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In a village somewhere within the demon's continent. Inside a rundown bar was a small group of people. These people were all wearing hoods covering their faces.

"All clear, we can remove our hood now." Among them, one spoke; it was a woman's voice.

After hearing that it was okay to open their hoods, the others relaxed and finally removed their hoods.

"Thank you, Alice." Lilith thanked Alice the moment they removed their hoods. Alex's subordinate nodded her head while staring at the rest of the group. There were lots of familiar faces in this group.

Starting from Lilith, there was Sera, Lilith's sister, Noire, Pandora (Former Meera), and two loyal subordinates of Lilith.

The group was larger than this, but those missing had been sent on a mission across the demon's continent.

"All preparations are ready; we shall begin our counterattack soon," Lilith said after observing everyone's reaction.

Nobody said anything until Althea, Lilith's big sister, opened her mouth and asked.

"Out of the eight dukes, six are loyal to the emperor. Are we going to kill them all? Won't you be at a disadvantage afterward?"

Lilith understood where this question was coming from. Lilith's goal after killing her brother was to take over the throne to rule the empire temporarily, so naturally, by eliminating six of the eight dukes who are the backbone of the empire, they would be weakened. This might cause serious internal and external issues, so it was natural for Althea to be worried; however, Lilith was not worried as she had plans.

"Don't worry, Alpha, I have a plan," Lilith responded without too much change in expression. She didn't even call her sister by her name, only using her codename to reply to her.

"It's that so? I understand." Althea smiled bitterly, and the others sighed, looking at those two.

Althea's goal with that question could not be more obvious; how hadn't she thought that her clever little sister would have a solution? She knew she must have one but still asked anyway. Althea did this to get closer to her sister; since she appeared and told Lilith her identity, there hadn't been any change. Although she had accepted Althea's story, their relationship did not make any progress.

All those present knew Althea's identity; it was why they could understand what Althea was trying to do; unfortunately, Lilith seemed unresponsive to her sister's attempt to close the distance between them. They had tried various methods to make them closer, but none worked, so they could only give up and let the sisters figure out a solution between themselves.

Sensing the weird atmosphere brewing, Sera raised a question.

"Lucifer must be aware by now that something is not right? He will be on guard. Should we wait more before attacking?"

Everybody present knew Sera's question was an attempt to alleviate the mood.

"Don't worry, it's exactly what I want; maybe if we are lucky enough, the one backing him will show up. We will use this opportunity to deal them severe damage." Lilith explained.

One of her plans was to lure out members from the Chaos organization, the organization backing her brother. She could have attacked right away from the day she infiltrated the empire; she could have used the commotion created by Alex after causing the downfall of an empire. Still, no, Lilith decided to wait, to slowly infiltrate the empire leaving behind few clues; these clues would lead to her brother becoming suspicious that something was not right; smart as he is, he would understand that it was her sister's doing, the latter must be confident enough to plot something like this. In this situation, Lucifer would either try to deal with her alone, or he would try to ask for the Chaos organization's assistance.

Lilith was sure that her brother, who likes to rely on external forces, would ask for help. While the Chaos organization wouldn't send their strongest man, they wouldn't want to lose this valuable chess piece. There was another reason why Lilith did not immediately attack upon reaching the demon's continent; it was because she was raiding dungeons, trying to regain her former strength; while she was still not close to her former level, she was getting closer to the peak of the Demi-God realm, she had nothing to fear even if she were to face Lucifer likely at the peak of Demi-God realm.

"Can you give us a little bit of space?" Suddenly, Althea, who couldn't take it anymore, asked the others, who nodded and left the two alone.

Once they were alone, Althea stared at Lilith before sighing, and she began to talk.

"I remember you used to be a cry baby back then. You always ran to me whenever the others bullied you. I was your haven, your protector, your guardian. You even joked one day, saying that once you grew up, I should become your guardian angel for eternity."

Lilith said nothing and continued to stay silent.

"You were more expressive back then, but now you rarely smile. I know you might not have forgiven me, but at least please let me be your protector; I want to go back to that past where we used to be close. We don't have anyone left except for us three. While it's impossible to let that scum live, we sisters must be united. So, Lilith, please give us a chance."

Silence.

This silence continued for a moment before Lilith opened her mouth.

"Sigh! I understand your point, I do, but emotions are hard to control. While I'm happy that you're alive and come back to me, I couldn't accept that you didn't come sooner. Even if you regained your memories only recently, you should have come to me. Do you know how hard it was for me to shoulder all those hatreds alone? I might be a reincarnated goddess, but I'm still a creature with emotions. Do you think I want to be like this? Never smile; no, it was because you left me shoulder everything; I want to be like others, have a loving family, have a normal childhood, and fall in love, but no, I didn't get any of these things. Just why? Tell me why I've to endure all of this? Why I'm this unlucky? I lost my

comrades in my past life, and in the new one, I lost my parents, brothers, and sister. Just why? Tell me why? Why weren't you there? Why?"

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After her long emotional speech, something expected happened Lilith broke into tears, tears were pouring like rain, and her body was shaking; the confident Lilith, the confident former demon's goddess, was no more; what was left was a fragile girl who had suffered alone, shouldering something girl of her age shouldn't have shouldered. It doesn't matter if she was the reincarnation of a former goddess; she was still a child, someone with emotions. How hard must it have been for her to endure all these things?

Losing her comrades in her past life, she was forced to reincarnate, but her new life was filled with tragedy; before she could even regain her past memories, she lost everything and was forced to take this path, the path of revenge, this changed her life, and not even her past memories could correct this change because the moment she regained those memories she was hit by a harsh truth, why was she so unlucky?

She needed emotional support; while Alex and Artemia had proposed their help, it would never be the same if it was from someone from her family, her big sister, for example. Althea was not to be blamed, she was also a victim, and she survived.

Even though Lilith understood that her sister could not be blamed, she felt furious inwardly. Rationality was one thing, while her emotions were something else.

Looking at her little sister, who was finally showing her fragile side, Althea also burst into tears; she resented Lucifer; she resented the world that put them, put her sister through all these things. Now that she had come back, she would never lose her again; she would protect her, she would help her sister carry her burdens, and she would be her guardian angel forever.

Althea embraced her sister's body tightly as if she wished to melt into Lilith's body. In a trembling voice, she said.

