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Chapter 731

Bang!

A loud explosion rang in the air as Alice's petite was swatted away by Alex's punch. Alice flipped in the air and nearly lost her footing when she landed. She felt like throwing up; her stomach was churning violently; it took her a lot of strength to push back the gastric juices threatening to burst out from her stomach. She felt dizzy, out of the four, she never expected to be attacked first, so naturally, she was not prepared to defend against such attack, and it could be said that Alex did not hold back when he punched her; he used all his strength, it was because of Alice who possessed an extremely tough physics if not she would have suffered more than that except for the minor dizziness and the feeling of discomfort.

Alex, who suddenly attacked Alice and sent her flying, did not stop there he unleashed his special bullets, a white bullet followed by a red bullet.

White and red light burst forth, creating a powerful shockwave. The surrounding area was distorted; those closer to him, such as Sera and Lilith, were unable to withstand the shockwave, and were sent flying. Noire, who was slightly further away, was sent staggering.

Even with Alex's quick reaction and attacks, the girls were not gravely wounded as they defended against his attacks at the last moment; they immediately launched their respective attack on Alex. Looking at the sky, Alex felt like a firework was about to happen, but unlike real fireworks, which was beautiful, this was deadly.

Taking a deep breath, he sighed before moving; he unleashed his natural speed coupled with his Time acceleration ability.

His figure was like a tilting doll as he swayed to the left and right. His movements were clean and precise. There were no unnecessary movements.

Suddenly, without looking back, Alex fired above his left shoulder.

BANG!

The gunshot rang out amidst the calm storm of attacks trying to swallow Alex; Sera, the elite assassin trying to use this opportunity to deal a fatal blow to Alex, was forced to swing her sword downward with all her might, however to her utter horror, there was a second bullet behind the first one. She didn't know how Alex could easily detect her presence; not only did she conceal her killing intent, she also used her secret skill capable of temporarily hiding her presence; unfortunately, she was still discovered in the end.

Just as she was about to fling the second bullet aside, the latter exploded, forcing her back. Alex immediately followed with another attack, this time, he neither used his gun nor a knife but the Eternal Chain instead.

Swollen!

The tip of the chain flew, cutting through the air like a silent reaper.

Puff!

Sera was unable to react as she didn't feel the incoming chain presence at all; the black chain penetrated through her shoulder and greedily devoured her strength; she felt weakened in less than a second, but she was not going to sit idly and let the Eternal Chain swallow all her strength and vitality, she was about to attack with her sword when Alex dragged her forward, tossing her into Alice direction.

"Accel!"

Unexpectedly, the white-haired beauty used a skill similar to that of Alex's movement skill; she vanished, letting Sera's body crash on the ground; she rolled on the ground before trying to get up.

[Void Domain]

Finally, Noire acted seriously; the group was shifted out of Mysthia into a mysterious dark space; everywhere they looked, they were surrounded by the voids.

Alex was envious of this domain; he wondered if he could one have this type of domain; however, the most urgent thing to do right now was to win this fight. While the others were attacking, Lilith seemed to be preparing something.

Alice attacked, her sword cut through the void and disappeared; it was like Sakuya's dimensional slash. He could feel a chill down his spine; unfortunately for them, he was their opponent; they seemed to have forgotten about his ability to shift things; being inside the void could not change anything.

"Shadow Shift!"

Alex switched places with Noire; she was shocked because it was her first time seeing such ability. Still, out of instinct, she reacted by erecting a void shield before her body.

"Crimson Bullet!"

BANG!

Alice and Sera knew how powerful this bullet was; a hastily built void shield could not stop the crimson bullet, one of Alex's most destructive bullets.

They moved simultaneously and arrived before Noire; the three tried to stop the crimson bullet.

Kabooooom!

The void shook, and the three were sent; they vomited mouthfuls of blood. Noire and Sera broke their left and right arm, respectively, while Alice's face was white as a sheet.

Because of the explosion, they were back in the real world again with the three lying on the ground but with a smile on their face.

Alex frowned upon seeing this; he felt uneasy, which was intensified by Artemia's following words.

"Finally, the sword prodigy is back!"

The others beside her were curious, but they decided to wait because they had the feeling that the answer to this question would be revealed soon, and indeed they got the answer in the form of blinding light.

Lilith finally opened her eyes which shone in dark luster capable of freezing one soul.

Alex's eyes narrowed, and he was ready to unleash his Asura's Form again.

Lilith reached out to the sword hanging on her waist and mumbled.

"Sword Art Seventh Form: Lost City"

The fastest sword move in the Sword Art she created in her past life. The man was fast, and the sword was faster.

The man and the sword united as an integral whole!

In the silent underground, everything receded, but only a flash of sword light flew fiercely, and the power of the sword seemed to be capable of piercing the sky.

"Asura's Form!"

Boom!

Alex did not hesitate and used his strongest ability, wrapping the Eternal Chain around his wrist he defended against the incoming sword strike.

Kiiiiinn!

There was metallic sound that rang out inside the training ground when the two clashed, unexpectedly Alex was forced a couple of steps back, he was shocked but beyond this shock was the wish to win, to trample on Lilith's sword, he had never expected her to be an expert Swordswoman, she didn't look like one anyway.

Opening his mouth, Alex unleashed a mighty roar; the others immediately covered their ears to defend against his sonic attack.

Lilith was calm in front of the incoming attack; she knew she only had one sword move to execute; it was because her sword Arts consumed a lot of mana, which was why she didn't like to use them often.

"Sword Art: Nine forms: Life and Death Severance!"

Suddenly, all the wind in the air faded away along with the disappearance of the sword intent.

But the aura of the blade was still spreading, just like the strongest will of a primordial beast. Then she swung her sword, Alex's sonic attack was cut into two before vanishing.

Lilith fell on the ground while at the same a dagger appeared behind Alex without him knowing, so Sera thought.

"Always watch out for the assassin," Alex said without looking back; with his left hand, he fired a bullet at point-blank range at Sera, who could not defend at all.

Bang!

Fortunately, it was a non-lethal bullet. If not, she would have died; Sera froze with a pale face. The fight ended up in Alex's victory, but a victory which cost him a lot. Hiding his bleeding right hand, Alex declared.

