

## Full-Moon 141

Chapter 141 Carabidis Guardian

It's started raining heavily as Rex looks down on the cliff, he's unsure whether he should check Carabidis Temple right now.

He came with confidence but now, he's unsure whether to resume or not.

Rex's mom told him once that if he's undecided, he will have to trust his gut.

Right now, his gut is telling him to not go to the temple but it will be wasteful to not visit Carabidis Temple when it's right in front of him.

'Should I just peek inside?', Rex thought.

After contemplating with himself for five minutes, he finally decided to check the temple out after buying a high transferral crystal from the system's shop.

The crystal will be his escape route when things go bad, it will send him directly back to his room at Ochyra University.

It's risky, but Rex plays the gamble.

Rex looks to his side and saw a way to go down the cliff without jumping,

The fringes are steep, Rex needs to stick close to the wall while side walking like a crab to go down.

Raindrops wet the route making it slippery, 'This is a bad idea', Rex thought.

But even though he wants to go back, he's already halfway through the fringes and it will be harder to climb back up with this terrain.

The dirt on the cliff walls becomes muddy,

Rex turns his nail into claws as he stabs his claw into the cliff wall, there's no other choice besides this to go down the cliff.

After carefully going down the fringes, Rex arrives just above the dark clouds.

The dark clouds are hovering just halfway through the cliff, it blocks all vision for Rex to see what is beneath the dark clouds.

'If I jump and turns out it's still far from the ground, I will die a stupid death', Rex thought.

After deliberating with himself, Rex decided to just slide down using his claw to lessen the speed he's falling in case something bad is down there.

"Hup!"

SWOOSH!

Rex falls down while holding onto the cliff wall with his claws,

He goes through the dark clouds and can instantly feel his skin turns cold, it was a weird feeling but then suddenly,

"What's this?", Rex said as he can feel something prickling his skin.

Noticing the thing that prickling his skin was a bug, he instantly creates a force barrier around him to shield him from these bugs.

His vision is covered as he still falling down, he can't see the bugs clearly.

After about forty seconds of falling,

Rex finally penetrates through the dark clouds and the scenery that pops into his vision greatly shocked him, it was not what he expected at all.

In front of him lies Carabidis Temple that he searched for.

Unlike what he picture, the bottom of the cliff that is covered by the dark clouds turns out to be a dark desert with little to no light.

There's a temple in the middle, it is square-shaped with two huge statues in front of it.

Carabidis Temple is an Egyptian-style temple with torches around it.

The temple is massive, it is even bigger than Faraday University's building.

Rex gripped the cliff wall stopping himself from falling further, he looks to the ground and saw many creatures hovering around the temple.

"There are mutated animals here? It's going to be troublesome", Rex thought.

He saw many mutated animals from huge mutated camels with bones sticking out all over its body, 10 feet scorpions lurking around, and he even saw huge big cats that are hunting other mutated animals.

Rex scans all of the mutated animals and found that the big cats turn out to be powerful early rank five mutated animals!

After confirming the entrance of the temple, Rex jumped down.

Thud!

His fall was quiet as it makes no sound,

Rex's eyes dart left and right trying to avoid unnecessary fights, his objective is to scan the temple so that he knows what he's dealing with.

There's a couple of trees around him that he used to hide.

With his stealth abilities, Rex manages to go past the mutated animals even if they're only rank three in power.

He can already see the temple's entrance in front of him, but...

'There are three big cats around here, they seem to be the top of the food chain here', Rex thought as he didn't see other stronger mutated animals.

The big cat's fur is sand color with a bit of white on it, their front legs are way bigger and muscular than their backs, with green fangs sticking out of their mouths.

Green substance dripped from their fangs confirming that it is venomous.

One of the big cats ran after a mutated bighorn sheep, it turns into a sand storm before the big cat was transported in front of the mutated bighorn sheep.

Its movement was fast, it instantly slashed the bighorn sheep with its strong front legs.

SLASH!!!

BEEEEK!!

The bighorn sheep whimper in pain, its chest was cut wide open revealing its inside before the bighorn sheep falls to the ground.

But just before the big cat wanted to eat them,

ROAR!!

A loud deafening roar can be heard from the temple's entrance, it was overbearing and loud making the other mutated animals run in fright.

Rex also closed his ears because of how loud it is, he never feels such an overbearing presence.

From inside the temple's entrance mouth, a creature dashed outside like a streak of lightning before it appeared beside the big cat.

Rex was surprised by its movement, he knows that he can't hit that creature even if he wanted to.

After seeing the creature's speed, Rex instantly put six attributable stats he got from leveling up into his agility stats.

He will need every speed he can get to fight that creature later.

The creature that came out of the temple's entrance is a sand-colored snake.

The snake has two heads, one is the main head while the other is on the end of its tail. The snake also has wings that are massive and mighty, horns are sticking out of its main head that is curved inwards.

Looking at the snake, Rex immediately ducks down.

He already scans the snake and turns out it is a powerful mid-rank five mutated animal, Rex can't fight against it right now lest he wanted to die.

The snake hisses at the big cat before it turns to the bighorn sheep.

Its two sharp eyes glow green before the wound on the bighorn sheep's chest is healed, it is healing at a visible rate, and not long the bighorn sheep is already standing.

The snake then hisses making the big cat run away before it went back to the temple's entrance.

Rex saw all of this happened in front of his eyes, 'Why did the snake help the sheep? Aren't they supposed to eat something?', Rex thought.

After knowing the entrance is guarded by the two-headed snake, Rex decided to find another way.

He went to the left side of the temple that has no big cats, it's a peaceful side with only rank three and early rank four mutated animals reside.

While Rex is sneaking to the side, he kept his eyes on the temple entrance.

But then, a mutated animal suddenly notices his presence and leaped towards him.

Grrr...!!

The mutated animal growl as Rex glance to his front, his alertness towards the temple's entrance makes him careless to his other sides.

A mutated wolf appeared in front of him, it growls lightly as he looks at Rex.

Rex stretches his right hand in front of him, he tries to tell the wolf to not make any sound lest the snake came to them.

The wolf bared its fangs towards Rex, it looks at Rex cautiously as it circles around.

Rex becomes even more nervous, he already takes out the transferral crystal lest something went wrong right here.

But then,

Just when he's about to give up calming the wolf, the wolf suddenly approaches his stretched right hand and started to sniff it.

It looks at Rex weirdly before Rex releases his dark red energy.

The dark red energy contains his Supernatural presence making the wolf jolted in shock, it started to step back unconsciously.

"It's okay, I won't hurt you", Rex said while approaching the wolf slowly.

The wolf seems hesitant to approach Rex but it finally decided to sniff Rex's hand before Rex slowly pats below the wolf's muzzle.

Rex pats the wolf a couple of times before the wolf's whimper.

Rex can feel some connection between him and the wolf, 'Is this because I'm a werewolf? In a way, I am a higher rank animal than this wolf', Rex thought.

After calming down the wolf,

He then talks to the wolf as if the wolf understands him, "Do you know another entrance beside the main entrance?"

Looking at Rex talking, the wolf tilts its head in confusion.

Rex looks around trying to think of something before he mimics the two-headed snake before, "That two-headed snake, strong! I can't go in there"

He moves his body trying to make the wolf understand, he looks dumb if another person saw him talking to the wolf.

Just after he wanted to give up, the wolf's eyes lit up before it ran to his back.

Looking at this, Rex immediately follows the wolf.

The wolf surprisingly leads Rex to another entrance, it is a small crack on the temple that can lead instantly inside.

Rex pats the wolf's head before he went inside.

"Don't follow me, wait here okay?", Rex said telling the wolf to not follow him.

After making sure the wolf is guarding the small crack, Rex then ventures inside the temple that is darker than the outside.

It was so dark but thankfully Rex can still see thanks to his night vision ability.

Just as he entered the temple,

<The user have entered Carabidis Temple>

<Sudden Quest>

Kill three Carabidis Guardians and obtain their cores to open a passageway to the Carabidis Exchequer, the user will also get a bonus reward if the user completes this Sudden Quest first before the Pack Quest.

Reading this, 'Carabidis Guardians huh, they sound strong', Rex thought.

He then resumes his ventures ignoring the quest, he's here to scout the place first before he decided when to tackle this quest depending on how powerful the creature inside this.

Especially this Carabidis Guardians the system speak of.

The inside of the temple is filled with writings, it's filled with weird symbols that Rex completely didn't understand.

Rex looks around and saw that the path is confusing.

It's like a maze inside of here, there are not many things that can differentiate each different path from one another.

After walking randomly inside the temple, Rex saw a light from the corner of his eyes.

'A light? Where did it come from', Rex thought.

He then turns to his left and started to follow the light.

The light bounced from a mirror-like thing on the top corner of the path, Rex follows this light in the hope to locate the Carabidis Gem that the quest asks for.

Rex then arrives in front of a gate that is opened a little.

The gate is massive and there's a weird huge symbol in the center of the gate, it is a wind-shaped symbol.

Rex shrugs off the sand that manages to get inside his shoe before he looks through the gate.

There he saw a creature lying idly on some kind of stage.

The creature's lower half of body is made of sand while the top half of its body is humanoid, it was giving off a very threatening aura even though it seems like it's sleeping.

Rex scans the creature before his eyes widened in shock.

The sand creature turns out to be a rank six creature! It is more powerful than what Rex has anticipated.

'That must be one of the guardians, it will be a long time before I come back', Rex thought.

From the guardian alone, Rex will need time before he will be able to fight it.

After seeing the guardian,

Rex wanted to leave but then suddenly, he saw two red eyes staring at him from the corner of his eyes.

His body went stiff as he realizes the creature is looking at him.

Sand brush against his body as he can feel the creature's eyes locked onto him, without even wasting a second he immediately crushed the transferral crystal on his hand.

CRASH!

Rex's body immediately got teleported to his room in Ochyra University.

Although he's safe, he can still feel the creature's eyes looking at him as his body got drenched in sweat.

'I almost died!'

Chapter 142 Proposition From The Principal

Rex teleported to his room in Ochyra University, his back is drenched with sweat as he can still feel the piercing eyes of the Carabidis Guardian.

Unknown to Rex,

Just after he teleports, the sand beneath him turns solid before it stabs his spot.

If he's just another second late, he will be pierced by many sand spike that materializes out of nowhere around his spot.

'I can't fight that thing, let alone killing three of them', Rex thought.

He thought that the temple will have creatures in the realm of rank five, but his thoughts were proved dead wrong.