"I'm sorry, I'm sorry to have let you shoulder everything, my dear sister; I'm sorry, but please let me make up for this. Let's me shoulder some of your burdens. It doesn't matter who you were in the past, you're my little sister, and I'll do anything to protect you; let the world know that you have a big sister ready to destroy everything if someone tried to do anything funny. I'm happy to have you as my little sister, so please let me be a proper big sister."

Lilith didn't immediately say anything, but deep down, she felt emotional; tears poured down, but this time not because she was overwhelmed by all the pressure from her past life until now but because those words Althea had said, she wanted to hear them more than anything. In her past life, she didn't have a big sister. At the same time, she was a member of the Astaroth's family, she was a unique child, and she always wanted a big sister, and now she got one, she was happy; she felt like she could survive the harsh reality with her sister by her side, she would have someone to share her worries with, someone who would advise her, lend her a shoulder when she would feel down, someone from her family. This was enough to make her teary and happy; finally, her frozen had cracked completely.

Crack!

She felt liberated, and for the second time since that time with Alex, Lilith had a genuine smile on her face, a smile that showed that she had opened her heart.

"I understand, big sister. I'll be counting on you from now on." She said.

Althea's body shook; she felt happy to have been acknowledged; she knew from now on, their bonds would strengthen, they would grow closer, and like she had promised, you protect her forever.

"Leave it to your big sister." Althea declared before planting a kiss on Lilith's forehead. The two smiled at each other before sharing another warm hug.

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Meanwhile, outside, Pandora and Sera were leaning against the rundown bar's wall. Noire went somewhere while Lilith's subordinates disappeared to god's know where.

Looking at the half-moon in the sky, Pandora sighed and turned her head in Sera's direction; the latter happened to be looking at her.

"Do you think those two will make up soon?" Pandora asked; naturally, she was talking about Althea and Lilith.

"Those two? Don't worry; I'm sure they will make up soon. Althea is trying, and Lilith knows this; she will eventually accept her as she needs some emotional support; Althea can be this. I'm sure at the end of this mission, they will be closer." Sera offered her opinion; she was not the only one that noticed that underneath that cold exterior, Lilith was a fragile woman that needed someone to rely on. This person does not necessarily need to be a man, a family member would do, and Althea fulfilled perfectly this role

"I see you not wrong." Pandora nodded; she was about to say something but Sera asked her something unexpected.

p "Don't you also have siblings back in your hometown?"

Pandora's eyes widened, and her chest hurt. Smiling bitterly, she answered.

"I do; I've one brother and sister."

"Don't you want to see them? See your parents?" Sera asked; she had been curious about why Pandora (Meera) didn't go back to visit her family after what happened.

"I wish I could, but I can't with this accursed body of mine."

"You Elves with your pride. Your body, your face might have changed, but you are still you. It would be best if you didn't use this as a reason not to visit your parents and siblings. Life is short, and you better make use of it. Who knows what will happen. So, I suggest that you go back once you're free to see them, to let them know that you're alive. Well, this is just my opinion."

Pandora looked at Sera in astonishment; she didn't think she was this caring. This made her want to get closer to her since she was not like she thought. She thought she was just a cold, spartan teacher.

"Ok, I promise you that I'll visit them once we're done here. Teacher, will you come with me. I also plan to visit my former friend's families. Even though we kept sending them money for living, Alex had suggested that we must visit them and tell them how brave their children were."

Sera's eyes widened; it was her first time hearing this. She didn't expect Alex to do that; he must have deeply cared about those friends of his.

"Ok, I understand. I'll accompany you." Sera promised.

Pandora smiled, happy that Sera would tag along; she wondered if Alex would also follow them. It would be great if he could. She thought.

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In a middle of a beautiful garden filled with many exotic flowers, two silhouettes could be seen sitting around a table in the middle of these flowers.

The two silhouettes were women of extreme beauty; their beauty wasn't something humans could have.

Mea, the goddess who was in charge of Alex and his group's reincarnation, sighed while looking at the black-haired beauty before her; it was her long-time friend who goes by the name of Nix.

"Nix, how is the situation?"

Finally breaking the silence, goddess Mea asked.

"Well, it's pretty bad. More worlds are falling, and a few gods sent down have perished. Hehehe! The situation is so ridiculous that it's almost funny."

Goddess Nix's laughed at the end of her sentence, but it was just an empty laugh to hide her frustrations.

Nowadays, the situation is becoming more and more dangerous. Chaos was spreading further into the universe, swallowing more worlds.

The situation had become dire; not even them, beings cut above others, were able to do anything in this current situation. They failed. How could they succeed when their creators failed to stop chaos from spreading. After their first failure and the original world got destroyed, they arrived with lots of solutions, such as creating strong beings to control the world barrier; these beings were called Gods; they weren't many gods, and they were capable enough to stop the spreading of the chaos.

Another solution was to search for suitable contractors for the most powerful Gifts that had been hibernating. Once suitable candidates were found, they would be reincarnated into new worlds and would have the opportunity to contract with those powerful Gifts. The ultimate goal of this plan was to create a group capable of fighting against the chaotic beings, capable of stopping the universe from getting completely swallowed.

Things were going smoothly until recently when chaos conquered more worlds and had almost swallowed more than half of the existing worlds; in the blink of an eye, the situation had changed for the worse, leaving the Gods with nothing but headaches, they started doubting if they could ever succeed stopping him, he was still sealed yet he had already conquered more than half of the existing worlds, it was to the extent of beyond scary.

The only thing the gods could do was to pray and hope that the champions they had selected for the last gamble to succeed. Those champions are Alex's group, former classmates, and a few other people from some unknown world.

"How are your champions doing?" Nix asked Mea about Alex's group.

"They are progressing on their own; I wish I could help them more, especially the owner of the death guns, but as you know, it's hard to intervene in such a lower world without suffering a big backlash; besides, it would be like going against his orders," Mea explained while giving Nix a summary of Alex and others adventures.

"Hahaha! Your assumption was right that the fellow called Alexander was not your typical nobody. He is far more powerful than any other champion; his potential is limitless; not only does he contract to the strongest Gift in the universe, something even that man coveted, but he seemed to be a unique existence himself, how intriguing. I wished I was the one in charge of him. Or will you change him with someone from my side?"

"Sorry, that won't do." Mea flatly refused Nix's proposition, and the latter only chuckled in response.

"I thought so."

