you are more fit to receive the title of S King.]] Silveria spat.

Alex shrugged his shoulders and decided not to comment further as there would be no end to the debate if he were to continue.

Suddenly, Alex frowned. He had a bad feeling. Or maybe that should be called conviction. He felt a chill as if the hair on his back stood on end. His intuition was telling him that something terrible would happen to him in the future if he were not vigilant. When this was happening, it was at the same time Sakuya was performing her skill for the only purpose of making Alex submit.

'What the hell this could be? Is it Sakuya? Or someone else? What is it?'

Alex quickly threw those nonsensical thoughts to the back of his head and stood up, and went to fetch some water to quench his thirst.

'Well, I need strength and wits to face any situation; with those two things, I'm sure that everything will be fine.' Alex convinced himself. He needs to prepare before going to the capital; although he was

feigning calmness, the ominous feeling didn't completely go away; it stuck him like glue. Alex decided not to think about it too much.

Simultaneously, in the capital, in one of the biggest buildings, home of the strongest guild, in the underground arena, a fight between a big man and a small white-haired girl around fourteen.

Everything was happening at speed impossible to describe, with the exploding circle reaching the small white-haired girl instantaneously. Despite this, she smiled and said, "I admit that you're strong but not strong as him; given more time, you might have put me on a difficult spot, but not now."

Turning around in a flash, the small white-haired girl fiercely smashed her small fist into the ground.

BOOOOM

A world-ending blast occurred, turning into a gigantic mushroom cloud. Simultaneously, black flames swirling with golden lightning rippled outwards as shockwaves.

The big man staggered back, his eyes reflecting the incredible sight of the small white-haired girl.

She was rushing through the mushroom cloud, splitting the mushroom cloud!

"To be honest, if I want to overpower you, it would be difficult even for me," She acknowledged with a pleasant smile. "As for obliterating you immediately, it wouldn't be fun if I did that, don't you think?"

"?!"

The big man, the guild master of the strongest guild out of the seven guilds, didn't know why, but the small white-haired girl's words didn't hurt him but made him feel as if this was some ominous premonition.

While trying to make sense of this, the big man swiftly raised his hands to protect his chest as the girl's disappeared and appeared before him, and her hand was coming toward him.

But then the girl surprised the big man by stopping her punch just a hairsbreadth away.

Then her lips curved up, and she said, "I shall show you the true meaning of despair, be witness to its full power or not!"

As these words entered the big man's ears, he felt an intense sense of crisis. This crisis reached its peak when he heard the concluding phrase.

"Purgatory."

Swoosh~!

Suddenly, the arena turned pin-drop silent and turned blinding dark. Every source of light lost its function.

A sense of helplessness gripped the big man's heart, freezing him in the process.

RIPPPPPPP

In such an environment, just a mile behind the frozen man, a slit violently ripped open.

The slit was not even as thick as a hair. Still, it was too bright, radiating glow of countless colors swirling as if it was the insides of a kaleidoscope tube.

Finally, the guild master moved; his reputation as the strongest man among the players wasn't for show; he hurriedly jerked his head at the slit. Unknown memories appeared in his brain, and he instantly realized where the slit led.

"Purgatory...Hell"

The guild master's unstable consciousness thought.

Whoosh!

Ghost-like and demon-like figures appeared in the swirling colors, their expressions filled with hunger.

The guild master looked at them and realized it was right. But there was something even more strange, something it couldn't pinpoint.

"Do you think now is the time to be distracted?"

The small white-haired girl's voice rang in the guild master's ears, bringing him back to reality.

The big man quickly turned his head.

But it was too late.

BANG!

By then, the girl's feet had brutally pounded onto his chest.

His chest caved in, and his back arched out while his body was flung back and slammed into the slit. The ghost-like figures smiled and grabbed the frightened guild master; his face paled instantly.

The ghost's ethereal hands turned into chains and tightened around the poor man, and they dragged him in.

The man didn't even get the time to resist—all due to a moment of carelessness.

"Relax, this isn't the end for you; you won't die," the girl said with a friendly smile. "In fact, it is a start...the start of your eternal hell; you will forever be damned."

"!!!"

The guild master growled, and flames exploded out of it. They burned a few ghost-like figures, but they were calm.

She snapped her fingers, and the slit disappeared. Now the man has no choice of escaping even if it broke his confinement.

The girl's ability was the same one Leonardo had used against Lilith, but the proficiency between the two was a world apart.

The small white-haired girl, no Incursio, smiled and departed from the arena while mumbling.

"Hehehe! I need to prepare the stage for his arrival.. Hehehehe! Show me more wonderful things, Alexander."

Chapter 582 - 558: Before Departure 2

Air moves in blossoming brilliant arcs within the sun rays of a new day.

Alex woke up and sat up, glancing sideways; a beautiful sight greeted him.

Before him was a pair of breasts, rising and falling in a gentle, constant rhythm. The pajamas covering them were open slightly, giving Alex a peek of the purple underwear hidden beneath. Swallowing despite himself, Alex looked up only to be confronted by the beautiful face of a sleeping girl. Her black 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, her cheeks were a little bit rosy.

Alex enjoyed Sakuya's sleeping face for five minutes before deciding to quit. He went out to freshen up, and after finishing, he sat on the chair. It was time to check his status, to check what he had gained after completing that hidden quest.

[Alex Grim]

Class: Magic Gunslinger

Age: 18

Male

Race: High Human ????

Level 127

Experience Value (XP): 0/201500

HP: 4800/4800

MP: 8170/8170

STA: 3300/3800

Magic: None

ATK: 2630

DEF: 2230

AGI: 2220 (+200)

INT: 2260

LUK: 1860

BP: 90

SP: 0

Fame: 4000

Gift: Death Guns [??????]

Skills: [Item box Level 4] [Swift Fingers Max] [Divine Sense Level 5] [Throwing knife Level 5] [Dark Vision Level 2] [Dual Wielding Level 2] [Accel Level 5] [Knife Art Level 4] [Link Level 5] [Gun Art Level Level 10] [High Regeneration Level 9] [Mana Synchronisation Level 10 Max] [Crimson's Bullet] [Shadow Shift Level 5] [Blade Dance Level 4] [Aurora Bullet Level 1] [Drifter Level 2 ► Level 3] [Meteor Bullet Level 5] [Steel body Level ► Level 3]

Special Abilities: [Language Comprehension][Danger Sense] [Overdrive] [Death's Eye] [Envisage] {Erase} {Magic Bullet} {Snatch} [Hellsing] [Xerox] {Death Bullet (???)} [Tempus Infinitum] (Time abilities) [Eye of Truth Level 5] [Asura Form] [Mana's Body] (Sealed due to current Level)

Titles: [Otherworlder] [The one whose fingers are faster than Flash] [The Reborn] [Shadow Nemesis] [The Destroyer] [Death Master] [The Irregular] [Child of Mana] [Slayer]

"Well, not bad," Alex mumbled upon checking his status; apart from getting three levels, he gained a considerable amount of Fame points which was sufficient to challenge the Tower at the capital.