"Let's leave."

Chapter 732

The night was as cool as water, and the moon was bright.

The starry sky was dazzling and boundless.

The waning moon was hanging over the sky, and several big stars in the starry sky were shining brightly.

Alex could not sleep; he strode toward the balcony and watched the stars.

"You couldn't sleep either?"

He asked suddenly, his tone soft and calm. Maria walked out of the darkness and stood next to him; she stared at the stars in the sky as he did. Her black hair seemed to shine under the moonlight, and her ice-blue eyes shone beautifully. She was dressed in a see-through purple negligé that clung tightly onto her body, showing her beautiful curves.

"The stars are beautiful; she loves them," she said.

There was no need to ask who she was talking about.

"Don't she will be able to watch the stars together with us soon." Alex declared, there was a certain feeling of assurance deep in his voice that made the listener automatically believe his words.

"Hmm!" Maria nodded softly before leaning her head on Alex's shoulder; in silence, they watched the stars when suddenly a star fell.

Chuckling, Alex asked jokingly.

"Have you made a wish?"

"I did." Maria nodded and immediately asked.

"You did it too, right?"

"Naturally, but first tell me what you asked," Alex asked, his eyes locked onto her beautiful face.

"I asked for eternal love between us." Maria calmly responded. Alex nodded; he knew when she meant eternal love between us, she meant between all of them, not only her but between his women and his friends.

"That's a good wish. As for me, I asked for endless determination, determination to always look forward, to never falter, to charge, to love, to live, and to conquer every obstacle in my way. That's my wish. Pretty lame, isn't it?"

Maria shook her head; she didn't believe Alex's wish was lame; on the contrary, it showed how smart he was; if you don't have determination, you can't do anything. Be is to live, to fight; you would need determination to do it, so Alex asking for such a wish could be considered for asking for a good thing.

"How is Gracier? Has she finally slept?" Alex asked because a few minutes ago, his sister was unable to sleep; she was having nightmares; among them, she must have been the most affected, because she was closer to Luna than the others. They often sleep together, so naturally, not seeing her as she went to sleep must have made her remember that she was not here; she was captured. All of those things made the little devil lose her sleep, and the nightmares followed.

"Yes, she slept. Sakuya and Sera are together with her, even that fox, I meant Kuina and Eris are there. You don't have to worry." Maria explained, as she was talking about Kuina, her gaze turned sharp; it was almost instinctual. She overheard what happened in Dragone's City; although she had expected it somehow, reality hit her hard, and she had trouble swallowing it.

For a moment, complicated emotions flashed through those clear ice-blue eyes. Alex had seen them, but he acted as though he saw nothing. In certain situations, a case like this one's better off pretending than jumping into the pit.

Silence descended on the balcony; the two seemed to be lost in thoughts until Maria broke the silence and asked.

"What do you think she would be doing? Is she fine?"

Her voice shook as she uttered those words; for Maria, who was always rational, tonight under the moonlight, under the stars, she became a little bit emotional.

"Don't worry, I know she is fine. I can sense it."

Alex declared and immediately summoned the Eternal Chain; like a child, the tip of the chain flew out his hand and gently wrapped around Maria's wrist, she felt a cold sensation.

"It's cold yet warm at the same time. So, this child is the one that told you that Luna is fine?" Maria asked while caressing the black chain.

Alex nodded and explained how he left a piece of the Eternal Chain inside Luna's body.

"I see, that's good. What is this child's origin?" She asked, looking at the black chain wriggling around her wrist.

"I don't know everything, but from what I can tell, it must be a weapon used by one of the supreme beings," Alex explained. Maria was shocked by the revelation.

"What a background, no wonder it was so powerful. Did this little child help you to acquire that form? I mean the one that changes your hair and makes you stronger physically."

She was talking about the Asura's Form, but Alex was sure it was not because of the Eternal Chain he got that form. From Silveria and Nyx's words, the apparition of this chain made Alex assimilate the previous drop of blood he got when signing that contract with the crimson-haired woman in the crystal coffin. Well, in a certain sense, it could be said it was this child that made what should have taken a few months to be reduced instantly; this could be taken as helping him. Therefore, Alex nodded.

"That's good then; you should treat him fairly then," Maria said before letting go of the black chain.

Alex's lips twitched, but he said nothing; he called back the black chain, it immediately disappeared into his arm in the form of a black tattoo.

"A silver cross-shaped earring, tattoo on the chest, now tattoo on your whole arm, you're slowly moving toward a full-body tattoo, it seems." She teased.

Alex's body shuddered; he didn't dare to imagine such a day, a simple tattoo is good, but a full-body one is not his liking.

"Relax, I'm just joking. You don't have to be so stiff. By the way, what is your first plan to deal with the empire?" She asked, bringing the subject toward something more interesting.

Alex chuckled, and his eyes changed previously; they were peaceful as he was enjoying his time with his woman, but at this moment, they carried a touch of incomparable devilishness and chill that made one's skin crawl.

"Don't worry, you will know soon, but first I must talk with Sera."

Chapter 733

In a dimension where there was nothing except for a man sitting before a giant chessboard, a huge white chessboard, the man was not playing; he was merely watching the chess pieces, the board was divided by white and black with the black having the most chess pieces, in fact, the black seemed to be slowly devouring the white and its chess pieces, the man dressed in all white was just watching.

Suddenly, someone appeared behind the man in white; he was not surprised he merely asked, his eyes still focusing on the huge chessboard.

"How did the meeting with the gods go?"

"Not bad, I told them to descend into the higher worlds to help them." The man that had just arrived sat beside the man in white and explained.

"Huh! I see; let's hope this stop the invasion a little until-"

The newcomer did not let the other finish before saying.

"Until your little chess piece, your King arrives there."

The man in white chuckled but said nothing. The other man was frustrated, and he couldn't help but ask.

"Why gave him the Eternal Chain, is not yet the time. What if he gets swallowed instead?" The man complained, but he was more afraid of Alex discovering that ability, the actual use of the Eternal Chain. It can devour anything, for example, those black chains locking Nyx, forcing her to stay passive. This man was the same man that Nyx fought briefly inside the dungeon, who restored the black chains sealing Nyx.