"What are you trying to do now, Mea? Will you immediately head to the higher World or wait for a while?" Nix asked.

"I will stay for a while before leaving. It would be best if you went back. I pray for your safety."

"I pray for your safety too but let me give you a piece of advice: don't get too attached to your champion."

Leaving those words behind, Nix vanished.

"Not get attached, huh?! It's hard when you watch someone for two lifetimes, but you don't have to worry. I know what my priorities are. Everything is for the sake of winning." Goddess Mea mumbled those words before closing her eyes; she couldn't wait for Alex's group to leave Mysthia, going into the real stage where the slightest mistake might be fatal.

"I'm looking forward to our reunion." She added.

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Back in Mysthia.

In one of the private villas owned by the Lionheart family, three silhouettes could be seen sitting around a round table. Leon, Eris, and Kuina.

"Welcome, you two. How have you been?" Leon asked after looking at Eris and Kuina. There was a sharp aura around Eris's testimony of her progress, while Kuina's charm had gotten stronger testimony of how dangerous she had become.

Leon was slightly surprised; it had been a few days since they had last seen each other, but to think they would have progressed this much, was beyond normal, but Leon understood why this was happening; it was because of that monster. When you have a monster as your friend, your genuine friend, you would not want to lose against him, so you would do your best to catch up to this friend because only like you will consider yourself his friend.

Alex's progress made one jealous, jealous of wanting to be like him. The three wanted to travel with him, so they have at least capable of doing this much.

"I'm fine," Eris responded; compared to her dejected self after her twin's brother's death, she was now exuding more confidence than ever. Her complexion had become rosy, meaning she was back to how she was when her brother was still alive.

"I'm happy to hear that," Leon said while shifting his eyes on Kuina's; it was then he noticed that she had seven tails; there was even an illusionnary eighth tail.

Gulp!

Leon unconsciously gulped, thinking that Kuina might not be less powerful than him. This was quite frustrating as he thought he had put some distance between them, but after seeing this, even without seeing her status, he was aware they were on par in terms of strength; no, she was slightly better.

'Shit, this fox.'

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'Shit, this fox.' Leon cursed under his breath, but as if she could read his inner thoughts, Kuina smirked and said.

"I'm fine as well, but you don't have to be so jealous. I'm exceptional after all, and above everything else, I'm already taken."

"Fuck off, who would want a dangerous woman like you?" Leon shouted with his ears raised and his tail standing on its end.

"Even if you wanted, I wouldn't have accepted. Who will want a gorilla-like you." Kuina responded with the sleeves of her kimono covering her mouth.

Flame and lightning crackled around Leon's body as if they could go berserk at any moment.

Looking at the two bickering at each other, Eris was reminded of the past when the four would be together while Leon and Kuina would be fighting among themselves; now, instead of four, they have been reduced to three, but still, the atmosphere didn't change.

Eris couldn't help but smile in her brother's stead and said.

"Hahahaha! You two, please stop. The reason we gathered this late in the night is to talk about important stuff, so stop playing around, and let's get started."

"Ok, Eris is right. Let's get started." Leon said after clearing his throat while Kuina nodded and stopped fooling around.

"The reason I have called you here is to talk about our friend. You all have heard the exceptional things he has accomplished."

Both Eris and Kuina nodded, recalling how shocked they were when the news reached them that the Holy Crux empire had fallen; as Alex's potential women, they were extremely happy that their future man was this capable. Every woman dreams of the hero in the shining armor; they wonder if Alex would do the same thing for them if there were in danger?

Deep down, they knew he would risk his life to save them. This was why they couldn't stop their admiration toward him, and slowly feelings started blooming; no woman would not feel secure when there was a man that could protect them, and once a woman started to feel secure with a man, she was bound to fall for the latter as time goes on and Kuina and Eris were no exception.

"I want us to invite him to visit our respective empires, spending time in each empire. This will serve as a vacation and the same time, as a solution to strengthen our bond. We will also use this opportunity to strengthen ourselves through raids and competition; our subordinates will compete with each other. We need to get stronger so are our subordinates. This is my goal; what do you think?" Leon asked after explaining his goal.

Silence permeated the meeting room until Kuina opened her mouth to acknowledge Leon's plan.

"I approve your plan. I have been thinking about something similar, but your idea is greater than mine. I haven't thought about our subordinates. From what we know, the situation might be peaceful right now, but who knows how long this will last. Will if we the heads are stronger it would help if our subordinates are strong as well maybe we might be able to survive what will come with lesser casualties."

"I concur!" Eris also seemed to share the same opinion as Kuina.

"Good, we will notify Alex's group, inviting them over. Their first destination should be the Lionheart Empire; their second destination would be the Wolfang empire, and lastly, the Foxia empire. Is there any objection?" Leon asked, looking at the two; both nodded, not having any objection.

"Good, with this, the meeting comes to an end. Wish you, ladies, a good night." Leon said before leaving. Eris and Kuina soon left, and on the road back to their temporary rooms, they chatted; their topic was mostly related to Alex and what they wished to do in the future.

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The peaceful, joyous night ended as the first rays of dawn spilled through the window, landing on two silhouettes, a handsome youth, and a beautiful girl.

"Hmmm!"

Alex woke up with Sakuya nestled in his chest like a little kitten, while the smell of their love nectar still lingered in the air. It had been one crazy night, where they both surrendered themselves to sensual pleasure and vented their lust on each other. They lost themselves in the role-playing, going crazy; it had been one hell of a night.

As Alex watched Sakuya sleeping contentedly with eyes filled with affection, he couldn't help but praise himself for how lucky he was in this life to be blessed with so many women that loved him. Once again, he was reminded that in order to make them happy, not only did he need strength; he needed to understand them some more, build a solid foundation to make them feel secure like this they could share their burdens and live happily.

"I love you," Alex said before kissing Sakuya's forehead, and as if she could hear his declaration of love, she smiled in her sleep; she was too tired to wake, and Alex was not going to disturb her rest after all compared to him she didn't have the undying body, not only this skill give you near absolute regenerative ability it also gives you near unlimited stamina. Even after six rounds, Alex was not tired; he felt like he could continue for another few rounds; unfortunately, his partner couldn't keep up and fell asleep midway.

[Master, you should head to this location; there is someone there.]

Suddenly, Alex's thoughts were cut off by Silveria's words; Alex was confused; just as he was about to ask what she meant, Nyx urged him to go.