[[Indeed, your gains are not bad; it was thanks to that hidden quest you managed to cumulates so many Fame points, and your level increased. Normal quests wouldn't have given you so much, only if you selected ten hard mode quests or five Hell mode quests only that you will have the chance to get what you have acquired.]] Silveria said to Alex and he couldn't help but nod.

"I need a few more things before departing. Thankfully I got something special that would help us not waste any gold coins or Fame points to travel to the capital."

[[Ah! I remember you must be talking about that golden key.]] Silveria said upon hearing Alex's words, the latter nodded before taking out a small golden key. After playing with it for a moment, he stored it away and stood up; coincidentally, Sakuya happened to have woken up at that time.

"Good morning, Mio." Alex greeted Sakuya, who was still rubbing her eyes as though she had not gotten enough sleep.

"Yawn! Good morning Alex." Sakuya yawned as she responded to Alex.

Alex chuckled, seeing Sakuya, who seemed like she would fall back to sleep at any moment, he got the perfect solution to dispel her drowsiness, but first, he must tease her.

Opening his mouth, Alex spat, "Well, normal considered what happened last night."

Sakuya lowered her head thinking about some scenes; she blushed like an innocent maiden; however, Alex's following words made her aware that she had misunderstood what he meant.

"Venturing out late in the night to satisfy your urges can be pretty tired."

Sakuya flinched upon hearing Alex's words; although she had thought that she perfectly slipped away, she guessed it was the case.

Before she could say anything, Alex shrugged his shoulders as if it to say it was not a big deal; then, he opened his mouth to say what he had meant to say since the beginning.

"I'm waiting for you in the mountain for a quick sparring match. Don't take too much time, by the way; I have prepared breakfast for you." Saying this, Alex brought the breakfast he had secretly prepared and placed it in front of Sakuya, who was surprised; however, apart from the initial feeling of surprise, there was a subtle smile formed on her face, she felt sweet feeling building up inside her chest, she gave Alex a beautiful smile disappeared like a wind to brush her teeth before coming back to dig in.

Alex watched her devour the food on the plate in no time.

"It's truly delicious. Next time I will make you some specialties from my hometown, I'm sure you will like them." She said, and Alex nodded.

"Sure, I'm looking forward to it."

The two left Sakuya's mansion and went into the mountain behind her mansion. Sakuya stood before Alex's hand over her katana, her body slightly tilted forward.

Clangs!

Suddenly, the coin Alex had tossed into the sky reached the ground, producing a sound; this marked the beginning of the match.

Almost faster as the light itself, Sakuya unsheathed her katana and arrived before Alex; the speed with which she moved was godly; she was not holding back, not in the slightest.

Swoosh!

Alex calmly leaned to the side, letting the katana swept past him; suddenly, Sakuya's katana moved in reverse and struck Alex.

But, before the katana could land, he bent his posture so close to the ground and ducked.

The swift movement, at first glance, seemed to appear as Alex had no room for error and placed immense strain on his joints; however, Sakuya knew it was not the case, wind gathered under her feet to propel her into the sky, she succeeded in dodging Alex cross leg counter.

As the two descended to the ground, they unleashed their power; wind covered Sakuya's body, increasing her speed while Alex used one of his Tempus Infinitum abilities.

Flurries of blows were exchanged at close range.

Both passed each other after these exchanges, with Sakuya falling onto the ground, puking blood; Alex tasted blood in his mouth due to having received an unexpected sword strike. From Nyx's words, Sakuya would open a new element as soon as she used it with her strongest attack.

"Let's end it, for now; we will continue next time. By the way, nice progression. I'm proud of you; you have become a bit stronger; keep up.." Alex complimented as his butt landed on the ground; Sakuya nodded but was unable to lift her head as she was too tired; however, she was happy even though she had lost, she succeeded in leaving an injury on him, it's an accomplishment.

Chapter 583 - 559: Before Departure 3

While Alex and Sakuya were fighting, back to Maria, Eri, and Kuina side, after they came back, the mayor told them that he had a quest, a special quest where death was almost inevitable; however, if one were to succeed, the rewards were pretty amazing, the participants would receive 3000 Fame points, artifacts and an increase of 2 levels and talisman that would send them into the first floor of the Sky Tower.

The girls put on a troubled expression and asked for some time to think it over; naturally, the mayor gave them some time to think about it.

After the three girls left the room, Shadow appeared and stood beside the mayor; she didn't say anything as something kept bothering her; there seemed to be some inconsistencies in her memories, but no matter what she did, even going into the temple for a blessing changed nothing. She could only slump her shoulders dejectedly and come back.

Although the mayor had noticed the unusualness surrounding Shadow, he didn't waste his time asking her what happened as he could read her and knew that whatever was troubling her was unknown; if not, she would have first consulted him. Although he didn't ask anything, he decided to say a few words.

"Don't worry, whatever troubling you will disappear once we get that thing."

Shadow was brought out of her reverie; she nodded before asking, something was bothering her

"Are you sure that they would accept? Ability wise I must acknowledge that those three was strong but-"

The mayor cut Shadow mid-sentence and said.

"Don't worry, they will accept as the reward was too enticing. Well, I have taken the necessary precautions after all."

Upon hearing the mayor's words, Shadow immediately thought of something.

"Don't tell me?" She didn't dare to believe it, so she asked.

The mayor nodded with a broad smile on his face.

"When I felt those two powerful energies, I ran towards them and witnessed the end of the fight, at the same time as I was taking them back with me I used the fame stone, to rob them of their fame points, although they could still see their fame points, it is nothing more than an illusion. They will soon find out and would have no choice but to accept my offer and once they succeed, hehehehe! I shall imprison them and turn them into a breeding machine."

Looking at the mayor laughing without dignity and with a vulgar expression on his face, Shadow shook her head, feeling pity for the three girls.

Speaking of them, the three were talking at the moment. Their expressions weren't looking good as they finally noticed that their fame points were gone; even Kuina, master in the art of the illusion, was shocked as she had seen it coming, nor did she notice anything unusual.

"That man is scary," Kuina said with a sigh.

"I know, but-" Maria nodded and stopped speaking; there was a cruel smile on her face. However, under that state, she couldn't remember everything; she remembered one thing, the Ice phoenix controlling her body at that time had taken some precautions, not only she sealed Shadow's memories, she also robbed her of her fame points because she didn't regularly check her fame points as there was no need to do that, she didn't notice anything.