"Don't worry, he will not get swallowed, but if he fails, I will begin again until the good one come." the man in white explained, he truly believed that Alex would succeed.

"I see, too bad to disappoint you, like the previous ones he would fail, look at how outstanding they were and yet they all failed." the man in black was not convinced.

"Sigh! You never let do you." the man in white sighed before adding.

"Spring makes way for autumn. Ripe fruits will fall one day while new sprouts will grow on withered branches. Ignoring the beautiful view and simply immersing oneself in past dreams is acceptable. But it is a behavior of foolish arrogance if one harms the delicate, fragile sprout due to the imaginary dreams."

"You getting old, letting your emotions control you, it would have been a good thing if it helps us in this calamity, but all you do is bark. I'm tired." the man in white disappeared right after saying those words leaving the Man in black alone; he sighed in turn, mumbling.

"You are no fun at all."

He left.

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Alex, who had parted ways with Maria after wishing her a good night, arrived before his room, the door was black as ink itself, taking a deep breath he pushed the door open and walked in, darkness swallowed him, there was no light in this room, it was entirely shrouded in darkness, but even so, he had no trouble walking until he stopped before a black chair, it was bigger than the other chairs surrounding a round table, there were six chairs in total. Taking a seat, he waited patiently for her to arrive.

Not even two minutes passed, and she had arrived; she wore all black, her brown eyes shone amidst the darkness like a gem.

"Welcome, Sera. Take a seat." Alex said, pointing at the seat on his right; Sera nodded and did sitting.

"What do you want to know?" She asked directly, not beating around the bush.

Alex nodded, pleased with the way she talked.

"I want you to give me the name of the officials the church inside and outside Avalon." It was his first demand.

"Okay, I can get you that it's not a big deal, but can I know what you want to do with these names?" Sera asked immediately after accepting.

Alex chuckled and said indifferently, "I will kill them."

For a moment, Sera, even with her experience, could not react immediately; one minute passed before she opened her mouth and asked.

"You must be joking, right?" Her voice was a little bit high, but to her surprise, Alex smiled; his eyes were dead serious, meaning he was serious, he would do what he said, he would kill them all. Although he understood how he felt having his girl kidnapped, it doesn't mean he could go on his way and kill every official of the Holy Crux empire stationed outside just to vent some of his frustrations; he would not be different from a psychopath if he did that, those officials were innocent, they probably know nothing

about the Pope inner plan, so killing them would not be different than killing innocent, killing the wrong people. Alex, she knew, was not cold-blooded, so naturally, there must be something; there had to be.

She looked at Alex once more felt chill because his eyes were still the same as when he uttered those words.

'This man must have lost it!' She thought, losing Luna must have made her man crazy; well, losing was not right; she was still alive. Still, she must stop this madness before it got out of hand; just as she was about to say something, she was forced to stop because Alex burst into laughter.

"Hahahaha!"

"Hahahaha! My stomach hurts; you should see your current face; it is priceless so that you can make that kind of face. It's too funny, hahaha!" Alex laughed hard; Sera was dumbfounded at first before her face turned red; she felt like punching Alex's smiling face; he played her well, making her believe in his words.

"Hahaha! My bad, I must make you believe that I have no choice. If I can fool my allies, how can I fool the rest of the world?" Alex asked with a smile.

Finally, Sera understood that Alex wanted to use the world kill to confuse the enemy (the Holy Crux empire), making them reckless. She couldn't help but chuckle; she didn't ask how Alex planned to fake those officials' death, but one thing was sure, the Holy Crux empire had chosen the wrong opponent to anger.

Sera could not help but reveal a sweet smile; she was curious about Alex's plans because no matter what, it would be mind-blowing.

"What's next?" She asked.

Chapter 734

It was cloudy at dawn.

The morning sun was like fire.

The blazing red sun rose from the eastern sea, and the darkness began to fade before sunrise. Numerous rays of light thrashed through the clouds. Light and darkness intertwined with each other. As the sun rose, all the clouds in the sky were illuminated into a brilliant picture of light and darkness.

The light pierced the clouds and passed through the sky. The gloom was fading, and the bright light was falling from the sky, shining on the distant sea, scattering among the flowers and plants of Avalon, filling the tall buildings and large mansions of the capital. Everything seemed to happen instantly, yet it seemed to be everlasting.

It was a sunny day.

Alex's villa, every one of the villa residents had woken up; those charged for taking care of the villa were busy doing their job while Alex and his friends reunited in the biggest meeting room. Everyone was present, be it's Gracier or Noire, except for the villa's personals; everyone else was present, even the silver-haired goddess was present.

Alex sat on the biggest seat; Maria was on his right, followed by Sakuya, then Sera and Gracier.

Leon sat across from him; sitting beside him was Noire. On his left were Silveria, Artemia, Lilith, Kuina, and Eris.

Seeing this arrangement, Leon chuckled and glanced at the woman sitting beside him and mumbled.

"Soon"

"What will happen soon?" Noire, who had no idea what his words meant, inquired, but as expected, Leon chuckled, not answering; Noire could only drop the matter and focus on what was in front of her. She was curious about her master's; last night, all he had said was to be ready for a massacre.

"Morning, everyone. I'm happy to see you all. Without wasting our time, let's begin the meeting." Alex said after clapping his hands.

"We shall give this meeting a codename because we are all gathered here to rescue a friend, a sister, and a lover."

It was Silveria who said those words.

Alex felt a headache coming, especially when he saw the shine in his sister's eyes when she heard about giving a codename to this operation. Leon seemed to agree as he nodded, Kuina being what she is; she also nodded; it was just for fun. Eris didn't know what to do, follow her friends or not? She was indecisive as always. Maria was silent like Lilith while Artemia was chuckling, finding Silveria's suggestion funny, not that she would dare to voice out because she was afraid of the latter retaliation, she was really afraid of the silver-haired beauty whose beauty surpassed everyone in this world, maybe Typhania could be said to be slightly closer to her level.

"What name do you have in mind?" Alex said just to ask whether he used this name or not, rest to be seen. He was sure she would say something outrageous, and Silveria's following did not betray his expectation.

"Let's call it Operation Dragon's slayer." Silveria declared proudly. Most of those present tried their best not to laugh while Alex's lips twitched repeatedly, and he sighed.