Alex left hastily after freshening up; he couldn't even do his morning exercise.

Using void steps continuously, Alex arrived at his destination after one hour and a half. He appeared in the middle of a mountain, and lying in a crater in the middle of this mountain was someone Alex didn't expect to encounter.

"Incursio?"

The person lying in the crater was Incursio, the enemy that caused Alex too much trouble, but currently, the strong Incursio was in a pitiful state.

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Alex was shocked when he saw Incursio lying on the ground in a bloodied state. Although her injuries were recovering visibly, it was slow; Alex wondered what she went through to be this injured.

For some unknown reason, Alex felt his heartbeat increasing; somewhere deep inside him, a voice seemed to be whispering to him to make this girl submit to him. If it were in the past, he would have dismissed this thought as a mere delusion, but currently, he couldn't because somehow he was sure that he could make this girl submit to him.

Just this thought alone brought immense joy to Alex, and he couldn't stop smiling.

Approaching her, Alex stood not too far from her, but instead of checking her state, he warned her.

"Incursio, I know you're still conscious. Don't try to trick me, or else I don't know when my hands will slip, and I'll punch a hole through your injured body."

"Ugh! I must have run out of luck to have encountered you here; this is the worst possible scenario." Incursio lamented while trying to flip her body on her back but failed to do so; she was gravely injured, but she was also suffering from the backlash of using chaos form and the chaos wheels.

Her current situation was dangerous; encountering Alex here could be said to be her greatest misfortune and her greatest chance to escape alive. It would be her misfortune because she got rescued by her enemy, someone she considered her greatest rival worthy of dying at her hands, and also because she knew he would not do it for free; he might ask for something ridiculous in return.

However, not having a choice in the current situation, Incursio couldn't only ground her teeth and decided to ask for Alex's help.

"Please help me. I'll listen to one of your requests and tell you something valuable in return." Incursio asked for Alex's help while immediately offering the price she was willing to pay.

A pleasant smile dawned on Alex's face, and he felt like the first step to conquer this girl, to make this girl submit and work under him, was complete; he didn't care if he was previously an enemy against whom he almost lost his life, against whom he lost, what mattered right now was how invaluable Incursio was.

"I a-"

It happened when Alex was about to accept Incursio's offer and tell her what he wanted.

"Shit!" Incursio swore, not hiding her displeasure, and despair was written all over her face.

Somehow someone appeared and stood above Incursio's body, a handsome youth dressed in a black suit. Lord Thanos had personally come.

The moment Alex laid his eyes on this man, only one word came to his mind: Strong.

This man was ridiculously strong, stronger like that dragon and nine-headed hydra he faced in Exodus. A suffocating pressure coming from Lord Thanos tried to make Alex lose his will even before fighting; however, he bit his tongue, and the taste of iron helped him regain control of his body, and his eyes shone as he glared at Lord Thanos.

For the first time since his arrival, Lord Thanos showed an emotion, there was a subtle change on his calm face, and he couldn't help but acknowledge Alex.

"Not bad. I think this is our first time meeting each other I'm Lord Thanos. I've heard a lot about your otherworlder Alexander Kael Touch. Nice to meet you."

Unexpectedly the enemy introduced himself, he even acknowledged him, but Alex wasn't feeling happy about this. He felt like he had been humiliated; Lord Thanos was looking down on him, which was not a pleasant feeling.

[Master is not an enemy you can't win against, at least the current you can't win against him. Please be ready to escape; your survival is most important.] Silveria warned Alex, and the latter responded.

'I know.'

He could tell this much; even without her warning, he knew he was not this young man's match. The difference between them was big.

For some unknown reason, he could use the Eye of Truth without being obstructed, and the small information he acquired told him how ridiculously strong this man was.

[Lord Thanos]

Class: ????

Age: ????

Male

Race: ????

Level 17?

MP: ??????/??????

Magic: ????

ATK: 5000

DEF: 5000

AGI: 5000

INT: 4000

LUK: 4000

BP: ???

SP: ????

Gift: ????

Special abilities: ????????

Titles: [Second in command of the Mysthia's Chaos organization] [Lord of Slaughter] [Chaos Servant] ??????????

Facing someone this strong, someone whose full status couldn't be seen; the wisest choice should be to retreat because no matter what he would, his chance of winning was zero. Keeping his life intact and escaping didn't seem possible, but even so, Alex wouldn't escape, at least not before verifying something.

"I'm Alexander Kael Touch; nice to meet you too, but I will gladly appreciate it if you let me take that girl lying on the ground. She and I have some unfinished business to take care of. So, I suggest that you step aside and let me take her." Alex said in the most respectful tone he could produce.

Lord Thanos didn't immediately answer; he stayed silent as if contemplating over something while Incursio rolled her eyes at Alex wondering if he had a death wish daring to provoke Lord Thanos like that.

"Pft! Hahahaha. You are surely interesting, Alex, but unfortunately, I can't grant your wish because I also have unfinished business with this child, you see, so I can't let you take her." Lord Thanos declared after laughing for a while. He was not angry at Alex's declaration; on the contrary, he felt amused. He had thought many times about how would be their first meeting? Bloody? Annoying? Exciting?

This meeting was beyond exciting; Lord Thanos hadn't felt so much joy in a while, so he responded calmly to Alex, whose answer was.

"It's that so? Then you leave no choice other than forcibly taking her away."

Lord Thanos's eyes widened, and he felt like he had heard the funniest joke in his life.

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Lord Thanos's eyes widened, and he felt like he had heard the funniest joke in his life, so he couldn't help but ask Alex.

"Do you think it's possible? Do you think you can snatch her away from me?"

"Yes, I do." Alex's reply was immediate. Incursio lying on the ground, couldn't help but shake her head, thinking that maybe after killing the pope, Alex had become complacent, thinking he was invincible; he could now take head-on the strongest existences in Mysthia. This was but a foolish thought.

However, suddenly Incursio's eyes widened; she recalled everything she heard about this young man added to the little she knew about through their short interaction; he was not some brainless idiot; he must have some goal in mind. She wished to see what Alex was planning. The hopelessness Incursio felt after Lord Thanos came began to lessen; she could see the light at the end of the tunnel.

Meanwhile, Lord Thanos, who had heard Alex's reply, turned silent; his face regained its calmness again, proof that he was getting annoyed already. Like Alex, he felt like he was being looked down on.