The creature that he saw is a rank six!

That is the strongest creature that he ever met aside from the werewolves in Zrolis City, he can't possibly beat that creature with the power he currently has.

After calming his beating heart, Rex then went down to check on Edward.

Meanwhile, Adhara is currently still training.

In the last couple of days, Hera didn't stop bothering her about talking to Rex to stay with them with the promise that they will try to give them benefits.

Adhara didn't trust her words at all, she can see through her lies.

'Why is the university so adamant about not giving any benefits to us? What's their reason for being like this', she thought in confusion.

It should be a natural thing for a university like this to give the top students something.

Adhara message her forehead as she's started to get annoyed by Hera, she hopes that Rex will come back quickly and address this matter.

Then suddenly, she can feel that Rex is near.

'Did he came back? How did he suddenly appear?', She thought before going to Rex.

After a couple of minutes,

Adhara met Rex at the main entrance, just when he's about to go out of the university.

But before she can call out to Rex, a hand suddenly grabbed her from the back.

Adhara looks to her back and saw Hera with another guy beside her, "What do you want? I told you I can't help you"

"Look, Rex is back you can talk to him instead", She added while pointing at Rex.

Hera glance at Rex who is leaving the university before she said, "Follow me, I tried to save you some trouble but you just can't get a hint"

Adhara glances at Hera in confusion, she doesn't understand what she's talking about.

The guy beside Hera then added, "Adhara please follow us, the principal wanted to meet you to discuss something"

Hearing this, Adhara wanted to deny but the guy insisted.

She glances to her back and saw Rex is already gone,

Without having any other choice, she finally nodded her head and follow the guy and Hera to the principal's office.

Arriving at the principal's office, she was greeted by a huge room.

The principal's room consists of two floors,

The first floor is mainly made of wood and it brings a medieval feeling into it, two big red sofas in the middle to attend guests, a table for the principal to sit on the back of the red sofa, and the room is filled with antique lamps.

The second floor, however, is filled with books from historical books and spellbooks.

Adhara glance around the room in awe, it's her first time going to the principal room. In fact, she might be the first student to enter this room.

Hera and the guy already left Adhara alone in the room, she's confused about what to do.

But then, "Adhara Alpenore, the second strongest first-year student just after Rex"

Hearing this, Adhara looks up and saw the principal reading a book on the second floor. The black saber is still flying beside the principal's side, it is the principal's trait.

The principal then came down with a book in his hand, he then sits on the red sofa.

He then signals Adhara to sit in front of him without even looking at her eyes.

Adhara's body becomes tense,

In front of her lies the most powerful Awakened in the university, his power is said to be that of a mid-rank eight or even higher!

In front of such a man will make even the strongest will person be pressured.

She then sits on the red sofa in front of the principal politely, she didn't want to anger the principal in any way.

"You're just a mediocre student before, but all of that changed when you meet Rex", the principal said closing the book in his hand while raising his eyes to meet Adhara's.

He then added, "Is it a coincidence?"

Hearing this, Adhara held her breath unconsciously.

Adhara got stunned by the principal's random question, she didn't know what to answer.

There is a slight pause where the principal gazing at Adhara's eyes, his cold piercing eyes make Adhara lower her gaze feeling the pressure pressing on her.

The principal then averts his gaze and said, "Do you know why I called you here?"

"Is it about Rex leaving Ochyra University to Faraday University?", Adhara said meekly, that's what Hera has been trying to convince her to do.

The principal then snaps his finger before two drinks suddenly appear in front of them.

He then takes the drink slowly before he said, "That's not quite the case. You're called here because I have a proposition for you"

Adhara widened her eyes in shock, "Proposition for me? Not for Rex?"

"You see, I'm quite interested in you as a student more than Rex", the principal said while giving Adhara a piece of paper.

He then added, "Our university will start slow, but they can't deny the potential of so many students that are currently studying here"

Ochyra University's students are more than ten times as many as other universities, and that is also true for the Awakened learning here.

With so many Awakened, if developed well then Ochyra University will be a formidable university.

"Other universities felt threatened by our existence, that is why many of our students are scouted with better benefits", the principal said while Adhara started reading the content of the proposition.

After reading through the proposition, Adhara said in surprise, "You'll heal my father's hand?"

The principal nodded his head, "We will also promise you to be our priority and will be given a lot of benefits when the time comes, all you have to do is sign the contract in front of you and stay with us in Ochyra University"

Adhara becomes hesitant, the proposition is quite appealing for her.

Although she's afraid of her father, she also can't deny that she wanted to see his father becomes happy and normal again.



"You can think about it, but just know that I have other candidates", the principal said with a mysterious smirk.

Meanwhile,

Rex arrives in the house where Edward and the others are training, he saw Edward on the balcony smoking cigarettes.

Edward notices him before he waves his hand.

Rex approaches Edward before he pinches the cigarettes in Edward's hand, "Stop smoking, you'll die early if you keep doing that"

Hearing this, Edward smiles wryly before he tossed the cigarettes away.

"So, how's the training went?", Rex asks.

He wanted to do something about the Platchi but he needs Kyran to do something first, it will not work if Kyran can't do this thing.

Edward glance inside before he said, "That Kyran kid, where did you find him?"

Rex smirks mysteriously, he then replied, "What about him? He's out of this world right?"

Kyran is already embedded by the Dark Rune he got from the system, his stealth abilities become even more powerful making him a perfect guy to become a scout.

Not only his movement becomes silent, but also he can blend in the darkness.

Assuming that Edward is surprised, he definitely realizes that Kyran is able to blend in the dark unconsciously.

"I have never seen anyone as talented as him, he will become a priority if he trains with us in the USR pushing us to the side", Edward said praising Kyran.

Rex peeks inside and saw Kyran and Ryze reading something.

Edward then continues, "What standard are we talking about?"

"Normal standard", Rex replied.

Hearing this, Edward then said proudly, "With my training, he will manage to sneak around and gather intel if there's no expert around"

"If we put him with USR standard, then he's still trash", Edward added while he shakes his head.

Rex chuckles, he remembered how they got graded during the USR.

In the USR, they went to extreme lengths to determine someone's ability.

Starting from a virtual test that will put them in the most dangerous situation, the red box where they will be tested in their endurance to torture, and even be put in a real-life mission that is almost impossible for a normal person to complete.

So if Kyran was put into that standard, he's literally trash.

After confirming with Edward,

Rex goes inside the house and greets the two of them, he wanted Kyran to be active as soon as possible.

Both Kyran and Ryze is reading ways to get out of a dangerous situation that Edward knows, it's a long list of detailed instruction that can potentially save their lives.

"How's your training?", Rex asks.

Kyran and Ryze looks up,

Ryze is surprised by Rex's sudden appearance, while Kyran already notice Rex a while ago.

"It's good, I think I can handle it", Kyran answered, he seems to be nonchalant about it making Rex smile in delight.

Rex then looks at Ryze before he stutters under Rex's gaze.

But after some struggle, he answered, "I still need more practice"

After nodding his head, Rex then signals Kyran to follow him to the other room.

Inside the room, Rex turns his back with a serious expression.

Looking at Rex's serious expression, Kyran frowns, "What do you want to talk about? Is there something I need to do?"

Kyran already got the feeling about this.

"Yes, I need you to scout some places", Rex replied.

He then explains, "There are a couple of places that you need to scout, I want you to note down all of the routines they do start from early morning to night"

While Rex is explaining this, Rex already takes out a map.

It is a map that he bought before he got here, he already marked the places Kyran needed to scout.

"If you can grasp their routine, on your call, you can disrupt what they're doing by taking something from their inventory or even create chaos but don't take too much risk", Rex added.

Rex is talking about the Fireband Market manage by the Platchi's, he got this intel from Sullivan's spy that he killed.

Although he didn't want to kill Sullivan's spy, he still has to do it.

The Sullivan's spy hasn't reported back to the Sullivan yet, the information he got is pretty heavy and detailed making it a piece of important information.

If Rex let the Sullivan's spy go, then he will report back to the Sullivan.

The important information then will be useless when the Sullivan knows it, Rex will lose his bargaining chip with the Sullivan.

That's why, Rex have to kill him.

"Who owned this places?", Kyran asks.

Hearing this, Rex then smiles maliciously, "Of course it's our enemy, the Platchi's"

"If you deem that the place is too dangerous, you can just leave and report back to me. No matter how important this task is, your life is still first okay?", Rex added.

He doesn't want one of his member to die, it will be too much of a hassle.

But Kyran catch it differently, he looks at Rex with marveling eyes before he said, "I'll do it! I will definitely scout those places"

Kyran then left the room with determination, while Rex smirks after Kyran left.

## Chapter 143 Illusion Pattern

It's already night right now,

The hard-working men and women are already home asleep, it's the time for them to rest and prepare their bodies for the next day.

Many stores and offices are closed, it's currently 11 in the night.

Kyran is wearing an all-black suit he got from Edward, it's Edward's uniform during the USR that is made with light materials and will not hinder Kyran's movement.

After Rex told him to scout three places, he immediately went out.

He's confident in his skill because he can already clear the obstacle course made by Edward easily, in fact, he didn't feel it challenges him anymore.

Kyran is currently near the first place nearest to Rex's house.

Although it's already night, there are still many people walking around and talking doing their night shift.

The first place is an alley just beside a wine store.

Rex told him before the departure that to enter the market he needs to have the password, and Rex didn't know the password to this market.

He has the password for the market but he doubts that it's a universal market, so he didn't tell Kyran.

Because of this, Rex instructed Kyran to keep an eye on it.

Follow anything that looks suspicious and try to find information about how they transfer their goods, this is a crucial part of Kyran's mission.

Rex also said that the customer should be wearing masks to enter it.

Kyran looks around and found two guys smoking in front of a door that he assumed is the guards guarding the market entrance.

He's on the rooftop of the opposite building, he can see the place clearly this way.

The first rule given by Edward that he must follow is that to find a spot for the observation, it's preferably a higher ground because it's more secure.

The second one is to find routes that he will be using as an escape route.

It sounds simple but Edward told Kyran that the second rules are where many fails, he needs to have at least three plan of escape in case he met with a problem.

The third and last one is to secure the places using traps, it's better to be a non-lethal trap.

Edward explains during their training that a scout's objective is to gather information and direct contact has to be avoided.

So rather than using a lethal trap that will alert the enemies, it's better to use non-lethal traps that will notify you if someone enters the building or infiltrate the place he's using as a secure spot.