Maybe because the mayor gave her some Fame points for safekeeping, the amount of Fame points she had was enormous, 12000 fame points, and currently, Maria had them with her.

While still wearing a smile which made Eri and Kuina unconsciously tighten their ass because of the ominous feeling that smile gave, Maria whispered her plan to them; the two eyes widened before they began laughing in turn with a malicious smile on their faces.

"Eri, check the position of the mayor's wife and daughter, especially the daughter. I have something in mind." Maria ordered, and Eri immediately did as she was told, the feud should be put aside now for the greater cause.

Soon, Eri managed to locate where the mayor's wife and daughter were; she informed Maria, who smiled as the situation was favorable, almost as if the Gods wanted the vile mayor to suffer today.

"Great, let's proceed with the plan then. Kuina, please use your strongest illusion."

Upon hearing Maria's order, Kuina nodded and asked.

"What do I need to create?"

Maria smiled before declaring, "The mayor's daughter pierced by my dagger crying for help and please cloak our position first."

Kuina nodded and immediately did as ordered; inside the mayor sturdy, he frowned at the sudden situation; he could not detect the girls' location anymore.

"Something is not right." the mayor said as he stood up.

"Huh?" Shadow was surprised.

It happened at that moment; from the outside, a cry filled with anguish reached the room.

"Hiiiiiii! Father save, the black-haired g-girl has gone crazy, she stabbed me, father, hiiiiiiiiiii!"

The mayor immediately blasted the door open to rescue his sweet daughter; Shadow followed while feeling that something wasn't right.

Outside in the hall leading to the study room, Maria clutched the mayor's daughter's neck while she stabbed her leg; upon seeing the mayor arriving, she smiled a devil smile.

"Welcome thief!"

Blood rushed straight to the mayor's head; his rationality was thrown out of the window, he immediately shot toward Maria, intending to kill her.

"Die!"

"Wait, it's a trap."

Finally, Shadow noticed what was wrong and tried to warn the mayor, who had lost his rationality; however, it was already too late.

The mayor arrived behind Maria, who showed a surprised expression this made the mayor happy; he moved one hand towards his daughter. At the same time, the other one sharpened like a knife chopped toward Maria's neck at frightening speed; however, something unexpected happened, the mayor hit nothing but empty air.

"What?" He cried out in shock. Shadow, who appeared beside him, told him.

"It's a trap."

Immediately upon hearing this, the mayor got a pretty lousy feeling; he abruptly spun around and started running toward his sturdy; however, the three girls were already inside it and took his treasure chest.

The mayor and Shadow stood frozen, looking at Maria, Eri, and Kuina grinning at them.

"Bastards!!!!"

The mayor roared, and his full power burst toward them; simultaneously, Shadow moved and arrived before the three girls.

Unfortunately, they were too late; the girls had long been prepared; Eri, who still had the most mana, crushed something; a golden light enveloped the three; it was inviolable, the mayor and Shadow could only watch helplessly as the three started to disappear.

"Thank you for your hospitality, but we shall pass on your offer. As for you in black, your fame points will be used for a greater cause. Farewell."

Shadow's eyes widened in horror, and she immediately checked her status but ended up regretting it.

"Gone, gone, everything is gone."

Hearing Shadow's broken words, the mayor knew what this meant and became crazy.

"Bastarrrrrrrrrd! Ahhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh!"

That day the mayor of Kellen city became crazy and blasted his mansion apart, almost killing his wife and daughter.

Chapter 584 - 560: Arrival In The Capital

After finishing their business in Alkan's City, Alex and Sakuya were ready to leave, injecting mana into the key inside his hand; a golden light enveloped the two before they disappeared.

When they opened them again, a grandiose scene awaited them; everywhere you look, you will see tall reminiscent of Earth's most beautiful cities; for a moment, Alex and Sakuya thought that they were back to Earth.

They were further shocked when they saw the tower piercing through the sky, seemingly endless.

Upon seeing this tower, the corners of Alex's mouth lifted into a smile. Sakuya had an interesting expression on her face; just as Alex was about to tease her, a voice coming from behind reached their ears.

"Welcome to Andalon, Fallen City if you want, there too many names but what is sure this the city of dream, where the God Tower is. Ah! Where is my manner? I'm Sangmin, your guide if you desire to hire me."

Alex and Sakuya exchanged glances before looking at the Asian looking man before them; at first, they thought about refusing and chasing the man away but finally decided not to do as they were new here, having someone that could teach them about this place was a blessing if you ignored the man who seemed that he wouldn't stop talking, even now he was still talking.

Finally, Alex opened his mouth and said.

"Okay, okay, I will hire you but first stop talking."

Sangmin wasn't offended by Alex's words; who can you better than yourself? As he knew himself, Sangmin used this personality to earn his living.

Closing his mouth, he told them how much it cost to hire him; after haggling for a moment, Alex paid half of the price before Sangmin began talking.

He told them about the city, the news in the city, and most importantly, he told them about the power inside the city; there are seven guilds ranked from the strongest to the lowest, recently rumor has it that the guild master of the first guild had changed recently, as for whom become the new guild master, no new was found on this person.

There was another rumor saying that an eighth guild existed, recently formed but whose fame was rapidly climbing. A goddess is said to be leading this guild, like the first guild; not much was known about this goddess.

Sakuya had a mysterious on her face when she heard about the new guild with a goddess as guild master, it was unknown why the image of a golden-haired girl came to her mind, and she was sure that her dear sister had something to do with this.

Alex didn't waste his time comprehending the meaning behind Sakuya's mysterious smile.

"Let's go, Kor- I meant Sangmin guide toward the best inn." Alex, who was about to say Korean guy stopped and used his real name because the name reminded him of Korean name; Alex had a hard time not directly calling him Korean guy as calling his real name doesn't sound good.

Sangmin nodded. Like a professional, he gestured at the couple.

"This way, please."

Alex and Sakuya followed him.

At the same time, in one of the tallest buildings serving as headquarter to one of the Seven, not eight guilds, there was a particular scene.

In one of the bedrooms, a girl could be seen lying leisurely on the bed.

Because of the current time, it was in the morning. The gentle rays of the rising sun peered their way through the light curtains and provided a serene light in the room.

This brown-haired beauty was dressed in a lascivious negligee! She lay face down. A see-through cloth that made heavy use of lace! The white skin is slightly seen underneath it! And black underwear!

She slightly raised her body at the newcomer with a lazy voice.

"Alice, have you found any on the new guild master of the first guild or the eighth guild?"