"Why not call it Operation Dragon's ball while you're at it. Enough, let's begin!" Alex said he felt like an idiot listening to Silveria's words, everyone laughed, and the atmosphere turned joyful suddenly.

"Last night, I have talked with Sera. She worked previously under Elseria, and she knew few things." Alex began, he did not go into the details, and the others didn't ask either.

"What did you ask about?" Leon was the one that raised this question; the others except for Sera and Silveria were curious as well.

"I asked for information about the officials stationed here by the Holy crux empire."

"What do you plan on doing with this list? Kidnap them?" Silveria asked, acting as though she didn't know the answer.

Alex calmly responded. "I will kill them all."

There was a sudden silence; not even breathing could be heard; the silence was so disturbing that finally, Kuina opened her mouth and asked the same question Sera had asked last night.

"You are joking, right?"

Alex shook his head to indicate that he was serious; even Lilith frowned, thinking that he was too extreme.

Only Gracier did not buy it, she chuckled and declared.

"Stop playing, Big brother, please be serious."

Alex was slight, among everyone present. He had not expected his sister to be the sharpest one and immediately noticed that something was not right, that he was joking.

"Hehehe! What makes you think that I'm joking, Alexandra?" Alex asked with a smile.

Gracier smiled; she could feel everyone's eyes on her; she was calm as the surface of a lake when she responded.

"It's because you did not emit any killing intent when you said those words. Normally, you should have emitted at least a small amount of killing intent when talking about killing another person, no matter what. You sound too natural; nobody can't do that, at least not my brother."

Alex was shocked, so were the others; even Silveria was dumbstruck, her jaw almost hit the floor. She had not thought like that, nor was she so observant when Alex was talking last night. Nyx, chained against the black chair, nodded.

The most ashamed of all was Sera; as the assassin's Queen, she had failed to detect that, she overlooked that small detail. Indeed, when Alex declared those words, his face, his expression must have looked dead serious but not once he emitted killing intent, not even once; if she had paid enough attention, she might have noticed this little detail. She was the assassin's Queen and knew better than anybody how hard it was to hide one's killing intent.

Alex really didn't emit any when he was seriously talking about killing the officials of the Holy Crux empire. Normally, it should have been odd; she should have detected such important detail but failed; this could be attributed to her negligence but also to Alex's clever way of making her focus on something else; he knew she was an assassin, he must have prepared how to deal with her meticulously, once he fooled her it would not be hard to fool the others but what he had not expected what his sister's keen senses which should be attributed to her evolution into a higher lifeform.

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"You win, I'm joking. I don't really plan to kill them but to mask it as killing them. It would be like a movie but with no real death." Alex explained, while his plan was almost perfect it was missing something, to fool the world, not to let another Gracier easily detect a flaw; he must emit killing intent in the videos he

would record to be broadcast to the world, to the Holy Crux empire. Like this, they would see that he really killed those officials, and it would put pressure on them.

Alex didn't care about what kind of name he would have after all of this; all he cared about was to rescue his lover; everything else was irrelevant. Reputation? To hell with that, it means nothing to him, especially when he never planned to stay here forever; Mysthia was too small for his ambitions; his growth would stagnate if he stayed here.

It was unknown what the higher worlds had in store for him, whether he could survive or get killed midway, but to Alex, it was worth risking everything. The real stage was over there. He would be happy with ordinary life because he had never been ordinary, and it was not now he would become one, not in a fantasy world where basically all dreams could come true.

Since his reincarnation, since knowing that there were a lot of worlds out there waiting to be explored, to be conquered, he never thought about leaving peacefully on Mysthia after everything was over. His goal of standing at the apex of everything could never be realized on Mysthia anyway, so he cared a little about what kind of reputation he would have here.

"While I will not ask how you are planning to fool the world because it would be more fun this way. Tell us about your next plan. I mean what mission you have for us because I'm sure you have one." Leon declared, bringing everyone's attention back to reality.

Alex nodded, thinking as expected of the future ruler of the Lionheart Empire. Well, I doubt he would stay here after everything is concluded. He thought, but he did not voice them out.

Coughing slightly, Alex explained the next part of his plan.

"I want all of you to return to your respective empires, expect Lilith."

"And?" Eris raised a question.

"I want to inform your parents about what happened. While we don't have anyone from the Far East Empire present because they are too secretive, it doesn't matter. I want you to tell the emperors and the empress to put some pressure on the Holy Crux empire simultaneously simply. Surely, the Pope would deny any involvement in the kidnapping case."

Upon hearing Alex's words, everyone nodded; they were sure that the Pope would not acknowledge being involved in Luna's kidnapping as the others didn't have any proof; verbal statement, in this case, would not help much because none of the empires would dare to send investigation team and even if they did, the Holy Crux empire could as well hide Luna until the investigation team left.

So the only solution, in this case, was to harass the Holy Crux empire, yes, harass. Alex's second plan was harassment, with calls from everywhere targeting the Pope asking about Luna's whereabouts; even though he kept lying, he would be angry to be asked the same question every single time coupled with Alex executing his officials. The pressure would come as double.

Alex planned to kill the Holy Crux empire officials not only in Avalon but in other empires as well; this way, the empire would become reckless. Because he was shameless when the others asked him if he was involved in Luna's kidnapping, they would also play the same tune when the Pope would ask for an explanation; this would keep him busy as he would probably send teams in the empires to investigate

when they would refuse to do, this would reduce the Holy Crux empire strength to some extent letting Alex easily sneak in to carry out the next part of his plan.

Although they were still unaware of the whole plan, the small part they heard about made them afraid. It was not an illusion they were afraid of. They felt goosebumps rising all over their bodies.

Leon did not dare to look at Alex in the eyes even when the latter was smiling brightly like a ray of morning sunshine. He felt his fine hairs stand on end. The Holy Crux empire had no idea that they were about to face calamity; Alex planned to destroy them from outside and inside.