Because of how much Edward stresses these rules, Kyran does it all with caution.

He puts many strings attached to bells on places that will direct into the rooftop where he's staying, he also calculates every way that a person can go to his place.

Kyran even locked the windows that potentially be used to go to his spot by pinning it with nails he got from the decoration inside the building.

The building he's on is a hotel, so there're many nails he can find.

His objective in nailing these windows is to at least force someone to create noise if they're trying to open it, this will notify him instantly.

With the senses he got and also the enhancement from becoming a Werewolf, his senses are very sharp.

It's not even an exaggeration if he says that nobody can sneak onto him.

This is his first time doing a mission like this alone,

He likes these kinds of missions because Kyran doesn't like to kill humans, it makes him feel guilty and disgusted with himself.

"That must be a customer", Kyran mumbles as he saw a guy wearing a mask approaching the alley.

The guy talks to the guards.

Kyran can hear their conversation but the guy's mask muffled their voice, it's hard for him to catch their conversation clearly.

After exchanging few words,

Instead of the guards letting the guy in, the guy walks out of the alley as if nothing happened.

The guy walks back to where he came from, but Kyran frowns when he senses something is amiss with the guy that is walking away.

His senses caught something when suddenly he realizes, 'I can't feel the guy's presence anymore'

With his enhanced senses, he should be able to sense the guy's presence just like when the guy came to the alley before.

But now, that presence is gone.

Kyran follows the guy by leaping through building silently,

The guy walks to a T-junction, he turns left and enters another alley.

Seeing this, Kyran thought that the entrance turns out to be in this alley but when he looks at the entrance he found the guy's body started to disintegrate.

Kyran had never seen something like this before, 'Is that an illusion?', he thought.

He then went back to the alley before and found that nothing changes, the guards are still smoking but Kyran can feel their presence.

'Where did that guy go?', He thought in confusion.

After looking at a couple of customers that did the same thing, Kyran finally manages to find their patterns.

Turns out that the ground beneath the guy suddenly opened and sucked the customer in it.

The customers that can be seen walking back to where they came from before disintegrating turn out to be an illusion.

Somewhere around here, there's an illusionist.

Kyran doesn't know this, he just assumes that an Awakened can do something like this.

"So the entrance is just a decoration, that's the real entrance", Kyran mumbles as he pays close attention to the ground.

He didn't see how the guards did that, they didn't even move from their spots.

Kyran then waits for a few hours,

In these past hours, he saw many customers that manage to get inside the market.

He also notices that the guards use some kind of an earpiece,

Kyran deduces that to enter the market the guard will have to notify the person on the other side and told them to open the entrance on the ground.

He also saw one of the customers said the wrong password,

p The customer that said the wrong password was instantly killed, he got a bullet enhanced with mana shot straight into his head.

It makes Kyran frown at how nonchalant the guards do it.

They make it look like an everyday thing as they killed another human being, they then opened the door beside them and tossed the corpse inside.

Kyran saw this happened right in front of his eyes, "So that's what the fake entrance is used for"

He started to become disgusted with these people that think that a human's life is cheap, a spark of hatred to the one orchestrating this emerges.

Kyran started to hate the Platchi's too.

Just after another hour, Kyran saw two black cars stopped by the end of the alley.

The two black cars stopped right in front of the alley.

One guy came out of the driver seat of the car in front, he then walks to the corner before he pisses on it.

It looks normal but Kyran is not convinced.

Just as he's observing from the top, he saw the guy peeing makes eye contact with the guards guarding the entrance.

The guards nodded their heads before the driver went back to the car.

After their small exchanges that will be missed by normal people, the car shook left and right for a while before they drove off.

Seeing this, Kyran instantly knew what they're doing.

Just like how they put customers into the market, they also did the same thing to the supply transfer to re-stock their products.

The guards will tell the people on the other side to open the entrance before the products inside the black cars before got transferred through it.

Kyran assumes that there's a hole in the car to slide through the products into the entrance they opened underneath the cars without anyone noticing.

'The entrance to the market is in front of the guards for the customer, and the end of the alley for the transfers', Kyran thought.

He grasped their mechanic instantly thanks to his heightened senses.

While he's on his way to this place, Kyran heard some people tell stories about this place.

They said that the place is haunted with a person wearing masks that can disappear in a whim, it is said that those masked people is a victim of a killer named 'The Night Butcher' in this part of Ratmawati City.

Kyran shrugs this off knowing that it's just stories.

But who would've thought that story turns out to be a made-up story by the Platchi's for their business, Kyran can't help but praise their plan.

'So that's why this part is deserted', Kyran thought.

Just when he's about to leave this place and resume another day, police suddenly came to this place stopping right beside the alley.

The guards saw this before they approach the police.

"I got a report of masked people wandering in this place, have you seen any of them around here?", the police questioned.

The police is an organization under the FAA, they're the law keeper for normal people.

Although the FAA is mainly discussing Awakened, they are also tasked to keep peace in their tasked territory.

That's why they also need the police, they're still needed for this purpose.

The two guards look at each other weirdly before they said, "I didn't see anyone here sir, they say that this place is haunted and maybe that's what the person who reports this saw"

"Just a ghost, nothing more", they added.

Hearing this, the police looks at both of the guards with weird expressions, "Well I heard of that story, then why are you two here knowing that story?"

One of the guards chuckles, he taps the police's shoulder and said, "We also have to eat, don't we? Of course, we're working here"

The police are skeptical, but finally, he lets them through.

Just when the police was about to go, one of the guard ask, "If you don't mind me asking officer, who is the person reporting this?"

The police were confused, "Why do you guys have to know?"

"I'm just wondering, they must be new to be reporting this. All of the residents around here know of this, I just found it weird for someone that lived around here to report this", one of the guards explained.

Both guard's expression is friendly, they look like they're genuinely asking.

The police then turn on his car and said, "It's the resident in Newton Residence, he's probably scared of ghosts then"

After saying that, the police leave the guards.

Just after the police left, One of the guards signal to the other before the other guard leave the place.

Unknown to both of them, a shadowy figure enters the door on their backs.

When the two guards are busy dealing with the police, Kyran takes this opportunity to go to the fake entrance that they use to throw corpses in it.

It's a risky decision because he doesn't know what lies behind the door.

Entering the door, Kyran was instantly greeted by the stench of rotten corpses that quickly penetrated his nose.

His enhanced senses become a burden as he instantly throws up.

Kyran never worked on this before, he never knew that the stench of the corpse will be this unbearing making him instantly throws up.

After trying to not make a sound, he finally calms down.

He's currently in a hall with three doors at the end of the hall, it's a wooden door and they're all identical.

The corpse that got thrown inside disappear, there's no trace of it.

Even the floor that should be bloodied because of the corpse is clean, it looks weird because it's too clean for a place that is filled with corpse stench.

Crunch!

From the end of the hall, Kyran saw noises coming from the left door.

The hall is dim-lit so Kyran can blend in the shadow of the hall, he's not scared to get caught.

Kyran then opened the left door slowly,

His movement is silent, there's no sound of his footsteps or even his breath that can alert the enemies inside this place.

Right in front of him, he saw a fat man eating something on a table.

From the looks of it, Kyran already knows what he's eating and his stomach started to wobble in displeasure.

Kyran then takes out a cloth and puts it inside his mask, his black mask that covers his mouth and nose needs an extra layer to block out the corpse stench.

He then takes out a dagger and appears like a shadow just behind the fat man, "Don't move or you'll die", he whispers slowly.

Chapter 144 Internal Tension

Kyran held a dagger on the fat man's neck, his movement was quick making the fat man unable to react to him.

His eyes are sharp, he glances at the plate in front of the fat man before his expression changed.

The food that the fat man eats turns out to be the corpse they threw earlier, it's already cut into small pieces and it's a strain for untrained eyes.

Kyran looks away before he grabs the fat man's neck and threw him to the side.

BRAK!!

The fat man got smashed into the wall heavily, his belly wobble left and right as he sits helplessly on the ground.

Kyran's body boils in anger, he can't believe the guy in front of him.

For another human being to eat another human is simply sick, Kyran can't believe that this kind of thing happened under the authority's nose.

He then looks at the fat man with a disgusted expression, "Talk"

BAM!

Kyran stepped on the fat man's neck pinning him down as his cold eyes look at him, "Who are you and what is your position in the Platchi Family?"

Hearing this, the fat man simply gazed at Kyran in panic.

"I...Uh...", the fat man stutters, his eyes then darted to Kyran's back in panic.

Seeing this, Kyran immediately ducked when he felt that someone trying to hit him from the back.

SWOOSH!

BRAK!

The wooden furniture around got smashed by a metal bat, A guy missed Kyran as he stumbles forward.

Kyran rolls to the side and looks at the guy.



He also saw the fat man throwing up on the ground, the human remains he ate started to come out of his mouth.

'Did he got forced eating this?', Kyran thought.

But then, his train of thoughts got stopped abruptly when he saw the guy already coming at him with a metal bat in hand.

The guy's body glows with a red hue, it was evident that he's also an Awakened.

Kyran grabbed the guy's wrist before he twists it to the side, his small figure is contrasting with the monstrous strength that he got from turning into a Werewolf.

The guy widened his eyes in surprise as he got slammed to the ground.

But during this moment, the guy manages to hit Kyran's leg and making him also fall to the ground with him.

**BAM!**

Both of them started to struggles on the ground.

Kyran is trying to stab the guy with his dagger while the guy desperately holds onto Kyran's hand trying to prevent Kyran from stabbing him.

They both roll on the ground trying to get the upper hand.

After struggling because of their even strength, Kyran manages to catch the guy by surprise and stabbed him in the chest.

"ARGHH!", the guy shouted in pain.

Kyran quickly covers the guy's mouth as he stabs the guy again ending his life.

He then falls to the ground with heavy breaths, the guy is also has a peak rank three power making their fight event.

Thankfully, although the guy is an Awakened he didn't use spells.

Kyran felt lucky because the guy is afraid to make a scene and put the authority's eyes onto them, it will be disastrous for the market.

After calming himself down, Kyran glance at the fat man.

The fat man is still vomiting, red puddles started to be made in front of him.

Kyran stands up before he grabs the fat man's collar, "Answer my question now, don't make me kill you"

Seeing the dead guy on the floor,

The fat man then said, "I'm a nobody, the Platchi punished me by making me do this because I took \$1,000 from their warehouse"

Hearing this, Kyran widened his eyes.