The white-haired girl who appeared in the room like a ghost looked at Sera in astonishment. They would have believed that the dignified Sera, the Spartan goddess, would have this side to her, something she had a low blood pressure in the morning making her not want to do anything in the morning to sleep like a log; however, she knew that she couldn't afford to this.

Alice, whose face only changed for a split second, went back to its usualness, and she proceeded to tell Sera the information she had acquired.

"From what we inferred through various clues, the guild master of the first guild, God's hand is a small white-haired girl, there is someone beside her who wore a white mask."

Unlike the other guilds or brokers, unable to get anything when it came to finding a clue on the God's hand new guild master, Sera specialized in assassination and the collection of information, rapidly found what she wanted, it was easy especially when you have a weapon such as Alice.

Sera nodded her head upon hearing the first part of the information; she immediately connected those two to certain someone.

Incursion and Alex former classmate, Leonardo Dixor. If this information was indeed accurate, then they were in good trouble as there must only be a reason for the white demoness to take a guild under her control; it's simply for screwing with Alex.

Sera felt a bitter taste in her mouth, but there was nothing she could do at the moment; she could only lay low for the moment as they didn't have the necessary strength to contend against Incursio right now. By herself, she was like a one-person army, so imagine adding a whole guild, not any normal guild, the strongest guild to her force; this would double her strength, making her more difficult to handle, almost invincible. If it were only Leonardo, Sera wouldn't have been so wary, but when it comes to that monster, you better forget any common sense.

Being the smartest wouldn't help you as not only is she strong, but she's smart as well.

Sera had the feeling that she knew about them, so she deliberately let only them know about her; However, she was good at what she does, Sera was not so conceited to say that she was the best, stronger than anyone else as the other guilds had their resources and weren't weak, so acquiring these pieces of information so easily must have been Incursio's doing.

Sighing heavily, Sera asked.

"Do continue."

Chapter 585 - 561: Flame Empress

Alice said nothing even though she noticed the heavy atmosphere lingering around; she was not good with emotional stuff; therefore, she turned blind eyes at the situation and continued her report.

"The identity of the goddess of the new guild is the Holy Saintess."

"Huh?" Sera exclaimed; she got up from the bed, strolled to the window, and looked outside. Gazing at the beautiful scenery before touching the window, she took a deep breath to calm down her beating heart.

"You don't mean to say that it's Lu-"

Before she could finish, Alice beat her to it by announcing the name of the Saintess.

"Yes, it's Lady Luna!"

It was a name both knew well. Sera nodded with a calm face; however, unlike her calm exterior, inwardly she was quite shaken up, feeling immense joy, with Luna's appearance, things would become easier as they were about to absorb the two guilds underneath them, by adding Luna's guild whose notoriety almost rivaled the third guild they would become a force to be reckoned with and even Incursio, God's hand would think twice before making a move.

"Immediately contact her asking for merging, knowing how much she cared about Alex she would not refuse. We are doing all these things because we wished to have something to give him at his arrival."

Upon hearing Sera's words, Alice nodded, it was unknown when it began, but recently she found herself yearning more and more for her master's presence. She couldn't wait to see him, although she had nothing to say upon seeing him, just with his presence, she would be contented.

"Well, is there anything about the others, I mean the princesses, Maria, and others, especially Gracier?" Sera suddenly asked.

Alice immediately shook her head to indicate that no news about them had been found. Just as she was about to leave to carry Sera's previous order, she froze.

Sera immediately saw this, curious she asked.

"What is it?"

Unfortunately, Alice said nothing; she quietly shook her head while wearing a thin smile which was extremely rare; this made Sera more surprised, her confusion deepened as she wanted to know what could make the always stoic Alice show such emotion, however, before she could further question the white-haired girl she disappeared without saying any word.

"This girl, Ah! Forget it. You have started to become more and more human, showing human emotions. I guess that becoming bound to Alex can be said to be your greatest blessing. Ayi! Let's head to make some preparations before their arrival; who knows when he would come."

Sera immediately got dressed after taking a shower before heading out.

What she did not know was that Alex and Sakuya and even Maria, Kuina and Eri had arrived in the capital; the reason behind Alice's mysterious smile was because she felt Alex's presence closer, it was because the two souls were bound through contract, and this contract comes with some advantages such as knowing the other party location, well only when Alex wished for this to happen.

Because he was hoping for Alice or Pandora (Meera) to contact him if they were close, Alex let his position be known by those with whom he had a contract; hopefully, this would work, and indeed it did work as Alice noticed it, she switched her priority, she must first go welcome Alex before contacting Luna. As for informing Sera's she chose not to as she had no obligation to tell her everything; no the real reason should be because she was impatient of seeing her master after a long time; therefore, she chose not to say anything, maybe she felt like her time with Alex would have been impeded if she were to inform Sera, either way, must welcome her master, everything else was secondary, Alice thought while heading toward Alex's location.

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In another location, in the middle of magma, stood a girl; she had a beautiful figure, red hair, heterochromia eyes.

Alexandra chuckled and looked at her surrounding, no calling it the ruin she had created should be accurate. A few minutes ago, this plain was still intact, but because a certain someone decided to test her full strength, she ultimately went overboard, and the result, the whole plain was turned into flame hell, a magma.

As if proud of herself once more, she let out another chuckle, then the illusory image of the dragon behind Gracier vanished; as she recently learned the dragon tongue, she had become proficient in them, so she started using the dragon tongue to cast her spell, this made them exhibit twice their strength, but as a consequence more mana was consumed. Still, to Gracier, this doesn't matter as Ignia had said that once she became proficient in wielding this language, less mana and the more strong her skills would become.

"I guess it's time to head to the capital, but first, let check my status first."

Immediately after saying this, she summoned her status; unsurprisingly she her level rose to level 100.

『[Red Queen Alexandra]

Level 10

Class: Mage

Age: 15

Female

Race: High Half-Elf

Experience Value: 6600/121200

HP: 3500/3500

MP: 3600 (+10) ► 3610/3610

STA: 2800

Magic: Fire

ATK: 1425 ► 1435

DEF: 815 ► 825

AGI: 1015 ► 1025

INT: 1015 ► 1025

LUK: 815 ► 825

BP: 50

SP: 40

Fame: 2500

Gift: Ignia's Bracelet

Skills: [Cooking Level 4] [Sewing Level 3] [Fireball Level 5] [Fire Arrows Level 4] [Meteor Level 1] [Fire Snake Level 4] [Flame Shield Level 5] [Presence Detection Level 5] [Chantless Magic Level 8] [Fire Lotus Level 5] [Archery Level Max] [Blaze Steps Level 5] [Golden Arrows Level 1]

Special Abilities: [Dragon Eye Level 10 Max] [Flame Wings Level 3] [Dragon's Breath Level Level 2] [Lord of Hundred Flames] {Dark Mode (Sealed due to its instability)} [Dragon Tongue Level 3] (New)

Titles: [Avenger] [Child of Fire] [The Awakened] [The Diligent] [Lord of Flames]

"Wow! Not bad; if it weren't because I couldn't use my skill points on my dragon tongue ability, I would have done it. Well, slowly learning it is more fun than blindly raising its level through skill points; that's would have been easy. Well, let leave."