It's unknown whether the second strongest empire would still be there after this. Leon was the future emperor of his empire, so were Eris and Kuina; they could at some extent deduct what Alex wanted to do; he would stir chaos. The other empires were eyeing the Holy Crux empire like starving hyenas; nobody made the first move for the sake of the so-called peace, it was just to maintain the fragile balance, but once this balance is slightly tilted to the side, for example, if one of the empires were weakened, automatically the other empires would jump on the opportunity to swallow the weakened empire as after all the biggest dream of every empire is to expand, to conquer other superpowers in order to last thousand years.

Once Alex succeeded in dealing a heavy blow to the Holy Crux empire because it was what would happen once he rescued Luna, the other empires would do their utmost to swallow the Holy Crux empire even with the threat of the end of the world. [A/N: The final fight against the chaos organization..]

Taking a deep breath to calm down his beating heart, Leon asked.

"When do we start?" He asked; his voice was quivering; he was excited. Alex's plan was too sweet not to entice; he was sure that his father would gladly accept, every other empire would be interested as well.

Kuina, Artemia, and Lilith said nothing but their eyes shone brightly as they waited for Alex's answer.

Smiling because everyone understood what he was trying to do, Alex declared.

"Immediately."

There were still many things to do, but the essential part must begin immediately.

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Immediately after Alex said those words, silence descended; the others said nothing until Kuina opened her mouth and said.

"We understand, but the plan is risky; you might die; why not let us accompany you?"

Eris, Leon, Artemia nodded, but Alex smiled bitterly and shook her head.

"I would like to have you all with me, but it's impossible. Firstly because too many people would attract attention."

Silveria nodded, the rest also nodded, his words not wrong; too many people would indeed attract attention, this mission did not need that. Only a few people were needed to infiltrate the Holy Crux empire, two people, three at best.

"Secondly, it is because of your status," Alex added; Leon and the others widened their eyes; they had forgotten about their status.

"Every one of you presents except for me Silveria, Noire and Alexandra are from noble origin, is to say you're either princess or princess of an empire, some are even the future ruler and empress.

So imagine what would happen if one of you were to sneak into the empire to save your friend. People will not think that you acted for good faith, trying to rescue a friend; they will say it was because you wish to spark a war; it was a provocation. While I'm no fan of politics, I know how scary it is. Everything can be used against you; if used properly, the whole world would turn against you; imagine that you went over and found nothing because they knew you came and were prepared; not only did you fail, you would create problems for your empire. If not handled properly, it might create a problem. Your identities are too sensitive, so no, please follow my arrangements and let everything else in my hand."

Alex's words convinced Leon, Kuina, Eris, and Artemia. They had forgotten about their identities. In the current situation, it would not help them much; instead, it would create a lot of problems if they went on a rescue mission because there was no way the Holy Crux empire would ever admit to having kidnapped Luna because it would cause them a lot of trouble, they would lose people's trust and might fall from their place as the second strongest empire.

Only the group present here knew that they really abducted Luna, and Alex's plan was perfect for rescuing Luna. While it presented a lot of danger, it was the most feasible plan in the short run because, by the time they mobilized the other empires to investigate, it would have been already too late.

"Don't worry, I'm free, I have no string, and most importantly. They must have anticipated my arrival and prepared a lot of countermeasures, for example, how to deal with my special ability to cancel magic. It is not an omnipotent ability; everything had its counterpart; my ability has it. They must be confident on winning. If it was before I acquired the Eternal Chain, I might have failed, but not anymore. I would teach them a lesson they would never forget. At the same time, it will serve as a warning to the other empires and superpowers, do not mess with me, and I will not mess with you. Who do they think they are?"

The last words were said arrogantly and domineeringly; Leon and the others except for Silveria were shocked before they gulped; the current Alex gave them a pressure they could not put a word on. He might sound arrogant, but he has the right to be. When you possess what he has, you have the right to be arrogant. This is absolute arrogance; real arrogance it's when you can back it.

Currently, in the entire Mysthia, nobody is gifted as Alexander Kael Touch, nobody, not only he had a monstrous mana reservoir, he possessed a unique Gift, to top it he just acquired a second Gift, maybe in the higher worlds, some people possessed a second Gift but not in Mysthia. Not in their then thousands years of history, if this goes out it will create such uproar that some might feel like crying, every organization, every empire would want to have Alex under them because such individual is what people call only one in thousands of years, he was unique and unique individual has the right to be arrogant.

"Okay, we understand. We will follow your arrangements. Please be careful in there. You only have one life. It's good to be a hero saving the damsel in distress, but only when you stay alive does it have a meaning. We have a lot of things to accomplish; we will dominate the universe together; Mysthia is but the first step. I see bigger, my final goal is not here but elsewhere, and I want to go there with my friend, my brother, so please don't die." Leon did not hide his ambitions.

While others in the empire thought of him as their future emperor, his father thought; otherwise, he saw ambitions in his son's eyes, ambitions he was unable to accomplish in this world; it was not a secret; some emperor knew about the world door, some even wished to pass through it, but because they couldn't do it, they stopped, but this doesn't mean they would stop their children from trying, especially when appeared a group of otherworlders capable of crossing this door. Not only the fallen gods could divine, but others could also as well.

Every time an otherworlder arrived in Mysthia, it was followed by a great change, and there was an important thing people of Mysthia had forgotten about but not those in power. Otherworlders are the key for crossing over, so naturally, Alex and others' arrival had sparked an interest in those people; the problem is that only a selected few could pass the gates, so some of them opted for their children to use this opportunity to pass through the gate.

"Don't worry, I will not die. Mysthia is the first step. We will leave this world together." Alex promised, and Leon smiled. After chatting for a while, Leon, Kuina, and Eris left secretly.

Only Artemia, Lilith stayed behind. Silveria dragged Noire and Gracier out.

"We need to talk."

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Chapter 737

Only Artemia, Lilith stayed behind. Silveria dragged, Maria, Noire, Sera, Sakuya, and Gracier out of the meeting room.

"We need to talk," Artemia said those words.

Alex looked at her and asked.

"What do you want to talk about?" He asked.

"Are you really planning to go there alone? While your plan sounds good? It's full of flaws you will get yourself killed; you need assistance-"

"Don't worry, I know what I'm doing. I will infiltrate the empire together with Noire and Sera." Alex explained to Artemia before his eyes stopped on Lilith for a moment before his lips were curled slightly, showing a faint smirk.