He's shocked at how cruel the Platchi's done their thing, it is simply inhumane forcing someone to eat another human being.

Although the guy is in the wrong, it's still wrong to do this.

Kyran then grabbed the fat man's collar again, "Is there another exit aside from the front door?", he asked.

"I don't know", the fat man said.

Getting no answer from the fat man, Kyran then looks around.

He can't find anything aside from this place that is used for the fat man's punishment, the other room is empty.

After finding nothing, he then decided to take a gamble.

"This should be the other side", Kyran thought, he positioned his fist before punching the wall to create a hole for them.

Crash!!

Kyran tries to create the hole as silent as possible.

He manages to create a wall but he doesn't know if the guards heard him, he then grabs the fat man and left the place.

Not long after, the guard went inside.

He saw what happened inside before they contacted the others to report to them what just happened here.

Kyran on the other hand is already back at the rooftop.

He's surprised that the dark power that he somehow got can be used on others too, the fat man got blended in the dark by his power.

The guard can be seen looking around the streets trying to find the fat man.

"Guide me to their warehouse", Kyran ordered as he packs his stuff, he takes back all the traps he set up and put them in a black bag.

The fat man looks at him and said, "You sound young, are you a prodigy from the other families?"

Hearing this, Kyran didn't answer.

"Guide me to their warehouse", he said again completely ignoring the fat man's remark.

Knowing that Kyran is not answering him, the fat man then nodded his head before he guides Kyran to the warehouse.

Both of them dashes in the night like a shadow.

Kyran is carrying the fat man while jumping through buildings, he needs to be wary to not get spotted by the police around or even other Awakened.

It's the rule here to not use powers in public places.

After about twenty minutes of jumping through buildings silently, both of them finally arrive in a place that is quite far from the public district.

This place is only filled with factories for businesses.

Some factory workers are still working to give food to their families by arriving early.

Kyran then arrives in a factory that is completely dark, it looks like the factory is not operating yet because it's almost morning.

There are two warehouses in front of him, both look the same.

"That one, it's where the Platchi's inventory resided", the fat man said while pointing to the warehouse on the right.

Hearing this, Kyran went inside the right warehouse and tossed the fat man to the side.

Kyran looks around and found many boxes in the warehouse, he wanted to check what's inside when suddenly.

BEEP!!

The place suddenly lit up just as Kyran wanted to check the box.

In a hurry, Kyran takes a long box that is placed on the backside.

The long box is different than the others, it looks completely ordinary as it is only made of wood, unlike the other boxes that are made of metal.

Kyran then glances at the fat man on the side that is crouching on the corner.

He looks afraid and pale because of the incident before and now, it is completely sad to see which makes Kyran pity him.

Without even looking back, Kyran then dashes outside.

'I'll just leave him be, he probably won't do anything judging from how the Platchi treated him', Kyran thought as he left the place.

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The next morning,

Rex and Adhara are training inside the training hall, they are both just done sparring.

Now, they both are working on themselves.

"You become quite good with the dagger, I assume you learn them from Edward?", Rex asks, he saw how Adhara's body moves beautifully with a dagger in her hands.

It would've never happened if Adhara didn't train hard for this.

Hearing this, Adhara blushed before she said, "Of course, I'm your right hand remember?"

Adhara said that with a warm smile on her face, it makes Rex's heart stopped for a second as the weird feeling came to him again.

Rex looks at Adhara with hazy eyes.

They both are currently in a private room that the university just made to accommodate top-rank students, it's not much but it's still better than none.

'System, this feeling will be a hassle for me. Can you remove it?', Rex asks.

He can't be feeling like this all the time when he's around Adhara, he can't hold it in every time the feeling that emerges.

Rex is also a man.

Adhara saw Rex's eyes that suddenly turns violet, it shocked her because of how sudden it turns colors as if it's normal.

She also feels the weird vibe around them, Rex is inching closer to her.

Just before the vibe becomes even more intense, Rex's phone rings disturbing both of their weird moments with each other.

Rex shakes his head, he walks away while answering the call.

"Hello? Who is this?"

"Rex, this is the old man you meet before"

Hearing this, 'Old man?', Rex thought in confusion.

But then, he suddenly realizes who he's speaking to, "Oh! Sir Principal, How may I help you?", Rex asks.

The old man that Rex is speaking to turns out to be the Faraday University's principal, the one he met before leaving Faraday University.

"I'm just checking if you have come to a decision yet"

Rex pause for a moment, he looks to Adhara who is also looking at him, and said, "Yes, but I have a slight condition if you're willing to hear me out"

"Say it, this old man will surely do in my power to accommodate you"

"It's nothing much, I just want another student transfer there with me. Can you do that?"

The principal laughs, he then said cheerfully, "Of course, the student that is recommended by you is certainly a genius. We can arrange that too"

"Great, then I'll take your offer. I'll send you the details after this"

After agreeing to transfer to Faraday University, Rex looks at Adhara and said, "Pack our stuff, we'll transfer to Faraday University in a bit"

Rex then walks past Adhara as he wanted to resume his training.

But then, "I'm not going to transfer to Faraday University, I'll stay here", Adhara said completely shocking Rex.

Hearing this, Rex turns his body with a confused look.

Adhara never denies him like this before, or at least he didn't expect Adhara to deny his decision.

"Why? We'll be stronger there", Rex said.

With the promised benefits offered by Faraday University's principal, both of them will be strong faster compared to the training here.

Not only the benefit but also the facilities there are out of the world.

Adhara looks at Rex with a complicated expression before she said, "I'm not going, I'm staying here at Ochyra University"

'What happened to her?', Rex thought.

He studied Adhara's expression before he said, "Are you hiding things from me again? We agree that we will never hide things from each other"

"What about you? You never told me you got scouted by Faraday University", Adhara rebutted.

Hearing this, Rex was at a loss for words.

He knows what Adhara said is true but he thought that his thing is not that important, "Did you get approached by Ochyra University too?"

From the way she's speaking, there's no way that she will be this stubborn out of nowhere.

Rex suspects that she also got offered something that can entice her into being like this, everything has a reason is what Rex believes.

Both of them looks at each other, the tension started to rise when suddenly,

RING!

Rex's phone rang again, he kept it ringing while maintaining eye contact with Adhara before he finally answered it.

"Who is it?", Rex asks.

"REX! Something bad happened!", the person on the other side shouted.

"Edward? What happened? Did you get attacked or something?", Rex asks in confusion, he's shocked by Edward panicking

Edward then said hurriedly, "I hope that were the case but this is worst, it's about Kyran"

"Did he got caught?! How could that happened?!", Rex asks, he can't think of anything bad enough other than that.

Adhara approaches Rex with a shocked expression, she heard something about Kyran and she started to worry for him.

Edward denied, "It's not that, it's about..."

Hearing this, Rex gasps cold air.

He can't believe what he's hearing right now, "He WHAT?!"

Chapter 145 Massive Problem

That night,

A fat man runs hurriedly from the warehouse, his run is slow but he put his all into it fearing that he will be caught.

'If the Platchi know what I did, I'm done for', the fat man thought.

He ran out of the factory, all he wanted is to flee this place and just forget that any of this ever happened to him and live a simple life.

Taking Platchi's money, he completely regrets all of that.

The fat man's eyes darted left and right, he can hear people approaching the warehouse. Their shouts can't be heard by the fat man because he's already quite far.

If somehow he'll get caught by those people, then he will surely be tortured and killed without mercy.

He manages to run to the streets, he saw a car passing by.

This makes a smile appear on his face, he picks up the pace and runs faster but before he can shout a hand grabbed him from the side.

The fat man was shocked as he got flung to the side.

"Damn it! Who the fuck is it!", the fat man groaned as he rolled on the ground, his arms started to bleed because of the momentum he got flung to the side.

From the side, three people approached him.

These three people are wearing white uniforms with golden ornaments, a red scarf wrapped around their necks, and a silver weapon on each of them.

The weapons are not ordinary weapons, they emit power that even the fat man can feel it.

Even he, a normal person can feel the raging power within the weapons.

Looking at them, the fat man's face went pale.

"Who...Who are you?", the fat man asks with a trembling voice.

Just from the eyes of these three people, the fat man knows that they are people that he can't mess with even if he has a thousand lives.

A woman with long dark green hair stepped on the fat man with her heels.

She looks down on the fat man as if she's seeing a shit, her disgusted expression says it all.

Her piercing eyes look at the fat man making him gulp, "Honey, you messed up our plan. So we have a few questions for you, I hope you answer them well", the woman said.

"I will tell her the truth if I were you, she's pretty scary", the guy on the side added.

Hearing both of their sayings, the fat man instantly knew that he can't just run off from this even he's also an Awakened.

'I'm fucked', he thought.

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Rex busted into his house in a hurry, Adhara also follows behind him completely clueless to the situation they are in right now.

"Where is he?", Rex said while looking left and right.

Edward approaches him with Kyran on his side, Kyran is holding his head down.

Rex looks at Kyran with a hint of anger, but he knows that it is also his fault for hurrying this, "Didn't Edward told you what you're objectives are? Why did you make contact?"

"It's the perfect moment to sneak in, and also I know where their warehouse is because of it", Kyran defended.

But under Rex's glare, he can't keep his head up.

Looking at Rex that is about to burst in anger, Edward steps up and told him, "Let's go to the other room, the thing is inside"

After saying that, both Edward and Rex went to the other room.

In the room, they saw a long wooden box that looks ordinary sitting on a table.

Edward signals to Rex, he nudged his head towards the box signaling Rex to see what's inside the box himself.

Rex walks slowly towards the box, he doesn't know what he expects to see in it.

He stretched his hand as he opened the box cover, the content inside the box makes his eyes widened in surprise.

Thud!

The box covers fall to the ground making a thudding sound.

Rex scrunches his face with his hands in shock as he sees the content of the box, he then looks at Edward with a disbelieving look.

"Yeah, there's three very high-ranking wind spellbooks. One offensive, one defensive, and one powerful enhancement spell", Edward explained.

The inside of the box turns out to be very powerful spellbooks and a bunch of stones that came alongside it, they hit the jackpot.

But although they hit the jackpot, their faces are grim as they look at the spellbooks inside the wooden box.

Rex looks down in thought before Edward said, "You know what this means right?"

"Out of all the content in the warehouse, Kyran can take, he just have to choose this one", Rex said in frustration, he can't believe another massive problem fall into his lap.