She left for the capital shortly after.

Chapter 586 - 562: Reunion 1

Andalon, Inner city, in one of the best Inns were three people sitting together around a table, after the initial they got, things have calmed down by now.

While drinking his wine, Alex observed his surrounding; it was filled with strong players and NPCs. Alex had concluded after a certain period that the NPCs are living beings, not some data, and this made him question who is the creator of such a world, a world where the laws are twisted, a world for entertainment. However, such a world seemed perfect; it was not necessarily the case; this is a flawed world where the natives are trapped, they couldn't leave, a world created for the sake of nurturing the races for a purpose.

"Everything has been planned, we are dancing on someone's else tune. Quite the nasty feeling." Alex mumbled to himself, lost in thoughts.

"I have to play along as I'm still weak to decide anything. Sometimes I wonder if becoming the strongest is the solution? Well, who knows, once I'm there, I will know what to do. For now, I shall focus on getting stronger with my family and friends. I hope that I can easily encounter them if they are here."

And just as these thoughts flashed through Alex's mind, he felt someone's presence and his lips unconsciously lifted to form a smile, and he said.

"Finally."

And because his voice wasn't low when he said this, the other two beside him heard it; Kangmin, who was chatting with Sakuya, telling her some interesting gossips, raised his head in confusion.

"What?"

However, unlike the confused Kangmin, Sakuya immediately caught up on what Alex meant; thus, she asked.

"Who is coming?"

Instead of answering, Alex raised three fingers, Kangmin became more confused; just as he was about to ask what all these things meant before Alex's third finger was lowered, a figure suddenly appeared before them.

Bam!

Kangmin was so shocked that he fell to the ground causing a huge sound, he forgot about the pain he was feeling, he looked at Alice who appeared like a ghost.

"What the hell? Where do you pop out from?"

Alice ignored him and turned to face Alex, she even ignored the other people shocked by her sudden appearance, even though most of them were really strong, none of them felt anything, Alice appeared like a ghost, the mere feeling of what she could do with this ability send a chill down their spines.

Unaware or she didn't care about anything other than the being before her master, Alice, in a less emotionless tone, greeted her master.

"Welcome, master." She curtsied elegantly.

"How have you been, Alice?"

"I'm fine, master, greetings Lady Sakuya."

Finally aware of Sakuya's presence, Alice greeted her; smiling, Sakuya crossed her arms and said.

"Finally, you have time for me."

Kangmin was finally able to sit down after an awkward moment of silence. Although he was curious about the white-haired girl's identity, he knew better than anybody that curiosity killed the cat. Because he didn't wish to die yet, he dared not ask anything; he made himself invisible like a side character.

"Master, mistress, please follow me to our headquarter." Alice didn't wait and immediately said this.

Alex and Sakuya exchanged glances before nodding, they were thinking of the book room after they were done with chatting, but Alice's arrival and her proposal couldn't be more welcomed.

"Let's go."

"Wait-"

Before Kangmin could say that there was still more to learn, he was shut down by Alice's murderous glare. He gulped and immediately stepped back, although he decided not to live quietly by selling information; Kangmin was not weak as sometimes to get better information, you must put your life on the line; it is like a journalist or paparazzi on Earth. So, for such a man to feel fear that froze even his soul, this white-haired girl was dangerous, someone one should not mess with.

Gulp!

Kangmin gulped again and could only stare helplessly at Alex's back, growing further and further away. In the end, he could only let out a sigh and sat down; he had let such a valuable customer go; however, it was not a loss as he could sell information about Alex to some nearby guild, this could fetch a good amount of money. Grinning as he could feel the scent of money in the air getting closer and closer to him, Kangmin took a stone plate he used to record information about Alex on; he decided to caress it.

It happened then; a small dagger appeared from God knows where and struck the stone in Kangmin's hand, shattering it.

"Nooooooooo!"

Kangmin wailed like he had lost his soul; the people in the surroundings were surprised, but it only lasted a second before they returned to what they were doing.

The poor Kangmin couldn't only wail in despair as he lost a valuable source of money.

Outside, Alex looked at the wailing Kangmin and chuckled.

"Don't you think that it was a bit too much?" Sakuya asked with a playful smile on her face; Alice didn't wish to deal with her as she knew her a bit after spending a few days with her back in the mansion; everybody knows that Sakuya loves to tease people.

"Cut it out. If she hadn't done anything, I bet you would have done something but crueler; I could see it looking at the playful glint inside your eyes." Alex said.

Sakuya only shrugged her shoulders and chuckled.

"You know me too well."

Then she asked a question that was on her mind.

"Who is with you, Alice?"

Alice could feel her master's interest as well; she didn't hide anything and told them the identity of the person waiting for them.

"It is Sera."

"Wow!" Alex made a surprised face, while Sakuya had a serious expression; she didn't like Sera very much as she was too secretive.

"I see it's good; let's hurry, I want to see her.." Alex was eager to see Sera as he believed that more awesome things awaited him on the other side.

Chapter 587 - 563: Reunion 2

While Alice was taking Alex and Sakuya with her toward their headquarter in another location, an unexpected reunion was happening.

Luna, who had sneaked out to relieve some of her stress, unexpectedly encountered Maria, Eri, and Kuina, who had just arrived in the capital.

The four girls stood frozen, pointing at each other, not knowing what to do when Maria finally suggested that they should move out of the way and go somewhere calm to talk.

Finally, they sat around a table in a café; while drinking their coffee, they decided to talk about their experience.

After recounting what happened to each other, Luna was surprised that Maria teamed up with Kuina and Eri, which should have been normally impossible.

"Eri, can you tell me about your world?" Luna asked with curiosity.

Eri groaned, not wanting to do that, but she didn't dislike Luna like Maria; no, she appreciated her. For Eri, Luna was like a pure jade that could get tainted upon contact with Maria, the dangerous woman.

As if she could read Eri's mind, Maria glared at the red-haired girl; the latter snickered back before opening her mouth, wanting to tell Luna how awesome her world was and her status on the other side; however, before he could get the chance to do it a huge commotion was started outside and even the girls could feel it.

Just as they were about to stand up and go out to check what was going, from the outside, a human torch appeared in the sky, he drew a parabolic arc, and his final destination seemed to be where the girls stood.