Without hesitation, Alex summoned two silver guns, one original while the second one using Xerox.

Phantom Bullet

From his left hand, an invisible bullet was fired, while from the other hand, a normal bullet was shot.

BANG! Bang!

The invisible bullet and the normal bullet seemed to have combined and arrived before Lord Thanos instantly; the combined might of the two bullets was capable of causing a crack in the space, yet Lord Thanos was unfazed, effortlessly raising one of his hands, he crushed Alex's bullets barehanded.

Alex was shocked; even if he had expected him not to suffer any damage with just this attack, it was beyond his expectation that he could crush his bullets with his bare hand; what kind of physics does he possess?

However, not wasn't the time to be shocked; he had a goal in mind, so he would better hurry to complete it.

Ice bullet×Flame bullet

Combining two special magic bullets, Alex hoped to distract Lord Thanos by sneaking behind him and rescuing Incursio.

"Hmph!" Lord Thanos snorted and raised his hand; mana gathered around his hand to form a green blade he swung, cleaving Alex's bullet in two.

Alex, who had somehow activated his Asura's Form, appeared behind Lord Thanos and threw a punch forward.

Crack!

Space broke apart, and his punch arrived before Lord Thanos, who was surprised by Alex's form; however he was still able to perfectly defend against Alex's strong punch in his Asura's Form.

BOOOM!

A huge explosion that blew their surrounding away occurred when the two fists collided; Incursio felt a giant boulder was crushing her, her injuries worsened, and she vomited a mouthful of blood.

Meanwhile, Alex felt his insides churning; he almost vomited blood. He understood that Lord Thanos's physics was slightly better than his; however, this would not stop him.

In this exchange, he lost, and he got pushed back; using this opportunity, Alex aimed Silveria at Lord Thanos and unleashed one of his most destructive bullets.

Crimson bullet

Lord Thanos's eyes narrowed; he understood that this crimson bullet was by no means ordinary, unlike the previous bullets he couldn't effortlessly block or crush without putting any effort. Still, it was fun; he was having fun; he would show him the gap between them, and maybe like this, Alex would want to work under him because of his desire for strength.

Summoning a big fireball mixed with golden lightning, Lord Thanos threw it toward the incoming crimson bullet.

Kabooooom!

Puff!

The whole area shook under the big explosion while Alex vomited a mouthful as his chest caved in; few of his ribs were broken by a magic missile shot at him by Lord Thanos.

Despite the severe wound, Alex still succeeded in bringing Incursio toward him, he secretly used the Eternal Chain to bring Incursio to him, and he immediately stepped across the void, disappearing.

His first goal, which was to test his enemy's strength, had been accomplished, and his second goal of rescuing Incursio was also completed. What was left was to escape. It wouldn't be easy, but he believed

that inside the void, it wouldn't be easy for even Lord Thanos to track them. At this rate, they might escape.

Just as the two believed this, something completely outside of their expectation happened.

Outside, Lord Thanos, who watched them disappear into the void, snickered. He had come across a similar situation a few days ago, which left a bad aftertaste in his mouth as he was busy, but today, he would not let the same thing happen.

Lord Thanos summoned his weapon, a plain jet black sword darker than the night itself. The moment this sword appeared, the surrounding darkened as if night had fallen.

Fwoosh!

Lord Thanos slashed upward with his sword, and the world was cut into two; Alex running away inside the void, felt an ominous feeling, and without hesitation, he used his time ability to slow down time around him while at the same he secretly wrapped the Eternal Chain around his upper body.

Booooooom!

The void shook, and Alex was flung away by a terrific explosion.

"Gah!" He vomited blood, and one of his arms was bent at an odd angle. Incursio was sent flying with one of her legs detached from her body; Lord Thanos's sword slash had somehow ended up touching one of her legs.

Bam!

Alex landed heavily on the ground creating a small crater, while Lord Thanos appeared and caught Incursio. She had lost consciousness due to immense pain.

BANG!

Lord Thanos, who was thinking of checking Alex's state, heard a gunshot. Annoyed, he tried to swing his sword when his body became frozen; an unknown feeling of danger filled his body, and he smelled the scent of death; if he made a mistake, he would die, he got this feeling. Lord Thanos wondered where this feeling was coming from; he had not seen Alex secretly taking out the black gun as he was too focused on the bullet he fired, the prime bullet.

Before Lord Thanos realized he had been fooled, Incursio was snatched away from him, and Alex and her disappeared.

"Alexander!" Lord Thanos roared after the two disappeared; he couldn't detect them; they had disappeared.

After a moment, Lord Thanos calmed down and mumbled.

"Her core is damaged, so there's nothing to worry about. I should head back and use the backup plan. I'll leave her in your care Alexander, and you better enjoy your time when you can because soon he will be unable to."

After mumbling these words, Lord Thanos left.

Five minutes after he left, Alex came out from hiding; he had hidden under a rock; after catching Incursio, he stepped across the void, but he didn't go anywhere; he created a vanishing bullet to hide their presence and waited for Lord Thanos to leave. It was how he successfully escaped his detection.

"I thought I was a gonna," Alex said while checking Incursio's state, but he couldn't help but frown; the current Incursio didn't seem like she was alive nor dead; it was truly bizarre.

"Let's go back; I will figure out what's wrong once I return." Alex declared while dragging his tired body and the one-legged Incursio back to the imperial capital.

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After Alex returned to their assigned villa, he discretely sneaked in not to be seen by anyone, and after putting Incursio in one of the free rooms inside the villa, he stood beside the bed and stared at the unconscious girl; she was still missing one leg, normally with her abnormal regenerative ability her broken leg should have started healing, but currently, it was not showing any sign getting healing which was bizarre.

Lacking an understanding of the current situation, Alex decided to turn toward Silveria; maybe the latter might be more knowledgeable on Incursio's state.

'Sil, why she is not waking up?'

[It's because something inside her is broken. Let's use an Earthling term. Incursio is like a system functioning thanks to a core. Currently, this core is broken, so the whole system will stop working; it will be put into a hibernating state until the core is repaired or functions normally.]

'I see.' Alex understood Silveria's explanation; however, he had another question.