He already checks the spellbooks and the stone with the system, and it is true.

All of these is indeed very powerful wind element spellbooks, it needs at least a rank seven Awakened to even learn these spells.

Edward leans on the wall with a grim expression, "We have to give it back"

"How?! That warehouse will be filled with people searching for this!", Rex shouted, his emotion is erupting right now.

He got enough problems and now he got a new one.

A very bad one at that too, it's simply catastrophic for their current state.

Edward looks at Rex seriously, he then said, "We can just leave the box near the Platchi's market, they will find it then and all of it will go back like normal"

Hearing this, Rex waves his hand and went out to the balcony.

He's getting fresh air and calming himself down, 'What should we do, this is an emergency', Rex thought with a frown.

The content of the box is three very powerful wind spellbooks, only above rank seven can use it.

The Platchi family is just the 25th in the rankings, and they are lead by Duncan Platchi who himself is a rank seven powerhouse.

But Duncan is a fire Elementalist,

This means that the box they took from the Platchi's warehouse is meant for someone else, and knowing the content they are certainly powerful people.

The Platchi won't dare put these spells in the market, they will be attacked by many interested forces if they did that.

So Rex is certain that this is for someone else, the Platchi only acts as a courier to be lowkey.

It is certain that a higher rank family than the Platchi is behind all of this.

With Rex's current state, he is having trouble dealing with the Platchi let alone going against a stronger family than them.

Rex sits on the floor with a frown, he's thinking hard about what to do.

About ten minutes later, Adhara went out to the balcony and found Rex sitting on the floor in thought.

"Rex...", she called.

Hearing this, Rex looks back with a questioning look.

Adhara then approaches him as she sat beside Rex, "What's going on? Did Kyran do something that troubles you?"

"He took the wrong fucking box! Just one day into his mission, ONE DAY! and he makes many mistakes!", Rex shouted in frustration.

It started to overwhelm him, the situation they're currently in.

Adhara wraps her arms around Rex's neck as she stares directly into his eyes, she sits on Rex's lap while gazing at Rex's eyes, "Calm down, explain to me what's so bad about what Kyran did"

Hearing this, Rex then tells what Kyran did from start to finish.

Adhara widened her eyes in surprise, she also got shocked by the situation they're in.

"We'll be wiped out if they found out we're the one that takes the box, they're too powerful for us to fight against", Rex said with a frown.



He inhales a deep breath trying to calm him down.

But then, Adhara said, "Let's just put the box in that place, where the Ogre lives"

Rex widened his eyes in realization, this will at least buy them some time to think about their strategy, "The Cluster Domain! That's a good idea", Rex said.

He then went inside the house before he met Kyran sitting on a chair.

There's a trace of blood on Kyran's mouth, 'It seems Edward punished him again'

Seeing Kyran is hurt sitting on the chair, Rex then tells Adhara to take a towel and soak it in warm water.

Rex finally calmed down, "Hey, you okay there?", Rex asks.

Kyran raises his eyes to meet Rex before he turns his head away, he seems to blame himself for what he did.

Rex then kneels in front of Kyran before Adhara gives him the towel.

He brushes the bloodstain on Kyran's face gently, "It's my fault that I hurried your mission, so don't blame yourself for it"

Hearing this, Kyran's eyes lit up.

"Tell me, did someone see you take the box?", Rex asks, he needs to know who knows about all of this.

Kyran then said, "During my observation on the market, I manage to sneak inside and found a man there. He said that he's punished for doing crimes against the Platchi, so I took him out of there after killing a guy guarding him"

Rex listens to Kyran's story, he tried to listen attentively to any details he said.

"Then when I interrogate him, he said that he know where the warehouse is. So I told him to guide the way. But just after I get there, the alarm rings and I was forced to take anything near me which brings me to taking the wooden box"

Edward, Rex, and Adhara are listening to him.

Ryze is already put in the other room, he's not a part of this so he's excluded.

Rex then said, "Did you kill the guy?"

Kyran shakes his head in reply, he didn't kill the guy before because he looks pitiful.

Looking at this, Rex shakes his head.

"He hates the Platchi! So there's no reason for him to tell the Platchi about this, I'm certain of this", Kyran said trying to defend himself.

Rex glance at Kyran and said, "He doesn't have any reason, but he still knew about this"

"They will link his disappearance with the timing of you taking the box, he will be targetted and be questioned no matter how far he runs", Edward added.

"Even if he got caught, he will never tell the Platchi about it!", Kyran said desperately.

He's trying to justify what he did to at least lessen the blame, but all of this will only react to the opposite of what he's trying to achieve.

Rex sighs, "How do you know he will not tell the Platchi? If he got tortured he will certainly spill the beans"

"Even if he's dead in not telling the Platchi, other forces that wanted the box will surely find him too and make use of his information", Edward added.

Both of them are lecturing Kyran about how things work, everything he does has an implication.

That is why both Rex and Edward are trying to tell Kyran that he needs to think this through, all of his decision will have implications.

Kyran realizes that both Rex and Edward are educating him, he then nodded his head.

There's no point in arguing, he knows that it's his wrong.

"That is why I need to be ruthless sometimes. I don't kill if I don't have to, and I see your hand is not trembling despite you just killed another man yesterday", Rex said.

He saw Kyran's hand is calm despite killing another man.

This is something a teen like him shouldn't get used to, this little details got caught by Rex.

Hearing this, Kyran looks at his hand in shock.

Rex then added, "Don't be someone you didn't want, if you don't want to kill others then don't bring other people into your problems"

Kyran looks down as he realizes that he got used to killing humans just after killing one man.

Right before Rex went out of the door, he said, "Leave the killing to me"

Chapter 146 He Really Didn't Lie

Leaving the house,

Rex then said to Adhara and Edward, "Edward, I need you to do something. I want you to go to Emham Forest, and go to exactly where I tell you"

He tells Edward about the Cluster Domain, he told Edward that it's a secret place.

Hearing this, Edward didn't question Rex because he trusts Rex in anything he does whether it is bad or good.

Rex thought that him going there will be a bad idea, his face is known by many.

Edward on the other hand, he's from Faraday University so surely there are not many people who know about him in this area.

"Adhara, you will go with me to try and find out who we're dealing with here", Rex said.

From the wooden box content, Rex got one lead.

The powerful spellbooks are for Wind Elementalist, so to find who they're dealing with they need to find the wind element-based family that has many powerful Awakened.

Edward then added, "If you're searching for Wind-based families, you can just search it on the internet. They're famous, so surely you can run them down"

After saying that, Rex nodded his head.

But when Edward wanted to leave with the box, Rex said, "Edward, be careful. Watch your six, they might already know we're the thief"

If that guy Kyran said is really got caught by their enemies, then he will surely give out the details about Kyran's posture.

Kyran is wearing an all-black outfit, his face is covered by a black mask leaving only his eyes to see. And assuming that there's an Awakened that is able to trace Kyran, then they will surely be on their tails in a bit.

Edward nodded his head before he put the wooden box in a black bag he brought to put his uniform, he then goes to Emham Forest.

After he left,

Adhara went inside and told Kyran to not leave the house after giving him contact lenses Rex bought from the system, it's too risky for him to roam around.

There are many Awakened with high perception, his eyes will certainly give him away.

So that's why Rex bought two turquoise contact lenses to change Kyran's eyes color, it will at least become an extra layer of caution.

Then, Rex and Adhara went to the university's library.

They both occupy a quiet room and started to do their research, they need to find who they're dealing with quickly.

"There're seven-family candidates that may be the one that owned these spellbooks, it's the Granlor, Atkins, Seaton, Shelford, Reed, and Quentin family", Rex said.

He saw the rankings online and there's a list of them, these are all families with Wind Element affinities.

Adhara then replied, "Which one has many powerful Awakened"

Rex looks at the lists," Based on these lists, the Atkins, Reed, and Granlor have many Awakened above rank seven. It will be between these three"

The Atkins, Reed, and Granlor are ranked 9, 11, and 17 respectively.

They are all more powerful than the Platchi's who is ranked number 25, it will be between these three that owned the spellbooks.

"How do we know which one is it?", Adhara asks with a frown.

Rex is also confused, he didn't know which families have a connection with the Platchi to make them a courier for their valuable spellbooks.

'The Spellbooks seems new, so that means there's a pioneer making behind it', Rex thought.

He then opens the notification when he scans the three spellbooks, he didn't read it all because he's too focused on confirming if it's real or not.

<Supreme Spell: Field of Endless Storm>

A supreme magic spellbook that can only be learned by rank 7 or above Wind Elementalist, it will create a domain of storm that will enhance the caster's stats multiple times. It will also allow the caster to transport around the domain turning the caster's body into wind.

Reading this, Rex frowns because he can't find the maker of the spellbook.

He then told Adhara to call Edward and asks him to see the maker of the book, it's a crucial lead for their research.

"Edward, can you see the pioneer that makes the spell", Adhara asks on the phone.

Edward answered whisperingly, "Do you need it now? I'm still on public space"

"Yes, we need it right now", Adhara replied.

After saying that, Edward can be heard moving to a quieter place before he got back on the phone and said, "It's...Shane Thompson"

Edward found the maker not in the spellbook, but inside the box.

There's a black paper with the name 'Shane Thompson' on it, he found it weird for a spellbook to not have the pioneer who makes it written in the spellbook.

"There's no maker written in the spellbook, I found the name from a black paper inside the box", Edward added, he found it weird so he decided to share it.

Hearing this, Adhara immediately hangs up and tells Rex the name.

Rex then searches the internet and found no records of a pioneer called Shane Thompson, he instantly slouches his back helplessly.

'I can't get these kinds of information on the internet', Rex thought.

Adhara also tries to find Shane Thompson to no avail, she can't find them too.

Both of them fall into thought, finding information about someone who can create a powerful spell like this certainly can't be found easily.

Rex massages his forehead with a frown, he can't think of how to find this.

But then, he suddenly remembered something, 'I have no choice, I need to ask help from him', Rex thought.

He then dialed a number before he put the phone on his ears.

Ring...

After ringing for a couple of times, the person on the other side answered, "Rex, What is it? Do you want to move in right now?"

"Sir Principal, I want to ask you a favor. I'll certainly pay it back", Rex said convincingly.

But then, the principal intervened, "What are you talking about, if you have something to say just say it. This old man will certainly hear you"

Hearing that the Principal is welcoming, Rex then said, "I want to ask you a favor of finding a pioneer called Shane Thompson..."