Faster than any of them, Luna punched the air immediately after the human torch broke the cafe window; the poor man, already feeling an excruciating pain, was punched in the face.

Pom!

His cheek caved in; his mouth was forced open as blood mixed with teeth flowed out before he was sent back from where he came from.

Eri, Kuina, and the other customers were shocked; no, they were considerably shaken up because of Luna, the gentle girl's brutality; she didn't ask anything and directly punched the burning man, sending him flying back from where he came from.

What they didn't know was that Luna's sixth sense told her that the incoming man covered in flame was not a good man, but this wasn't the reason behind Luna brutally pounding him back, it was because

Luna felt a familiar aura from the man, she felt Gracier's flame, this made the Saintess act without hesitation as there was no way she would stay still doing nothing as someone made fun of Gracier forcing her to strike back, the gentle girl must have been forced to act so brutally because the other party was rude.

With a biased opinion, Luna had already made her judgment; well, it was true that the man had been rude; he tried to feel Gracier's butt which made her angry, and she immediately punished him even when she knew that normally fight is prohibited in the city.

"Let's go over there." Luna pointed in the direction she felt Gracier's aura coming from; she hastened her steps leaving the others behind.

Confused, Eri, who was practically running after Luna, asked, curious.

"Who are we going to see?" She could tell this much. Kuina knew the identity of the other party as she could infer it through the flame energy surrounding the man and from Luna's reaction; however, she had no obligation telling Eri that it was Gracier as there was someone more appropriate that could do and she wouldn't miss out the opportunity to ridicule Eri.

Indeed as Kuina had anticipated, Maria immediately responded to Eri's question even though she hadn't said anything to her since their arrival here.

"Oh? Do you want to know? Well, I guess I should enlighten you. The person we wanted to see is a genius, a true prodigy when it comes to manipulating the Fire element, a real child of fire, unlike some fakes."

Kuina ignored the direct jab in Maria's words while Eri frowned and an unpleasant feeling rose from the depth of her soul; she immediately formed a bad opinion on Gracier even when she hadn't met her.

During this time, the commotion started by Gracier because the person she struck died unexpectedly; the golden guards were on their way to apprehend her; however, just before they could come, Luna's group arrived.

"Big sis Luna?" Gracier exclaimed, shocked by Luna's sudden appearance; she was further shocked when she saw Maria together with Kuina and an unknown girl giving a familiar feeling.

"Long time no see little Alexandr,." Luna said, and just as Gracier was about to respond, she stopped as she could feel strong presences coming from the back, leaned toward the back she saw a group of armored men, golden armors marching toward her, she frowned as she could guess that they have most likely came for her.

Just as she was about to step forward to deal with them, someone else was faster than her and beat her; naturally, this person was none other than Luna, who took out a silver plate and presented it.

"I'm the guild master of the Radiant Guild, Luna Mari Lou."

Immediately upon this announcement, the whole plaza froze, the golden guards stopped in their steps, Maria, Gracier, Kuina, and Eri had their jaws hitting the ground, although they came recently, they still heard the hot topic ongoing, the Eighth guild not less strong than the seventh guild, to think that their

friend would be the leader of this guild, the identity of the guild master was said to be unknown, however, with Luna's today action, a storm would follow.

Indeed, it started with a commotion before it escalated; Luna quickly chatted with the golden guards paid a few Fame points to let Gracier go; she ignored the whispers and stares she was receiving; she knew that this was bound to happen anyway.

Looking at her still surprised friends, Luna chuckled; it not that she wanted to deceive them, but having found the appropriate time to tell them, she was planning after hearing about Eri's world.

'Guess I will do it once we get back.' Luna thought.

"Let's go to my guild headquarter.." She said.

Chapter 588 - 564: Reunion 3

Radiant Guild, headquarter.

Luna sat heavily on the white throne created by her guild members.

"So, somehow you ended up as Guild master after you rescued some players in a dangerous situation?" Maria, who was first to regain her calm, asked to be sure.

Luna nodded, and Maria went silent before finally opening her mouth after two minutes.

"Well, that's a good thing. Using this guild, we can do a lot of things."

Maria had already begun planning what to do, how to use this guild efficiently. Kuina also nodded; she seemed to share the same thoughts as Maria, same goes for Gracier; she just stayed silent as she was not made for things like these; however, there was someone else that didn't seem to share the same thoughts as the two, no, she didn't care, just the way Maria speak doesn't sit well with her.

"So, you're planning to take over the guild that the other painstakingly built? What a vixen you are? If you want a guild, create your own guild, you thief."

Luna frowned and wanted to admonish Eri when Maria lifted her hand to tell her not to do anything. She would take care of this unruly girl herself.

"What I do with my sister's things have nothing to do with outsiders like you. What's mine is hers, while what she has is mine. You won't understand."

"Humph! From your words, you will even share your man with her?" Eri probed, however, unlike what she was expecting Maria didn't answer her she just smiled, a mysterious smile.

Upon seeing this smile, Eri became shocked, and a certain idea began to form in her mind; however, she didn't dare to believe, just as she was about to continue probing, Maria stopped her; she was glaring at her.

"Why are you still here? If it's for that Fox woman over, I could understand as she has no other choice, we have the same goal, same goes for my little sister over there. As for you, we do not have the same goal, so scram."

"Shut up, Maria, I do what I want. I want to say to help Luna. This has nothing to do with you, so don't go around thinking that it was because of you. It's not like I wanted to compete with you or anything. Humph!"

Maria ignored Eri; she was not in the mood to play with her; why would she care about Eri trying to act cute? It was not like she was into a Tsundere, nor did she swing that way.

As she must focus on something more important stuff from now on.

"Tell me your rank."

"Eighth." Luna's response was immediate. Gracier and Kuina frowned, thinking that the Radiant Guild ranking was low.

However, unlike them, Maria nodded as though she had guessed this. It was normal as, from Luna's words, they had just recently arrived in the capital.

"I see. We need information on others guilds. I shall handle this. Kuina, you come with me."

Kuina sighed but still stood up and followed after Maria.

While this was happening, in another guild headquarter, Alex and Sakuya, guided by Alice, entered a room where Sera was waiting for them.

Upon seeing them, Sera, who wasn't wearing a mask, made a beautiful smile. The slightly cold face coupled with her beauty ensnared Alex's soul for a second; it was only when Sakuya pinched his waist that he was able to regain control quickly.

"Welcome, Alexander. I'm glad to see you after such a long time."

Sera's beautiful voice rang in Alex's ears, making him smile.

"I'm happy to see you too, and thank you for the hard work," Alex said as he sat across from her.

Sakuya sat beside him; she had a short context with Sera before the two laughed.

"Good to see you too, Sakuya."

"Likewise."