'Do you know how long this will take?' He hoped for a positive answer. If Incursio didn't wake up quickly and told him what she knew, he would have done everything for nothing because he didn't know how long it would take for trouble to arrive here; his whereabout was made public, meaning Lord Thanos could easily find out where he was and knowing that he took Incursio with him, he would send his men after them.

Until that happens, he must squeeze out every information on the Chaos organization from this girl.

[How should I know, Master? I'm not a doctor, but if you make a guest, I will say the shortest time will be two months while the longest would be one year.]

'One year? Hopefully not, and also I pray that once she wakes up, she doesn't have amnesia, or else I would have done everything for nothing.' Alex said, massaging his temple; he had too much to think about, but first, he would enjoy his time; there was no need to get worked up because one of the final bosses was hella strong, enjoying himself could help him think about new ideas while having his body and mind relaxing which in the end would increase the proficiency with his skills.

Alex decided to take a bath before consulting the rest of the family about what to do with Incursio. While feeling the cool water run on his body, Alex recalled his short exchange with Lord Thanos and must admit that he was not his match. It was a good thing he went to that place and fought Lord Thanos; not only did he learn valuable information, but this fight also opened his eyes.

Somehow after that fight against Lucius and the fake goddess who possessed Luna, Alex had started to become conceited; he thought he was really strong, he thought he was among the strongest but reality showed him that he was still too far weak. That arrogance which was started taking root inside him vanished in an instant. Alex knew he must never become arrogant, not until he stood at the summit and there was nothing else in the universe capable of threatening him; only then could he become truly arrogant.

A few minutes later, Alex came out of the room and joined Maria and the others. They ate their breakfast together, and just after they finished, Alex suggested that they must follow him somewhere.

When the girls saw who was lying on the bed, they jumped.

"Why the hell is she here, Alex? Explain yourself." Sakuya shouted, trying to hold back her anger, she understood well that they must be a reason for this girl to be here but seeing her brought back some painful memories, and she ended up reacting as she did.

Most of those present hadn't fought against Incursio, but they had heard about her; they knew how strong, how dangerous she could be.

"Calm down and listen to me first," Alex said before removing the quilt covering Incursio's body, and the girls were shocked upon seeing that she was missing one leg.

Maria, Luna, Sakuya, and Gracier stared at each other in confusion; previously they were too focused on how dangerous Incursio was and did not pay too much attention to her situation. No matter how dangerous she was, there was no way she was normal; she would stay still and let them shout as Sakuya did; they were too busy to see that the current Incursio seemed to be unconscious.

"Please explain what is going on," Sakuya asked, but this time, she didn't shout.

Alex nodded and told them what had happened.

"What? Something like that happened? You should have retreated when you saw that person, but knowing you, you must have decided to earn some information first." Luna said after listening to Alex's story, and Maria added.

"To think the enemy would be this strong and from your information, he was not even the first? Meaning there was someone stronger than him, maybe someone controlling the sealed dragon?"

"I don't know. What is sure is that we must become stronger to survive in the final stage. While it would be difficult for this world natives to break free from the curse, making it impossible to go beyond the Demigod realm, to us, it would not be impossible." Alex said, and Sakuya asked the question most of them desired to know.

"What are you planning to do with this unconscious girl?"

"I'm planning to make her my subordinate. She is talented; it would be a shame not to make such talent mine, especially now that her organization seemed to be after her. If I use the right argument, I can make her work for me."

"It would be nice if you could make that happen. People like her are more preferable as an ally than an enemy." Maria declared after hearing Alex's plan.

"Big brother will not use this opportunity to visit other empires while at the same time strengthening ourselves?" Out of the blue, Gracier proposed this idea.

Alex and the girls exchanged a look before nodding.

"What a wonderful idea, let's do that," Alex said while already thinking of contacting Leon to inform him about this plan.

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After leaving the others, Alex asked where Saeko was, and the others said she went out to train. Going to his room, Alex took out a communication stone and injected mana into it; the stone glowed and was connected to the other side.

Immediately a holographic image appeared above the stone, and Leon's face could be seen. He seemed to be training as he held a bastard sword and swung it.

"Long time no see Leon."

"It's good to see you, my friend. What coincidence. I was thinking about contacting you once I'm done with my training, but how would you contact me first." Leon said while putting away his sword. After wiping away his sweat, he sat on the ground in a lotus position.

"How are the others?" Leon asked.

"They are doing fine, and what about you guys?"

"We are fine as well. Everybody here is fine. We were together yesterday night for a meeting. Let's not talk about that first; I heard you got a new fiancee? I'm envious, man, your luck with women is too strong."

Hearing Leon's words and seeing the grin on the corner of his lips, Alex understood that he was teasing him, and he chuckled.

"What can I say? When you have a face like mine and an awesome family name, you will attract a bunch of pretty women. Sometimes even I'm afraid of my charm. It's so scary that I dare not look at myself in the mirror for fear of falling for myself."

Leon, who had started the topic to tease his friend as it had been a long time since they last communicated like this, was overwhelmed by the latter shamelessness; he was so surprised that his jaw was almost hitting the floor.

"There is a limit to being narcissistic, you know?" Leon mumbled.

"Hahaha! You don't have to tell me."

"I forgot how shameless you could be. The little Eastern princess must be a beauty? I wonder how she looks?"

"Don't worry, you will know in the future. I asked her to follow us, and she accepted. I need a valuable subordinate, and she will do fine. It was not what her father wanted, but it is not like I care about

something like that. I don't need another woman right now. As for what kind of relationship we will have in the future, only time will tell us."

"I see. This is more like you, my friend. Even my father suggested that we find you a woman, but I vehemently refused this suggestion. While I understand their intention, everyone is trying to be connected to you, using a woman to achieve this doesn't sit well with me. Building a relationship based on trust and friendship is more durable than this. Well, that's my opinion." Leon said while drinking a cup of water.

"You are right, but they are not wrong either. Each of you uses different methods to achieve your goals, that's all. What is your current level?" Alex asked at the end of his sentence; he was trying to change the subject.

"I'm currently Level 138, and it's becoming harder and harder to level up, so it becomes frustrating."

Looking at his friend lamenting, Alex could understand how he felt because he was having the same problem; it was not a secret that the higher your level, the harder it became to level up.

"How about the other two?" Alex asked; naturally, he was talking about Eris and Kuina.

"Both are level 137. We are all trying to catch up to you, my friend, but it is not easy. You are a real monster, you started later than us, but now you're stronger; I wonder how Leonardo felt seeing your progress?"