"Shane Thompson huh", the principal replied slowly.

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Meanwhile, Edward is on the train.

He didn't want to use his car because it can get tracked, that's why he decided to go to Emham Forest by train.

It's not that far, but the train is safer.

Edward is currently wearing a denim jacket with a white T-shirt, his face is covered by a black hat, and there's a black bag in his hand.

It looks ordinary but if people know the content, they will throw up blood.

The is full of people, Edward decided to ride the economic train with many people inside. He wanted to blend with the people to avoid suspicion, it will also act as his shield.

No Awakened will dare attack him with so many people around, the UWO will not like that.

The train started moving as Edward fixed his hat,

But then, he suddenly senses that someone is looking at him too long for them to just be daydreaming on the train.

Edward sneakily glances at the man and finds the man who turns his head away.

'Are they following me? There's no way we got caught so fast right?', Edward thought as he planned his way of escape.

Just after the train stopped, the people started to go out.

At the exact time, Edward immediately ducks down and goes out of the train while sticking close with people.

He then senses that the man is looking for him, 'He's following me!'

Edward then walks while ducking down making other people look at him weirdly, he saw a stall that sells clothes.

Without even the stall keeper seeing, he takes a black hoodie and puts it on.

He threw his denim jacket in the trash can before he puts on the black hoodie, his move is so smooth that no one caught his move.

After he does that, four people arrive at the stall and look around.

Edward saw this before he pulls his hat down and calmly walks away, 'There's more than one of them, I need to leave this place fast'

He then went towards the Emham Forest,

There the security checks him and confirms if he's an Awakened or not, Edward shows them his fire powers before he walks inside.

"Hey you, wait a minute", One of the guards called.

Hearing this, Edward turns to his back slowly and said, "Is there something wrong?"

Edward tries to be laid back and looks natural, he's smiling innocently as he looks at the security that is approaching him.

The security then asks, "What's in the bag?"

"The bag? It's my weapon of course", Edward said calmly, his expression still looks natural without a hint of panic.

Hearing this, the security squinted his eyes and said, "Show it"

Just after hearing this, Edward puts the bag down and opens it.

While he put his head down, his facial expression changed into a brutal one in a split second.

He then opens the black bag and revealing a wooden box, the security frowns when looking at this as he grabs the gun on his side.

Edward's moves are slow, he opens the wooden box cover slowly.

Just when the security's heart started to beat, the wooden box got opened revealing two red daggers that are emitting a red hue.

"It's just my weapon", Edward said while taking out his daggers.

Seeing this, the security sighs a sigh of relief and said, "Sorry for taking your time, please continue"

Edward smiles and said, "No worries, keep up the good work!"

The spellbooks are already moved by Edward to below the wooden box, it's just a precaution if somehow he must let someone see inside the black bag like this.

Thankfully, he does that and manages to fool the security.

He then walks inside Emham Forest where Rex told him, 'A hollow hole between a broken tree that is crushed by two boulders', he thought.

Edward looks around and saw two big boulders from the corner of his eyes.

Seeing this, Edward's expression lit up as he dashes towards it but suddenly,

**BAM!**

A gunshot suddenly was heard from his right as Edward changed trajectory mid-way, his reflex is fast as he avoids the gunshot.

From the side, four people appear out of nowhere.

These four people are the four people that are following him on the train before, Edward remembers their faces clearly.

"I finally found you. I'll admit that you're good, we almost lost you there", one of the guy said that is standing in front.

He looks like the leader of the group.

Edward scans all of them and notices that the guy talking is the strongest, from the aura leaking from his body Edward deduces that he's a rank five Awakened.

'I'm cornered, I need to go to that hole', Edward thought.

He's stealing glances at the hollow hole that Rex told before,

Rex told Edward that when he entered the hole then he will be safe, the hole can shelter him if anyone manages to catch up to him.

The leader saw Edward glancing to the side, "Thinking of running?"

"Who are you?", Edward asks ignoring the leader's remarks, he still doesn't know who these people are.

The leader smiles sinisterly, he then said, "We're here to capture you, We will use you to lure Rex out and then we will kill him"

'Catching me? Then that means they're not after the spellbook', Edward thought.

He's afraid that these people are from the powerful family, if they were then Edward will have little to no chance of fighting them off.

The leader then signals the other to catch Edward.

Seeing this, Edward prepares to make a run for it with all he had towards the hole.

His body burns with fire as his muscle bulged, he wanted to dash to the hollow hole but the three already appear beside him.

But then,

ROAR!!!

BOOM!!

The three guys got flung to the side after getting hit by a club, it was too sudden that it caught them off guard.

Edward widened his eyes in surprise,

He looks towards the thing in front of him with a shocked expression, 'He really didn't lie, how the heck did he find this creature'

Chapter 147 Edward Meeting With Ugrok

Edward looks at the creature in front of him in shock, he can't believe that Rex manages to suppress his inner demon and spare a Supernatural.

The creature in front of him is a Cyclop, Ugrok.

Ugrok roared menacingly as his roar creates a pressuring force making the leader and his goons to be shocked, they can't believe what they're seeing.

'A Cyclop?! How did it manage to get here?', the leader thought in surprise.

Four of the men that got flung away by Ugrok are hurt, Ugrok's club swats the right of their chests making them hard to breathe.

The leader frown as his body burns with fire, it instantly raises the surrounding temperature.

Right on the back of his right hand, there's a rune glowing brightly on it.

The rune is different than Rex's black lightning rune and Adhara's purple fire rune, this one is complete as it glows brightly.

'He really is a rank five Awakened', Edward thought.

He then looks at the Cyclop that is towering in front of him, 'Can he beat a rank five Awakened?', Edward thought.

Ugrok's eye turns red as the vein on his body bulge, his tusks, and horns become sharper and thicker as his body also becomes bigger.

Edward looks at Ugrok as he can see Ugrok's body emits a dark-yellow hue.

Looking at this, Edward was surprised as he can feel the similarity between Ugrok's dark-yellow aura and Rex's white hue.

If Rex was to saw this, he will certainly get shocked.

The dark yellow aura that Ugrok emits turns out to be a higher form of Force, in term of Force Ugrok manage to surpass Rex and able to manipulate the dark-yellow force.

Without wasting a second, Ugrok dashed towards the leader.

The leader widened his eyes as he can feel Ugrok's aura threatening to overwhelm him, "Fire Magic, Sea of Fire!"

SWOOSH!!

The ground suddenly got enveloped by fire, it scorches the surrounding trees but Ugrok's movement is not hindered at all.

His body is enveloped by a dark yellow force barrier that blocks the fire from the leader.

"What?!", the leader gasp before he jumped to the side.

CRACK!

Ugrok swings his club madly as it destroyed many trees, the power behind his swing cannot be underestimated even for a rank five Awakened like the leader.

While Ugrok is fighting the leader, Edward sneak to the side.

He went to the injured men that got hit by Ugrok earlier and kill them off one by one, he doesn't have any mercy for people that threatens to kill him just a minute ago.

The daggers inside the box got put to work, it pierced all of the injured men without exception.

All of the injured men got killed instantly by Edward.

BOOM!



The leader suddenly went past Edward as he crashes into a tree on Edward's side, he got hit by Ugrok's attack.

Ugrok's body is burning with fire,

The dark yellow barrier got breached by the leader's spells, a rank five Awakened spells are also not to be underestimated after all.

But the weird part is that his body is fine, he didn't get hurt by the fire at all.

The leader struggles to get up, his body is bruised and bloodied all over after getting hit a couple of times by Ugrok.

ROAR!!

Ugrok roared, his roar is loud and it makes the air tremble.

BOOM!

A powerful soundwave was created by his roar as it flattened the trees around, it's completely powerful making the leader crosses his fiery arms in front to block it.

The leader got pushed back even though he tried to stand his ground, the soundwave is strong enough to push him back even when he's on guard.

Right after the soundwave ended, the leader saw some changes in Ugrok's body.

Ugrok's red skin started to emit intense heat, tears started to flow down from his eye but they got dissipated instantly by the heat.

If Rex is here, he will instantly know what Ugrok is doing.

It's the skill Ugrok uses for one last powerful attack, it even manages to injure Rex before.

Seeing that Ugrok's power is rising by the second, the leader went pale as he wastes no time and runs away.

Edward wanted to run after him but the leader is too fast.

'Shit he ran away, he's going to get us later', Edward thought with a frown, he knows that he needs to kill the leader but he can't do it.

He's not strong enough.

If not for the Cyclop, Edward might get captured by them.

'They must be a team sent by the Platchi, they want to use me to lure Rex huh', Edward thought but then he heard something approaching him from the back.

Thud! Thud!

Ugrok approached Edward and stop right in front of Edward, his red muscular body is covering Edward's vision as Ugrok's eyes look down on him.

Edward started to sweat, he can feel Ugrok's piercing eyes.

Ugrok sniffed Edward a couple of times before he said, "Ugrok think you smell familiar"

Hearing this, Edward immediately answers, "I'm sent here by Rex, I want to put this bag inside the secret place right in that hole", Edward points at the hollow hole.

Seeing this, Ugrok then signals Edward to follow him.

Every time Ugrok steps, it will make a thudding sound because of his weight.

One can tell that Ugrok becomes stronger than the last time Rex was here, he might even beat Rex if Rex didn't turn into a Werewolf.

Edward follows Ugrok to the hollow hole.

He can see Ugrok's big body got engulfed by the hollow hole, he hesitated for a moment before he stretches his hand inside the hollow hole.

In there, he can feel his hand got transported somewhere else.

It's a little colder on the other side, and he can't describe it but the other side is certainly different than where he is now.

After checking that it's safe, Edward then enters the hole.

What greeted him is the same scenery as before but this one is empty, he can't feel any living thing aside from Ugrok sitting by the campfire and another one.

Edward approaches Ugrok when suddenly,

"Woohoo!!!"

A red skin toddler not older than one year old appears out of nowhere, he's running left and right with a smile on his face.

Edward saw the toddler run left and right, he's speed is fast for a toddler.

"Dyrmir, come sit down and eat the food Ugrok make", Ugrok said while signaling the red skin toddler to sit beside him.

Hearing the word food, Dyrmir eyes lit up.

In a flash, he runs toward Ugrok and sits beside him as if nothing happens.

Edward looks at Dyrmir blankly, he can see that Dyrmir has lightning-based power judging from the blitzing lightning that appears while he's running.

He looks at Dyrmir weirdly because Dyrmir has two eyes.