As he could feel the awkward atmosphere in the air, Alex decided to switch subjects.

"Sera-"

However, before Alex could finish what he wanted to say, Sera cut her off.

"Great! I lacked a sparring partner; your arrival has made up for this. Let's go spar; I believe this will be the first time we fight." Sera said and stood up; she didn't give Alex the time to refuse, nor that he was planning on refusing in the first place. Like Sera had said, they haven't fought together. Today would be their first genuinely fighting against each other.

Sakuya and Alice silently followed behind.

Suddenly, Alex, walking beside Sera, stopped making the girls turn their heads in his direction.

"What? Is there any problem?" Sera asked, a bit confused by Alex's sudden stop.

"Well, I have just felt someone's presence, someone familiar," Alex said with a smile; Sera, Alice, and Sakuya immediately concluded that it must be someone dear to Alex for him to smile upon feeling this person's presence.

Few names came to their minds, but after a quick elimination, only one name remained, Gracier, Alex's little sister. The three came to the same conclusion; they made this conclusion because except for Alice, Pandora, there's only one person whom Alex could feel the presence if she was close; that person was none other than Gracier.

"It's Gracier, isn't it?" Sera probed, knowing well that it couldn't be otherwise.

Alex smiled and said, "It's indeed her. She is in that direction, although faint I could still feel it."

Looking in the direction Alex's finger was pointing, Sera immediately knew where Gracier was.

"She must be with Luna, in that direction is the Radiant Guild headquarter, the new guild, and Luna is its leader. Probably because Alice felt your presence, she aborted her mission to welcome you." Sera said while glaring at Alice for not completing her mission, well, for an emotionless doll to begin showing emotions, she could only sigh and drop the matter.

"Oh? So, like you, Luna created her guild? That's not bad; once we join the two guilds, I believe that we will become powerful." Alex said, already thinking about merging the two guilds; although he rather missed his fiancée, he better knew when to control himself; he was not that dense, he could feel Sera jealousy upon seeing Sakuya's closeness with him, something was different, and Sera must have felt it, and also she wasn't blind she had seen that necklace around Sakuya's neck.

Because Alex had vowed to pursue her even before coming here but still did nothing but only go after other women, even though said women were people he knew, no woman would sit still feeling knowing if he keeps up.

Sakuya could also feel Sera's mood; it was why she said nothing and chose to stay silent; as for Luna creating a guild, she was surprised, but it was only momentarily.. She was looking forward to seeing her sister, but first, she wanted to see how her man was planning to deal with the situation.

Chapter 589 - 565: Sera Vs Alex

Unknowingly, the four have arrived at the underground floor where the most sturdy and biggest training ground was located at.

Putting her left palm over the wall before her, it shone, like that a big door appeared, passing through it Sera, Alex, Sakuya and Alice entered the underground training ground, and the door immediately closed behind them.

Sakuya and Alice took seats in the spectator's area while Alex and Sera stood in the arena.

Silence permeated between them. Finally, Alex opened his mouth and said.

"Don't hold back. The winner can ask anything, but it wouldn't be excessive."

"That's good for me!" Sera said and immediately removed her earrings.

Alex frowned upon seeing this, but Nyx's voice made him understand why Sera did this.

[[Appraise her]] Nyx had ordered, as she seldom appeared, no talk to him, whenever Alex heard her voice, he was happy because he wished to converse more with her but knew that it was not possible.

Alex sighed and immediately used his Eye of Truth on Sera; she stood there doing nothing as that crimson eye scanned her making her feel like she was standing there naked.

The result of the appraisal left Alex's jaw hit the ground.

[Sera Olivia Wexon]

Class: Assassin

Age: 22

Female

Race: Human

[Rank 13]

Level 125

Experience Value: 179000/200400

Magic Power: 3200/3200

Magic: Darkness/Wind

Attack: 1980

Defense: 1800

Agility: 2000

Intelligence: 1200

Luck: 1000

Gift: Eternal Darkness

BP: 0

SP: 0

Skills: [Slash Level 10] [Evasion Level 10] [Wind Steps Level 5] [Shadowless Steps Level 8] [Wind Blast Level 4] [Close Quarters Combat Level 10 Max] [Wind Arrows Level 3] [Sword Art Level 7] [Bloodlust Level 8]

Special Abilities: [Death Hand] [Shadow World]

Titles: [Slaughterer] [Assassin Queen] [goddess of Death] [Huntress] [Monarch of Underworld]

〔Wow! I knew she was strong but not this strong; she has progressed fast since I checked her status. Good for you that she's on your side if not having an enemy like would be anyone nightmare. Those skills she possessed, her abilities, her titles, everything is tailored to fit her class, how scary.〕 Silveria said after analyzing Sera's status.

And Alex couldn't help but agree to such a statement. He gulped when he saw Sera's status; although her skills and abilities weren't many as his, they were strong, so strong that it gave him chill just by seeing their name and level.

Instinctively Alex knew that if he didn't give his best, he would lose; Sera was not the type of opponent you would fight half-heartedly; you must give your best shot. This would represent your respect while it could help you win her trust more.

In the spectator area, Sakuya gulped; she also saw Sera's status, and she knew instantly that the current her could not beat her no matter what she did. Sakuya didn't feel ashamed having this thought as she believed that when one knows one's strength, you also must know your limit, what you can do and can't not, this doesn't mean that you are inferior, on the contrary by knowing these things would make help you improve, continuously striving yet aware of your limits.

'I must fight her once.' Sakuya declared, even while knowing that she would lose, she still decided to fight Sera, simply because she had a goal in mind, which was to ask Sera to train her after losing, she believed that Sera would be able to teach her a lot of things, help her grow. As for the subtle dislike she previously held toward the underworld queen, it had already vanished.

In the arena, Sera watched Alex, whose expression still hadn't gotten back to normal due to the shock he still felt.

"Let's begin, shall we?"

Sera's voice brought Alex's out of his reverie and absentmindedly nodded.

Alex immediately ducked down to evade a dagger slashing at his neck from behind.

"What?" Alex exclaimed; even when his senses and Divine Sense had been fully activated, he still couldn't locate Sera; it was only when she struck that he felt her presence once again thanks to his sixth sense.

Alex did not hesitate, still crouching, he crossed his arms, and from within them, two silver guns appeared; bullets immediately tore through the air and went behind him.

However, they hit empty air, Sera's body twisted unnaturally, Alex didn't have the time to get over his surprise when he felt chill down his spine, his instant told him to escape if not his head would fly, Alex didn't hesitate, he pushed his legs against the ground and jumped back.

Unfortunately, the grim reaper had already moved as she had anticipated this reaction; Sera immediately used bloodlust on Alex.