"I need the underworld queen's help."

Boom!

This declaration was like a clap of thunder in Artemia's ears; she couldn't believe what she had just heard; she looked at Lilith incredibly. Even with her vast network s, he never found out the identity of the underworld queen, the one who wore a butterfly mask. But finally, she heard about her identity and was shocked because it was her friend whom she had not expected to be connected to such a world, something like that did not happen in their previous life. She must have decided to become the underworld queen before regaining her memories and, most importantly, because she wanted her personal force to compete against her brother Lucifer.

In the span of a minute, Artemia quickly analyzed and arrived at that conclusion.

Meanwhile, Lilith's expression remained impassive, as if nothing could affect her; not even the revelation of her secret identity could change this.

"What do you want?" She finally asked. She knew she must have gotten this information from Sera as she was the only one capable of finding her real identity; she was the strongest assassin, after all, the head of a strong information network.

Alex smiled upon seeing Lilith's reaction. "I want you to stir up some trouble in the underworld of the Holy Crux empire."

This was his goal all along; he wanted to attack the Holy Crux empire from all sides; this way, he could easily infiltrate the empire and carry out his plan.

"Ok, I will follow your arrangement, but you will owe me." Lilith accepted but on one condition, he would owe her, and she had an idea what she would ask.

"Ok, don't worry, I will help you." Alex declared as if he could guess what she had in mind.

"Excuse me then," Lilith said before escaping from the meeting room.

"Lily, just wait!" Artemia's voice echoed behind her, but she didn't stop; she hurriedly left. She knew she would be bombarded with questions if she were to stay.

"Sigh! How troublesome. I must teach that damn woman how to keep her mouth." Lilith mumbled, but unexpectedly Sera's voice happened to drift into her ears at that moment.

"Unfortunately, you can't do that, at least the current you can't," Sera said.

"Tch! Just wait." Lilith said those words before disappearing into the villa. Sera appeared shortly after she left and shook her head; she began walking in the direction of the meeting room.

"Eretria, I want to talk to your father." Alex suddenly declared shocking Artemia.

"Huh?"

"For what reason?" She asked.

"Just a discussion between men," Alex explained, not going into the details.

"I see. I will leave first. See you soon." Artemia said before leaving toward the palace.

A few minutes later, using the secret passage, she sneaked into the palace until the emperor's chamber.

At the same time, Alex was talking with Sera.

"Sera, contact your former comrades, especially the purple-haired woman. I have a mission for you." He declared.

"Oh? I have you know that we are not cheap to employ." Sera responded, and her demeanor changed; her presence was completely erased; she was like a deadly weapon ready to strike at any moment; if Alex was a weak-willed individual, he might have passed out.

Chuckling, Alex took out a list. On this list were the names of certain officials, higher-level ones in the Holy Crux empire, such as priests, cardinal advisors, and cardinal. The list has their names and what they have done in the past years. While Alex was not some hero of justice that punished those that did evil, he wanted to use this list to create chaos. It was by no means to get revenge for those poor souls who suffered under the people on this list. His goal was simple. It was to use Sera, and the others help to assassinate those on this list.

"I want you to kill all those marked on this list." Alex declared with killing intent. Sera immediately understood that he was not joking this time as she could feel his killing intent; while it was not sharp as her own because she had killed more people than Alex did, there was a certain uniqueness.

It was not sharp as her killing intent, but it was dangerous enough to make her feel a reaction. She felt a chill at her back and had goosebumps all over her body when she got enveloped in this killing intent; worst, Alex fixed his gaze on her, increasing the pressure she felt. But who is she? The strongest assassin that ever existed in Mysthia.

The corners of Sera's lips couldn't help but tilt upward, and she said.

"There is no problem but as I have said we are not cheap. Can you afford us?" It was more like a taunting than a question.

It was Alex's turn to smile; looking down on Sera, he asked. "Who do you think I'm?"

Only five words, but those five words spoke a volume. Sera chuckled and declared.

"Good, as their leader, Zero humbly accepted mister Alexander's request. None of those marked on the lips shall escape death."

It was a declaration full of arrogance, and like in Alex's case, Sera was arrogant because of her strength and achievement; she was the assassin's Queen with a hundred percent rate, meaning she had never failed a mission. Cardinal or not, Saint or not, it doesn't matter she would succeed. The moment their names got marked, the death goddess would take their lives; there was nothing they could do about it.

Alex nodded while inwardly he was shocked; he couldn't detect Sera's presence even when she sat before him. He felt chill and sighed in relief. It is a good thing she is on my side. He thought.

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After talking with Sera and was now speaking with Maria and Sakuya, Gracier was present as well.

"I want you girls to head over the Far East Empire secretly." He said.

The three exchanged looks before Sakuya inquired.

"It's because of me, isn't it?"

Alex nodded; one of the emperor's shadows, a former member of the Far East Empire, had suggested that once she had the time, she must visit a certain shrine in the empire; there, something was waiting for her. It would help her greatly, her overall strength would be enhanced.

Alex nodded and explained.

"Indeed it is because of you, but there is another reason."

"You wished to use this opportunity as a distraction, am I right?" Maria spoke, and Alex smiled.

"You are. I'm planning to use this as a distraction. Noire will follow you and disguise as me; you know she is tall as me. With a bit of makeup, she would look like me. The four will draw every attention, letting me infiltrate the empire easily. Well, it may not fool them, but at least it would distract them. It's a silent war, not an open war. Even if they knew it was me, they couldn't declare it because by doing such a thing, they would be admitting that they did indeed kidnap Luna if not I would not go on rampage inside their empire."

"I see. Big brother, you plan to conceal your identity. Even if the Pope and some other officials of the church knew it was you, they couldn't announce it to the world because it would show their involvement in the kidnapping case. I understand, but what will happen if you kill the Pope, for example? People will learn of your identity because it would not be some that can be concealed." Gracier asked, her heterochromia eyes locked onto her big brother.

Alex chuckled before stroking his sister's hair.

"Don't worry, can the Pope be easily killed? I doubt it, no matter what would happen, just be sure that I'll come back with your sister-in-law, and we will be in one piece."

Before Gracier could open her mouth, Sakuya gave her a light chop over her head and rebuked her.