Alex chuckled, not saying anything. Leon continued.

"Did you contact him recently? Did he tell you where the headquarters of the Chaos organization is?"

"No, I haven't contacted him in a while. I don't do it often; I told him only to contact me when he got some useful information. You know the enemy is not a fool; they knew something was wrong; maybe they are aware of my plan but still let Leonardo infiltrate them. This would mean they needed him for something; until the reason they needed him happened, he must find out their location before escaping. It's a risky mission; however, the benefits are tremendous. I promised him to help him achieve perfect harmony with his Gift; you must know that he hadn't gained his Gift's spirit approval, meaning he couldn't use it to its full potential. After slicing off one of his arms, I sealed his Gift, and he had a deal." Alex explained with a bright smile.

Leon shivered, seeing Alex talking about how he blackmailed someone with such a bright smile. No wonder Leonardo accepted such a risky mission; he was forced to take on such a dangerous mission. His friend was a devil.

"I fought one of the leaders of the Chaos organization, Lord Thanos." Suddenly Alex said this, and Leon almost fell from his chair.

"Say what?"

"I said I fought against the one leader of the Chaos organization. It happened not long ago; it was because I was trying to rescue Incursio." Alex explained, but Leon had trouble following.

Massaging his throbbing temple, he stopped Alex.

"Alex, can you stop for a moment and properly explain what happened?"

Alex chuckled and told Leon all the story. Leon listened to everything, shocked.

"Wasn't Incursio a member of the organization? If so, why was she running away?" Leon asked about the point he couldn't understand; he was not the only one.

"I wanted to know too, but we can only get the answer once she wakes up."

"Let's hope she quickly does. We must not miss out on this opportunity. The enemy is ridiculously strong; from what you said, not even my father could win. We must prepare for the worst."

"I concur. Gracier suggested visiting other empires as a vacation while at the same time using this opportunity to increase our strength quickly. What do you think?" Finally, Alex talked about Gracier's plan.

Leon's eyes widened; he hadn't thought someone would have the same idea as him.

"What a coincidence, it is exactly what we talked about last night during our meeting," Leon responded, and it was Alex's turn to be surprised.

The two burst into laughter before talking about the details of this plan. It had been decided that the group would visit the Lionheart Empire after leaving the Far East Empire.

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In the middle of a floor stood a girl, her black hair dancing in the wind like a butterfly. This girl had her head lowered and her right hand above a katana, a red katana.

"Grrrr!"

"Grrrr!"

The monsters surrounding this girl started to emit cries as if they were wary of her: Ant-horns, one-meter tall ants with a hard shells.

Saeko giggled when she saw this. She decided it was time to move. Being surrounded by hundreds of Ant-horns whose level was around 60-80 was nothing.

Suddenly, Saeko grabbed the hilt of her katana and unsheathed it.

Shiinng!

The katana glowed with a red hue and started to head toward the monsters.

"GGrrrrrrr!!"

As she aimed her katana towards the Ant-horns, they fiercely howled out.

Two Ant Horns approached her at a fast speed.

"Hmph!"

Lowering her stance, she executed a quick draw.

Splash!

Faster than the monster could follow, its body got cut into two, splattering out green blood.

"Krr!"

The Ant-horn from the opposite side tried to aim for the gap that was created, but the katana seemed to have extended, easily cutting through its head, another instant death.

"Gggrrrrrrr!!"

Seeing two of them getting easily killed, the remaining Ant-horns became furious, and in unison, all the Ant-horns surrounding Saeko rushed towards her.

Similarly, she ran towards the Ant-horns that were closing the distance.

Crack!!-

She thrust her katana forward like a spear; the katana used as a spear obliterated an Ant-horn's head.

"Graaaaa!

Another Ant-horn rushed in from the right side.

It was an 'Elder' that was one step larger than the other Ant-horns; its height was around 3 meters—a Level 80 Elder Ant-horn.

Boom!-

Saeko launched her body by slamming her right foot against the ground as hard as possible.

Like a pole vaulter, her body explosively soared through the air.

Spin-

She rotated her body in midair as she slashed with her katana.

While the Elder Ant-horn that had lost its target was in a panic, she accurately pierced through its head.

Craaaack!!— Boom!

Green blood and brain matter rained down on the closest Ant-horns making them from their steps.

After clearing the Ant-horns beneath her, she landed on the ground; the remaining Ant-horns hesitated before three Elder Ant-horns stepped forward, forcing the others to move.

"Grak, Graaaa!!"

The Ant-horns that were momentarily hesitant started to rush in again.

This time, they were in a formation with three Elders positioned in the middle.

"Huu..."

Inhaling, Saeko lowered her stance.

Bzz, Bzzzzt!!—

The blue lightning coiled around her body before moving onto her katana.

"Thunder Storm!"

CRACKLE!!!!!

"...!!"

The lightning storm spread from the katana's tip, swept the surroundings away, and turned the surrounding Ant-horns into ashes.

With just one attack, the Ant-horns numbered in the dozens were turned into ashes.

"G-Grr!"

"Kra!"

Within the lightning storm, the only survivors were the elder Ant-horns.

One of the elders that took the lightning head-on had died immediately.

"Grrrrrr! Graa!!"

"Kraaa!!"

Step step, step!—

,m The Ant-horns that had intuitively realized they were no match simultaneously turned their bodies and started to run away.

"Fufufu! How could I let you escape when you gang up on me?" Saeko said with a smile; the obedient looking girl in front of Alex was gone and was replaced by a smiling girl who wished for nothing but slaughter.

Lightning coursed through her body, momentarily increasing her speed; like a lightning bolt, she flashed all around, killing the fleeing Ant-horns.

The last Elder Ant-horn tried its best to run away; maybe it was because the Elder Ant-horn was burning away its life force, its speed increased, and in the blink of an eye, the monster was already at the other end of the room, just a little bit and the monster could escape by jumping into the hole they previously dug.

Saeko knew she wouldn't make it, so she gathered lightning around her katana and threw it toward the sky like a javelin.

"Thunder Fall"

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The katana covered in blue lightning acted like a spear and fell like a comet.

Piercing through the back of the fleeing Elder Ant-horn, the spear dug into the ground obliterating the ant hole nearby.

Kaboom!