Although he possessed a strong mental world, Alex was shaken when he faced the bloodlust of someone who had killed hundreds of people, slaughtered thousands of monsters. This momentarily stops could be fatal in a fight.

Sera appeared behind Alex and thrust her dagger forward; however, she was forced to stop because she noticed that she had fallen into Alex's trap; although he suffered under her bloodlust, he was trying to use this to his advantage.

Bang!

From the gun on his right, a bullet escaped, Sera immediately used evasion, her body started twisting, she thought that she would dodge the bullet, it happened at that moment from the left gun another bullet was shot out and curved before colliding with the first bullet.

Boom!

The explosion struck Sera in the stomach, sending her flying, her mouth was forced open, and she coughed blood.

Alex didn't have it better; he was sent flying as well but succeeded in altering his body midair to safely land. The moment he looked in Sera's direction, he froze; those usually gentle brown eyes were now devoid of any emotions. This sent a chill down his spine; his instinct warned him of intense danger.

[Shadow Shift]

Alex immediately shadow shifted with Sera and planned to use Aurora Bullet against her, but she had already made her move.

[Shadow World!]

"!!!!!!!!!"

Everyone present felt an ominous feeling as the arena darkened suddenly, Alex's senses were blocked, his Divine Sense started malfunctioning.

Thanks to Alex's sixth sense, he managed to dodge the sword trying to cut him down; however, he was still injured. Immediately Alex used envisage to predict Sera's next attack.

He responded to Sera's attack, which surprised her; she decided to change her attack next time. However, Alex wasn't going to let her do this.

"Time Stop"

He immediately used one of his time abilities, freezing the Sera behind him; as he was about to spin and finish her, an alarm bell rang in his head.

"Checkmate."

The goddess of death voice reached Alex's ears, followed by a cold sensation inside his body.

"Death Hand!"

"Puh!"

Alex vomited blood as a slender arm pierced his back and gripped his heart; he lost control of his body.

Chapter 590 - 566: Sera's Advice

The fight between Sera and Alex ended with Sera's victory.

Alex sat on the ground dejected; it was his mistake; when he used Time Stop on the Sera behind him, he had let his guard down thinking that he had won. He had forgotten that he only Time Stop on Sera, not the whole arena; if he had done that, then the match's outcome would have been different. It never came to him that Sera could create a clone using her Shadow world; in fact, as an assassin, she only showed her real body when she was sure that she could kill her target; therefore, the Sera who had attacked Alex was not the original Sera, but a clone made using the shadow world's energy, it was a gamble which paid off.

Sera also sat on the ground and leaned her back against Alex's back; she was exhausted.

"Hah! Hahahaha! You have progressed; I knew you were strong, but not to this extent. I was sure that I would lose; it was my thought at the beginning; I was not sure of my chance of winning."

Sakuya and Alice watched the two from afar; they didn't come closer as they believed that it was necessary to let the two talk.

"It's that so? Tell me what I'm lacking? Where did I do wrong?"

Finally, Alex asked a question that had been troubling him. Sera stayed silent for a moment; she was surprised by Alex's question; for him to ask this question instead of saying a line like 'I lost today, but next time I will win' meant that he was aware of his shortcoming and was ready work on them. Naturally, Sera was not going to spit in this.

Smiling gently like a teacher lecturing her student, Sera opened her mouth and began to explain.

"It true that you possessed overwhelming strength, overwhelming mana unlike your peers, you have many strong skills and abilities."

Sera stopped and looked at Alex to see his reaction; he was strongly nodding his head to say that Sera's words couldn't be more fitting; however, her following words weren't something he had anticipated.

Upon hearing that question, the corners of Sera's mouth perked up and pinched Alex's cheeks while talking about her wish.

"As the winner, I ordered you you sit as you are until I come back and tell you not to do it anymore."

"That's the problem, you possessed too many skills and abilities that you became unable to use them properly."

"What?"

Sera's declaration hit Alex hard; it was like he received an arrow directly in his heart; it was harrowing.

Neither Silveria nor Nyx said anything; their silence meant that they did think that Sera's words held some truth.

Alex took a deep breath to calm down; there was no need to be all flustered over her words, she was older than him, had more experience than he does, so her words must not be taken lightly, now that she spoke about it, the more he thought about, the more he felt that her words were true.

Believing that it was time to change, look at the thing from another person's perspective, Alex firmed his resolve and said.

"Please continue."

"Great, it's good that you are not offended by my remark. I knew you are not narrow-minded, but I'm still glad that you took it nicely and are ready to learn."

To Sera's words, Alex chuckled.

Sera nodded her head before continuing.

"As I said, you have many skills and abilities which are not necessarily a good thing as it makes you unable to use them as you have too many fully. Let's say you use skill A but see that it doesn't work most enemies again; the natural thing to do would be to switch to another one, let's say the same thing happened, forcing you to switch to another one, and in the end among the ten abilities you have only four are used, the other six are left on the side because they were not effective, slowly, you will end up forgetting them. This is a mistake; no ability is useless; you only have to find the right use for it. If A doesn't work alone, pair it together with B or C, I dare say that their effect would increase drastically, making you have a new ace up to your sleeve."

Alex carefully listened to Sera's words, not missing anything as he believed it would help him grow; indeed, what he heard began to formulate a specific idea, he could see where Sera was going.

"What I'm trying to say is that you must combine your skills (abilities); this would make them stronger. You ought to find the perfect combination of two skills among your skills. Skill A might not necessarily work with B; maybe it would work with C; it's up to you to find out. Once you do this, you will become stronger. The ability to combine your skills is necessary as you get stronger; by controlling all your abilities, will you able to say that you have become stronger." Sera said before putting her head on Alex's leg; the latter was lost in thoughts, trying to digest what he had just heard.

Meanwhile, Sera was watching Alex, who had a serious expression on his face; the way he frowned as he was lost in thoughts was cute, it gave Sera the urge to flick his forehead to stop him from frowning, but she controlled this urge and let Alex think as much he wants.

Five minutes seemed like an eternity passed before Alex stopped thinking and lowered his head to stare into those brown eyes and said.

"I understand; I would think of something. By the way, as your winner, what is your wish?"

"What?"

It was like he had received a huge splash of cold water over his face, all delusions he had were instantly cooled, and Sera stood up as if she had recuperated enough; she glanced at the other girls, especially at Sakuya, she seemed to have understood what her wish to mean, she smiled in return before the three left the underground arena, leaving a still confused Alex behind.

Suddenly, Silveria burst into a peal of laughter; she laughed for a while before telling her why Sera did what she did.

〔She is angry; this is a punition〕

"I see," Alex mumbled; nothing else was needed to be said as he had understood with just these words; he sighed and decided to suffer this well-deserved punishment.