"Stop thinking scary things. Your brother is strong. They might be some change in the plan once he infiltrated the empire, but you should believe in him as we believe in him."

"I understand, big sister Mio." Gracier finally stopped.

The group spent time leisurely until it was noon; someone arrived on the emperor's behalf to invite him to the Side's villa, a villa located fifty kilometers from their mansion. The emperor owned it; not many knew this. He often uses it for vacation.

Alex exchanged a few words with the girls before leaving the villa, a hood covering his face. Just as they left the villa, Alex saw no carriage; it was only the man that came to invite him; just as he was about to voice out his confusion, the man spoke.

"Black prince, please step closer to me."

Alex's eyes narrowed, but he still did what he was told; he was not afraid of any tricks because before the man could do anything, he would have died. The man nodded after Alex got closer to him and crushed something inside his palm.

A golden light enveloped them; Alex knew instantly that it was a short teleportation formation. He was surprised by the emperor's extravagance, but upon further thought, he understood why he did this. It was precautions; nobody knows how might be spying on his villa; he ought to be vigilant.

A moment later, they arrived above a small lake; the lake was beautiful, filled with many fishes; before Alex could admire those fishes, the emperor's voice reached his ears.

"Oh? As expected of the Black Prince, you have become stronger than the last time we see each other; you're almost my equal now. Come this way."

The emperor was sitting inside a small cottage at the other end of the lake, a distance of roughly 300 meters, yet his voice still reached Alex's ears as though he was talking right before him.

Alex chuckled, and before the man that accompanied him could suggest that he takes a shortcut to a bridge on his left, Alex's figure blurred, and he reappeared inside the cottage in the next moment.

"Oh?" Julius was pleasantly surprised by Alex's movement skill; he could not detect what exact skill he used because he felt two different energy mixed in this movement skill. While he could also travel 300 meters if he wished easily, he would tear apart space, but Alex didn't do that.

The man that escorted Alex here sighed, thinking that the emperor and Alex do look alike. The reason for this evaluation was that he understood the emperor the best.

Having served him for many years and also being members of the emperor's shadows, codename Mind, as he was in charge of intelligence inside the palace and Avalon, he understood his lord the best. What he did when Alex arrived was to intimidate him, to gain the initiative in their discussion, to show how powerful he is, Alex had stepped into the Demigod realm, but the emperor was in this realm far from him. He didn't want Alex to think they stood equal just because of that; in a certain sense, it was because of his pride.

He felt insulted; Alex could be considered as the youngest to have attained the Demi-God realm at the age of 19; it was absurd. Otherworlder or not, it was an undeniable fact that reached that realm even faster than the previous otherworlders that set foot in Mysthia. So naturally facing such youth, the emperor felt pressured and did something do childish, yet Alex didn't let it slide; he didn't let the emperor has the initiative as he retaliated immediately.

Thinking about what this means, Mind sighed; he was sure that his lord would soon challenge Alex. Maybe it might be before the discussion or after, but it doesn't matter as he was sure the emperor would like to spar against Alex judging by the huge grin plastered on his face.

"How troublesome."

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As Mind had said, the emperor was indeed feeling the pressure; Alex's growth was beyond the realm of abnormal. In just two years since his arrival in this world, he went from a nobody to one of the top

experts in the world. It was too baffling, so he did that but unexpectedly, Alex did not let himself get intimidated and executed his move in retaliation.

"Oh?"

It was the only one word he could say before a huge grin found its way on his face. He was thinking of fighting Alex, a simple exchange, but first, they needed to talk; besides, someone else wished to talk with him; he must not waste too much time.

"Spar me from the greetings. Just sit and let's talk."

Alex nodded and sat across from the emperor.

Clap! Clap!

Immediately after Alex sat, the corners of Julius's mouth lifted into a smile. He extended his hands, clapped twice, and soon after, a ghost-like figure in a maid's outfit drifted toward them and served them tea before vanishing.

Alex was not surprised by this, but the moment he drank the tea, his eyes widened, all his pores opened, and mana gushed through them. The 400 mana he spent to cross the distance of 300 meters were replenished instantly. His eyes zeroed on the tea; apart from its color, dark green, there was nothing noteworthy about this seemingly simple tea, but he knew it was nothing but simply because a simple tea could not have that effect.

"How is this tea called?" Lifting his head, Alex inquired.

The emperor chuckled and answered, "It's called the Everlast tea, it can shortly replenish your mana, but you can only drink it once a day. You might consume more than once, but it wouldn't work, only once a day."

"I see, even so, it's a great tea. I wonder where the emperor found the leaves for this tea?" Alex didn't stand on ceremony and directly asked, besides replenishing his spent mana, this tea can strengthen his body, even if it was to a negligible extent, the effect of strengthening could not be denied, if the girls were to consume it daily, it would increase their physics and defense.

As if he could read through his mind, the emperor immediately dissuaded Alex from hoping.

"It's extremely rare; I took it out because I wish to congratulate you. I only have two leaves left capable of brewing four times. As for their origin, it came from the elven continent, but even the elves could not acquire it so easily. Forget it, let's talk."

Alex sighed and decided to drop the matter, at least for now.

"You must have heard everything from your daughter. I want you to contact the Pope and pressure him. It went without saying that he would deny any involvement in Luna's kidnapping, but the goal was to harass him. The other emperors and the empress will do the same thing."

"Yes, my daughter told me everything. I know that Lucius had a screw loose, but not to this extent. Whatever controlling him must have gotten rid of his brain for him to act so desperately. But boy, he is by no means weak; he is the second strongest in the world if we rule out Elseria, the mysterious woman.

Even I'm not sure about beating her; she seems to be hiding her strength; Lucius is afraid of her more than anyone. It's because she went missing in the mission against the Chaos organization that he got the courage to act like that. Be she was present, he would need to think twice before acting; it doesn't matter if there was a so-called goddess backing him. He is the cautious type, so your better act prudently or else you will die."

Finally, Alex knew the name of the Pope and learned a few more things as well; he felt grateful for this information.

"Thank you. I know it's dangerous, but I don't have the choice. My woman is in danger, be it was Artemia in danger, I would have taken the same risk; they are priceless to me after all."