The stench of flesh burning wafted, but Saeko was undisturbed by it. She smiled, seeing the floor littered with corpses; somehow, she was disappointed that it ended up so soon; she would have wished for more slaughter, more death.

"Bad girl, Didn't I say not to try to influence me? Do you want to be sealed for a while again?"

Suddenly, Saeko mumbled; if someone were present, they would have thought she was going crazy talking to herself. However, it was not the case; she was perfectly sane; she was talking to her katana, Muramasa.

Bzzzzt-

The red katana vibrated before turning into a girl with red hair dressed in kimono with a pair of horns.

"You are not fun, Saeko. Just a little bit, you should let go." The girl with unusual red pupils said to Saeko the moment she appeared.

"Ouch!"

However, the reply she got was a chop on the head and Saeko's cold voice.

"Behave, or else I will seal you, and you know that I'm not joking."

"Tch! You are no fun. By the way, master, why didn't you tell Alex that your Gift's spirit could manifest into human form as well?"

"Only an idiot would do that right away. I'd lose my value if I showed everything at the beginning. Slowly I'll reveal my cards." Saeko responded why she hadn't told this Alex.

"I see, as expected of my master. How cunning."

"Hah! You should be at least this much if you wish to survive in a family like mine." Saeko replied and headed toward the exit; it was time to leave this dungeon. The goal she came to accomplish today was a success; finally, she acquired the missing XP to level up, it might be one level, but she was getting stronger.

"Turn back. It's time to go." She ordered, and the red-haired girl turned back into her katana's form.

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The Touch's family temporary villa.

Gracier could be seen playing with a bird; she would feed this bird and observe her reaction as she played with its wings when the bird was busy eating.

Suddenly, as if the bird sensed someone approaching, she flapped its wings and ran away.

Gracier's face darkened, she was displeased that someone disturbed her fun time, but her expression turned lively when she saw who it was.

"Saeko, welcome back." She said and ran toward Saeko, hugging her.

"Ugh!"

"Did you just grunt?" Gracier asked.

"Yes" Saeko responded before trying to separate herself from Gracier, the latter reluctantly let go.

"You are no fun," Gracier mumbled.

'Not you too.' Saeko thought this was the second time she had heard that sentence.

"Let's fight," Gracier said, trying to grab Saeko, who easily dodged her.

"See? It's why I was grunting as I knew you'd say that. Give me a break; I'm tired."

The moment Saeko saw Gracier, she knew the latter would say something like this.

"Hum! Okay. I'll let you rest." Gracier said and didn't pursue Saeko. She was surprised by this because usually, Gracier wouldn't easily let her go like this; she wondered if the little princess had matured.

However, right when she took her third step, she heard Gracier mumbling something, and she froze.

"I will go see big brother and have a chat with him."

'I'm a fool to have expected something. She is the devil. So shameless.' Saeko thought; putting on a smile, she spun and said.

"Thinking about it, I've just leveled up, and I need to see how strong I've become."

"What a good spirit. Follow me. I have what you need." Gracier said before heading toward the training ground located behind the garden.

Saeko felt like crying but had no tears. She could only follow Gracier even if she didn't want to. It was not because she already knew the result of this fight beforehand, nor was it because she threatened her with Alex but simply because, from every defeat, she would gain something.

Looking at the two departing girls from the balcony, Alex chuckled, and Maria sitting beside him, couldn't help but ask.

"Won't you stop them?"

"And why would I? It's just friendly spar. Even though the method used for this to happen is a little questionable. It's just a friendly spar, and you know better than me that Gracier is not doing this only for fun but because she genuinely wished to help Saeko improve with her second element." Alex pointed out the real purpose of those sparring matches.

Today would be their tenth match, and in the previous fight, Saeko had never won. It was to be expected; while Saeko was talented, in front of a monster like Gracier, she stood no chance. Without hesitation, Gracier's battle instinct was even more exceptional than that of Alex; when it comes to fighting, her brain worked faster than anybody.

And about what Alex had just said, Maria could only sigh. She understood what Gracier was trying to do, just that she wished she wouldn't overdo it. Like most of them, Saeko could use two elements: Lightning and Fire. However, she was only proficient in one of them, the lightning element.

Gracier saw that she could become exceptional with the Fire element, and since then, she had been training her using sparring as an excuse. She would first crush her when she used her lightning element before forcing her to rely on her Fire element; slowly but surely, Saeko was becoming good at handling the Fire element.

It was said that Gracier's goal was to make Saeko capable of combining these two elements. The result would be something interesting worth looking forward to.

"Okay, let's move towards the main topic," Maria said after shaking her head. Gracier's job should be left to Gracier.

"Yes, how many gold coins did we have?" Alex asked.

"Currently around a million." Maria calmly responded. It was an astronomical amount of money, yet their faces remained passive.

"I see; how many new men do we have?" Alex asked another question.

"Around eighty and with this number, the number of men we have rose to hundred." Maria gave a detailed report about their current force.

One hundred special elites forces, it was not a lot but considering it was the quality over the quantity, Alex was happy, but he would increase the number of this special force; however, there was something that needed to be done first.

"Have you contacted Sera's father, Smith?"

"Yes, but he was not happy about you. He said what kind of son-in-law won't visit his father-in-law and will always use the excuse of being busy. He said you must come soon because it was Sera's mother's death anniversary." Maria answered, and as she expected, Alex's face became serious when he heard the last words.

"When is it?"

"In five days."

"Okay, it's doable. I will go. I was afraid it would be tomorrow because if it was, I could only apologize to Saeko's father, who invited us to tomorrow's festival. This festival will last three days. I'll leave right after the festival end." Alex made a plan after hearing Sera's mother's death anniversary would be in five days. He couldn't miss out on this opportunity. At the same time, he would talk to Smith about his men's gears and weapons. Knowing he was the best blacksmith in the capital, he would create his men's weapons and gears; money was not an issue.

"Take some money to go on shopping with the others. Buy everything you want." Alex said as he stood up.

"And you?" Maria asked.

"I will look after Incursio. Who knows, maybe she might wake up." Alex replied.

"I see. I'll go see the others then. Don't overdo it, just rest."

"Ok, I'll rest after visiting her," Alex promised before disappearing.

"Sigh! I wish the world would always be peaceful and we have no burden. How good would it have been? Better stop thinking about something unrealistic. Time for some shopping between girls." Maria mumbled before disappearing.