"Is he your son?", Edward asks hesitantly, he sees the resemblance but the eyes make him confused.

Ugrok glance at Edward and replied, "Dyrmir is Ugrok's son, he's a half-human"

Hearing this, Edward nodded his head as the two eyes finally become clear. Turns out Dyrmir is a half-human and half-cyclops, which explains his odd body.

Edward didn't get angry or anything, Ugrok manages to survive despite Rex knowing the half-human.

This means that Rex trusted him, and Dyrmir is not a bastard kid that is forced into this world.

Ugrok then asks, "What is in the bag?"

Edward raises the bag and said, "It's something that Rex told me to put here, you must not open it or Rex will be mad"

Rex also already told Edward about Ugrok and Dyrmir, he told Edward that both of them are under Rex's mercy so threatening them using his name is okay.

After Ugrok put the black bag inside the hut, "What is your name?"

"You can call me Edward, I'm Rex's best friend", he answered, he then checks on the time before he sits back beside the campfire.

Edward then said while staring blankly at the fire, "I'm leaving when it's clear, until then I will be staying here"

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Meanwhile,

Duncan is sitting in his office as usual when suddenly his phone rang, he lazily picks it up and puts it on his ear.

"Who is it?", He said lazily.

The person on the other end then said hurriedly, "President! We got a situation, a very bad one!"

"The spellbooks! They're gone from our inventory, someone took it!T", the person on the other end added with a trembling voice.

Hearing this, Duncan stands up from his seat in shock.

He then shouted, "They WHAT?! HOW CAN THIS HAPPEN?!"

"The alarm rang and our men went there immediately, but when they got there the box is already gone"

Duncan widened his eyes in shock, his fingers are trembling as he heard every last word from the phone, "Did they find anything? any leads at all to who stole it?"

"They said they saw three people wearing white, they also wear red scarfs on their necks. One of our men told me that he saw them right after the alarm rang"

Hearing this, Duncan slammed the phone ending the call.

He sits back on his chair in thought, 'Three people wearing white, who are they?'

After a couple of minutes thinking, he then dialed a number unwillingly, 'It's better to report this to them than them getting to know it themself'

The phone rang for a bit, then the other side answered.

"Sir, I'm sorry for the inconvenience but the Spellbooks got stolen by three people in white", Duncan said with a hint of fear.

He's sweating while saying this.

The other side got very angry hearing this, but to Duncan's surprise, he didn't get any punishments.

The person on the other side only lashes out at him and curses him, but after that, he said to Duncan that there's nothing he can do to prevent it.

The person then told Duncan to help them search for it, and he also said that it will be dangerous.

Duncan was surprised but he still thanked the person.

After ending the call, Duncan then can relax a bit, 'It seems the higher rank families are on the move again, the thief must be a powerful one'

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Rex and Adhara are currently in the car heading somewhere.

They both are wearing formal clothes as they speed through the streets, it seems they're going to a fancy place.

"Adhara", Rex called.

Adhara is looking at the passing scenery before she tilts her head to the side, "What is it?"

"You know we can tell each other anything right?", Rex asks, he still wanted to know why Adhara doesn't want to move to Faraday University.

Hearing this, Adhara turns her head away, "Hmm"

"So, can you tell me the reason you're not willing to move to Faraday University? You can tell me the truth", Rex asks.

Adhara went silent for a moment, she bit her lips while avoiding Rex's gaze.

After a couple of silent minutes, she finally opens her mouth, "They told me that if I stay they will regrow my father's hand. Although I hate him sometimes, I still want to make him go back to the way he used to be"

Rex frowns, 'Turns out they offer to help his father, no wonder'

He then asks the system, 'System, is there any item that can restore a normal human's hand?'

<Yes, Body Restoring Pill can restore a normal human's hand at the cost of 5,000 gold>

Reading this, Rex was surprised by how expensive it is but it's not that expensive to where he will lose all of his gold to buy it.

After confirming with the system, "Move to Faraday University with me, I will restore your father's hand myself"

Adhara looks at Rex with a shocked expression, "You can do that?"

"Just trust me on this", Rex said with a gentle smile, the system's shop has everything so nothing is impossible for him.

He will not be surprised if the system's shop even has an item that can resurrect the dead.

Rex pats Adhara's head gently, this act makes Adhara blushes lightly as she held her head down.

Because of Rex's action, Adhara can feel a warm feeling crawl up to her chest making her feel more needed by Rex.

This makes her look at Rex who is driving with a new light.

'Just maybe, I can really lean on him'

Chapter 148 Amethyst Hotel And Shane Thompson Report

After researching what they can find on the internet about the three families, Rex and Adhara went out of the library.

The principal of Faraday University agrees upon giving them a favor.

While Rex is expecting to hear from him soon, the principal suddenly asks them to meet him in person because he already got the answer.

This greatly shocks Rex and Adhara, it was too easy for him to find this kind of information.

Rex and the principal agree to meet at a six-star hotel restaurant near Ochyra University, it's the Amethyst hotel that is the people's favorite hotel.

The hotel not only gives service to normal people but can also accommodate Awakened, they are also known for accommodating celebrities because of their high-end services.

In short, the Amethyst Hotel is a well-known hotel in this sector.

Rex and Adhara arrive at the hotel, tidied their clothes, and walks out of their car.

Rex is wearing a black tuxedo that Adhara forced him to buy a couple of hours ago for this meeting, it perfectly hugs his body inching his muscular posture, he also wears cologne that adds to his masculinity.

Adhara, on the other hand, is wearing an O neck red dress that teases the eyes for its scenery, the dress also exposes a gist of her long slender legs, and is added with red high heels to match Rex's height.

Her hair is tied to a bun, her silky white neck is bare boosting her beauty.

She wears natural makeup with dashing red lipstick to match her dress, many eyes laid on her as soon as she walks out of the car.

Rex glance around before he held Adhara's waist and walk towards the entrance.

The hotel is full of luxurious cars and high-end people, it's really a hotel for successful people whether they are an Awakened or not.

"Excuse me, I'm here for a room booked by Vargas Pierce", Rex said to the receptionist.

Rex got messaged by the principal the name of the room booked by, he doesn't know who Vargas is but he just follows the Principal's instruction.

Hearing the name, the receptionist instantly bowed and lead Rex and Adhara.

The hotel is dominated by the color of white, grey, and black.

It brings a classy feeling to the design of the hotel, the floor is made of grey marble, and the walls are white and decorated by unique lighting that is pleasant to see.

Rex is lead to a room in the restaurant section after passing a pool, the room is on the second floor.

The receptionist stops in front of a massive door that looks like it will lead to a hall, and when the door opened it really is a hall.

In the middle of the hall is a dining table, there are two people there.

Rex saw the principal and another guy standing on his side, they both stand up when they saw Rex and Adhara arrive.

The receptionist politely closes the door as Rex approached the dining table.

"Ah, Rex Silverstar, Welcome", the principal said while stretching his hands out for a handshake as Rex also stretches out his hand.

They both shake their hand, the principal is delighted to see Rex.

Rex then said, "Vargas Pierce, is that your name if I may ask?"

Hearing this, the principal laughs politely and replied, "Now that you mention it, I never told you my name"

"Yes, My name is Vargas Pierce", He added with a smile.

Vargas's eyes then landed on the beautiful woman beside Rex,

Adhara is like a magnet that pulls any man's eyes towards her, she's simply stunning even for an old man like Vargas.

"So this must be the girl you've been talking about, Adhara Alpenore", the principal said while he approaches Adhara.

He takes Adhara's hand gently and politely kisses it, "Greeting ms Adhara, my name is Vargas Pierce and I'm also your future principal", Vargas said with a smile.

Adhara nodded her head and smile back politely, "It's a pleasure to meet you, sir Vargas"

After introducing themselves briefly, the waiter comes inside the room and serves them food, three plates of potted crabs and salmon got serve in front of each of them.

The smell of rich food instantly penetrates their noses.

"Before we get down to business, let's just enjoy our food for a moment", Vargas said as he signals the other to eat the food.

Adhara and Rex look at each other briefly before started eating too.

They're in a rush but they just can't rush Vargas, he's the one doing them a favor so this much is something they can bear.

While they're eating, the man beside Vargas hasn't moved a single inch.

His expression is also didn't change, just like a robot, he stood beside Vargas unmoving. He seems to not get distracted by anything that comes in his way.

Vargas noticed Rex stealing glances at the man and said, "Don't worry, he's an assistant of mine"

"If you're asking why he's not joining us, that's because he's still in worktime so you don't have to worry about him", Vargas whispers with a slight chuckle.

Hearing this, Rex also chuckles politely.

While the three of them are eating,

Kyran is sitting beside a window in thought, he's still guilty for what he's done and he's trying to find a solution for the problem he brought.

The night breeze brushes against his face as his eyes glisten.

He then takes a piece of paper and writes down all of the things that he remembers from that night, anything that he felt and experience even to the smallest details.

The paper in front of him started to be full of writings,

Kyran writes all of the events happening that night from his observation, him kidnapping the Fatman, and the incident inside the factory.

He never saw Rex got angry, in his eyes Rex is always calm and collected.

Every of Rex's moves is filled with confidence as if everything is under his control, but today his emotions burst.

This can only mean that the problem is far greater than what Rex is used to facing.

That is why Kyran wanted to help him no matter how small his contribution is, he doesn't know if he does it for Rex or for easing the guilt inside his heart.

But whatever it is push Kyran to try and help Rex.

While all of these are happening, Ryze is in the other room snuggling on the floor.

If one looks closer at him, one will see tears falling from Ryze's closed eyes as he sobbed softly in the other room alone.

Back to Amethyst Hotel,

"Adhara here is also a rank four Awakened, so she will be a boost to the Faraday University's power and she might be able to win against Kevin", Rex said proudly.

Hearing this, Vargas's eyes lit up.

He looks at Adhara with an excited expression and said, "Can you show me your element?"

After getting a confirmation nod from Rex,

Adhara gathers her mana and focuses it on the palm of her hand, purple fire started to blaze on her palm as it lights the place purple.

Seeing this, Vargas leans on the chair while staring at the purple fire.

Rex can see the shock Vargas felt just from his facial expression, "Marvelous, this purple fire is certainly a peak great element", Vargas said.

He gasps in surprise as he looks at the purple fire.

The purple fire dances on Adhara's hand like a beautiful lady teasing Vargas, he's mesmerized by the purple fire.

Adhara then distinguishes the purple fire as she positioned back her seat.