Julius rolled his eyes at Alex and spat. "Peh! Don't sweet talk to me. I'm not your woman. What is in for me to earn?"

Alex chuckled, and his eyes narrowed dangerously as he declared.

"Your reward is that you might get you are after seeing a long time. If I succeed, it's a good thing for you. While it would be impossible for me to kill the Pope if a miracle didn't happen, after successfully rescuing Luna, they would be weakened. Using this opportunity wisely, you might replace some of their members, you can even put a higher chess piece in their rank and who knows in the future this chess piece may become a cardinal or even the Pope." He was smiling as he said those words, but Julius was not in the mood to smile.

He felt an unknown emotion rising inside his heart, it is called fear, not that he feared for his life, but because of Alex's way of thinking, it gave him to chill. His mind was that of an old schemer. Who would have thought that he thought of all these things in his vendetta against the Holy Crux empire? He wished to crush them totally. No wonder why he asked to talk to Julius, especially, it was to propose this solution. It was true that he such design but admitting was another matter entirely, besides he was not the only one, the other empire was eyeing each other like a hungry mishap, his empire might be the strongest but once it showed sign of weakening it would get swallowed.

The Holy Crux empire is the second strongest, if Alex really does succeed in rescuing Luna and dealing damage to the empire because from what he knew he would deal severe damage to the Holy Crux empire, they would be weakened afterward, and he could use this opportunity to plant his men in the higher echelons of the empire.

"You should have done politic."

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The candlelight flickered in the darkness; it was a very expansive hall.

The glimmer of the candlelight flickered slightly. In the place where the light gathered, a new Deity statue stood there. It was bathing in the subtle light and staring at the darkness around with a face of sorrow.

A beautiful woman in a White Robe knelt in front of the divine statue and prayed devoutly.

The darkness was deep, the candlelight was weak, and the prayer was silent. All of the palaces seemed to have been completely frozen.

The window of the hall was open, and violent gust entered, almost sending the woman flying, yet she stayed where she was.

The candlelight began to tremble, and the light and shadows in the hall constantly fluctuated. The entire hall seemed to be filled with an uneasy atmosphere.

The divine statue was still compassionate.

Suddenly, another gust of ice-cold wind whistled and passed by, as piercing as a knife.

The curtains within the hall were blown up, and in the shrill wind, the candlelight in the hall began to spread.

The faint flames seemed to be burning for no reason. Speckles of light fell on every corner of the hall and looked very soft.

The beautiful woman finally opened her eyes, and her voice was exceptionally gentle and deep.

"The goddess's gaze is currently focused on this place. Light is about to descend as well."

p She raised her hand slightly.

The candles in the entire hall burned brighter and brighter. The dim yellow light of countless candle remnants gradually turned white, pure, and almost dazzling.

It was as if something was about to descend into this hall, something extremely powerful and holy, the beautiful woman who was none other than the first woman Alex's group encountered upon their arrival in this world, Priest Priscilla.

Her blue eyes shone brightly in golden light, bathing the deity statue, which was none other than the Goddess Mea statue. Then the golden light morphed into the shape of a plain golden ring that floated above the deity's statue head.

"My child, take it and give it to Alexander."

Suddenly, Goddess Mea's voice rang out inside Priscilla's head. She was not surprised, it was not the first time she had heard the goddess's voice, and before they arrived, she often heard her voice, and even after their arrival. It was because she was following the goddess's suggestion she happened to be here; if not, she wouldn't be present.

She brought this new deity's statue here in order to acquire a certain item the goddess would send. She needed a channel to send something over, unlike how she could easily communicate with her; to send something over, the process was too complicated. Strong as the so-called Gods are, they couldn't go in and out as they pleased because this was not their original world; a certain price needed to be paid in order to freely do as they wished.

"Understood, goddess, I shall convey your will." Priscilla declared before bowing.

"Good, tell him that everything will be explained to him in the higher world, we will meet over there and sorry for everything, it's beyond our control."

The goddess's voice sounded sad as she said those words. Priscilla could feel her emotion through her voice but knew it was not her place to say something; how she is? A mere spokesman had no right to meddle in higher being's affairs. She just needs to do what she was told to; it ends there.

"I will certainly convey everything the goddess told me to."

"Good!" Goddess's Mea echoed inside Priscilla's head one last time before disappearing. The shining deity's statue became dull all of a sudden before crumbling. Priscilla's face didn't change as if she had expected such an outcome. Standing up, she dusted her white robe before leaving the room, naturally after catching the plain golden ring and putting it away.

She decided to head in the villa, to the kitchen to be exact, and cook something and wait for Alex's arrival. He would visit her after finishing talking to her father. She had already informed her father of her desire to see Alex; it was really important that she saw him; he was the reason for her presence here.

Priscilla chased all the maids trying to help her cook and began cooking. She was humming happily as she cooked.

Meanwhile, back in the cottage, silence permeated after Alex's declaration until the emperor opened his mouth and said.

"You should have done politic."

It was what Julius really thought, compared Leonardo, who really sought power just because he wished to prove something; because of arrogance, Alex is more fit to be an emperor as he had the mind of a schemer. No wonder it's said that he was rich young man back in his world, with mind such as this he naturally could succeed in creating something bigger, earning a lot of money. To succeed in life, one doesn't need to be necessary the smartest, but you should be smart enough to use any opportunity at your disposal.

In this regard, Leonardo could never compare to Alex as he falls short. He is too impulsive, not knowing what he wants. It was a good thing he disappeared; he might have gone over to the dark side; it doesn't matter as he didn't really possess much threat, at least not yet, besides this young man before him, had everything wrapped under his palm.

As the emperor, there was no doubt that he was aware of everything happening inside his empire, especially in Avalon. Alex had spoken with him before visiting Leonardo, and miraculously he disappeared a day after he visited; it didn't take a genius to guess he had something to do with Leonardo's timely jailbreak.

At first, not many made the connection, but as time goes people began suspecting that there was something between those two but what stopped them from really doubting Alex was the fact that it was not an open secret that Alexander and Leonardo never get along, so it was nigh impossible for the two to cooperate, especially when Leonardo was one of the culprits behind his sister kidnapping back then, but the emperor knew the truth.