"With both of you joining our university, our rank will certainly rise", Vargas said with a laugh, he's so stoked that Rex and Adhara are joining his university.

His slightly wrinkled face can't hide his happiness, he even looks younger.

Adhara didn't comment on this, she already accepts that she's moving to Faraday University.

Because Rex promises her that he will restore his father's arm, then Adhara doesn't mind following Rex to Faraday University.

After a while,

Rex and Adhara already finished the starting dish as they wipe their mouths, the food is really delicious but that's not what they came here for.

"I'm sorry Principal, but can we talk about Shane Thompson while we're eating", Rex asks.

Hearing this, Vargas stopped his eating and signal the waiter that is standing on the corner to leave the room and give them some space.

After the waiter left, Vargas takes out a brown report.

He put the report on the table and pushes it towards Rex, "Everything you need to know about Shane Thompson is inside that report, his birthplace, his record, his connections, and even his current settlement. They're all there", Vargas explained.

Rex immediately opened the report and saw that it's true, everything is in there. He asks the system to scan it, he's afraid that someone will take it.

He then hands the report to Adhara before she puts the report in her bag.

Rex notices that Adhara's movement is stiff and her breathing is not steady, she sometimes held her breath, 'She's nervous, she has to get used to this', Rex thought.

Just when Rex wanted to thank Vargas,

Vargas intervened, "Rex, Are you in somekind of trouble?"

Rex is stunned hearing this, he was caught off guard by Vargas's question as he stares at Vargas' eyes maintaining eye contact.

It was intense eye contact, even Adhara gulped because of this.

While Rex and Vargas are making eye contact, Rex uses this intense eye contact to think of an answer.

It's a habit of his, he tends to stop and stares at the other party directly in their eyes when he's thinking of an answer.

After a brief moment, Rex then said, "Everything is under control"



Vargas squinted his eyes as he stares at Rex's, he then said, "I like that eyes of yours, it reminds me of my old self, Fierce and Unwavering"

Rex wanted to reply but got cut off again, "But don't fall to the same mistakes I did, I lost my daughter because of it", Vargas said before he breaks eye contact.

Just when the atmosphere becomes gloomy,

"Well I'm sure that you won't make the same mistake, you make the right decision in asking me", Vargas said before the assistant suddenly leans and whispers to him.

After hearing what his assistant said, Vargas then looks back at Rex.

He then said, "It's been nice dining with you but unfortunately I have to go, so please enjoy the rest of your dine"

Vargas and his assistant vanish after saying that.

Just after they left, Adhara instantly slouches on the seat as she can feel the tension disappear alongside both of them.

"Adhara, did you sense any malicious intent from them?", Rex asks.

Adhara will be his right hand and he will bring Adhara whenever he got a meeting like this because Adhara can see the emotional aura of a person.

It will be useful for these kinds of meetings.

Adhara then replied, "There's a hint of sorrow when he told about his daughter, but from start to finish I don't see any malicious intent from him"

Hearing this, Rex nodded his head.

Rex chooses to ask Vargas is because Vargas wanted them to join Faraday University, and if they both died then he will be at a loss.

Because of this, Rex took advantage of Vargas and he feels that Vargas knows it too.

It's a win-win for both sides, Rex gets the information to save him and those close to him and if he survived Vargas can take advantage of his power for the university.

Just when Rex and Adhara were about to leave.

'Hmm?', Rex frowns when he suddenly feels three powerful auras around him.

Rex wanted to escape as he pulls Adhara to the window, but when he's about to jump a wind barrier materializes in front of him preventing him from jumping out of the window.

He got pushed back by the wind barrier, 'They trap us', Rex thought.

"Rex Silverstar, I believe you have something that belongs to us", a woman voice crept into Rex and Adhara's ears.

Rex looks to his back and saw three people.

He scans the three of them before he instantly throws away the option to flee, 'I can't run from this', Rex thought.

## Chapter 149 Turning The Table Against Atkins Family

These people in front of Rex that are wearing white uniforms are very strong people, especially the woman that seems to be the leader of the group.

Rex already scans the three of them, and he's shocked by their powers.

The two guys beside the woman are a peak rank five Awakened, and they're both Wind Elementalist just like the woman.

But the woman is the troublesome one, she's an early rank six Awakened.

Rex has seen stronger Awakened than the woman like Vargas before, but he never sees a rank six Awakened fight.

He doesn't even know how an Awakened raise to rank six.

'This is bad, they already catch up to us', Rex thought.

This group of Awakened in front of Rex is certainly the one associated with the spellbooks Kyran stole, it's easy to guess because the three of them are Wind Elementalist.

With a straight face, Rex held Adhara's hand and walks towards the dining table.

In Rex's head, he's thinking how do they catch up so fast to no avail.

He pulls the seat for Adhara before he sits beside her, he then gestures the woman to sit in front of him, "Please", Rex said.

Seeing Rex's nonchalant expression, the woman frowns but she still sits in front of Rex.

The smell of the woman instantly pierce Rex's nose, the wind carried a woody scent of the woman towards Rex's nose.

Its smells instantly got remembered by Rex.

After sitting, the woman then repeats herself, "I believe you have something that belongs to us, Rex Silverstar"

"What might that be?", Rex said with a stoic expression, he already bought a transferral crystal from the shop.

Just when they're talking, a waiter comes in with food in hand.

The waiter was shocked when he saw three unknown people sitting inside this booked room, he wanted to go out to talk to the manager but got stopped.

One of the guys appears beside him and prevents him from opening the door.

Looking at the waiter's scared expression, the guy smiles maliciously but Rex already signals to the waiter to put the food on the table.

The tension is rising as the waiter puts the food with trembling hands.

After putting the food on the table, Rex gesture the waiter to stand beside him.

The waiter obeyed Rex's gesture and stand beside him, his body is shivering as he looks down to his feet in fear.

Rex then proceeds to cut the steak in front of him and repeats himself, "What might that be? Jane Atkins"

From the internet before, Rex finds the main family members of each family he suspected.

And from that research before, he saw this woman in front of him, Jane as the direct descendant of the Atkins Family.

Her hair is dark green like a tree leaves, it's a well-known natural trait from the Atkins family.

They are the ninth rank families and are a very powerful family.

Hearing this, Jane laughs sweetly.

Her cold piercing eyes then look at Rex, "Don't play games with me, Where are the spellbooks you stole from us?"

Rex bites a slice of steak as if he's not being cornered, he chews the slice of steak with a surprised expression, "What a tasty steak, Don't you think so?"

Adhara looks at Rex ghastly, she doesn't understand Rex's way of thinking.

Hearing this, Jane's face darkened as the guys beside her click their tongues, "I'll ask you once again, Where are the spellbooks?"

Rex then raises his eyes to meet Jane's, "You barge in here without even bother hiding your identities, aren't you afraid of getting exposed?"

"By a kid like you? I can kill you with a twist of my fingers", Jane said arrogantly.

Rex scoffs, he shakes his head thinking how stupid a descendant of a high-ranking family can be.

Seeing this, Jane's anger boils like a volcano.

She grabbed the table's edge and throw the table to the side roughly,

**BAM!!**

Adhara stutters as the table got flung crashing to the wall, it broke to pieces instantly.

But Rex's expression didn't change a bit, he's still staring at Jane with his stoic looks as if the act of intimidation by Jane is nothing.

Jane then stands up, "We are from a family of a different dimension, you and your group of kids dig the wrong hole to play with"

While Jane is saying this, the aura behind her started to take shape.

Rex looks at the aura and realized that it is not an aura, it's more like some kind of different energy that resides inside Jane.

It's like there's another living being inside of Jane.

The energy started to take shape of a monstrous bird made of wind, it creates an illusionary image in front of Rex as it roars menacingly on top of hundreds of dead creatures.

Rex also stands up from his seat, he's looking at Jane and the bird calmly.

"If you don't tell me where you hide the spellbooks, I will bring hell's fury to your little group of kids and everyone around you that doesn't even understand the world you're entering", Jane threatened as the monstrous bird on her back give a powerful pressure to the surrounding.

Adhara's got pressed to the ground as the seat she sat on break, she got pinned to the ground.

Rex on the other hand is the focus of the pressuring energy coming out of the monstrous bird, but to Jane's surprise, Rex didn't fall to his knees.

His expression didn't even change although inside, Rex is surprised.

'That bird, is that what makes an Awakened enter rank six?', Rex asks the system.

<Yes, for an Awakened to reach rank six they have to assimilate themselves with a spirit. After merging with a spirit, they will unlock powers beyond their imaginations>

Reading this, Rex then asks the system again, 'That bird and the fire serpent I will get from the quest, which one is stronger'

<The Fire Serpent is a spirit that has already lived for five thousand years, the bird in front of the user is only a toddler compared to the fire serpent>

Hearing this, Rex smiles.

He got useful information from the encounter with the Atkins, he thanked them for that but he still has to get out of this alive.

Rex reaches to his pocket inside his tuxedo.

But just when his hands moved,

**SHRING!!**

Two swords already pointed at Rex's throat like a flash, the two guys on Jane's side move fast as they point their sword at Rex's neck.

Rex stopped for a moment before he slowly takes out his phone.

He then shows the picture of the box with the spellbooks in it and said, "I got what you are looking for, I have three of your spellbooks"

Jane looks at the photo before her eyes fall on Rex again.

"My men accidentally took your spellbooks, we didn't intend to steal the spellbooks", Rex said slowly.

Hearing this, Jane then commanded, "So give it back!"

While saying this, there's a playful smile plastered on her face.

Rex smiles mockingly, he looks at Jane and said, "Unfortunately, I'm not that naive. If I give it back, you will kill me isn't that right?"

"I can just kill you right now and find your accomplices", Jane said as he signals the two guys to kill Rex.

But then, Rex hurriedly intervenes, "If I die, my accomplice will give the three spellbooks to the Reed Family. There's also one of my accomplices that will tell the UWO about the spellbooks, Shane Thompson made this book which means these are unlicensed spellbooks right?"

Jane widened her eyes in surprise, she can't believe that a brat like Rex thought all of this.

While Rex and Adhara are researching about the families in the library, Rex already thought many things about why these spellbooks are created.

He concluded that if what he assumes is correct, Atkins, Reed, and Granlor are the family behind this.

There's a high chance that a cold war is going on between them.

And by the rankings of said families, the Atkins and Reed are the closest.

If the spellbooks are for the Atkins Family, then if Rex threatened to give them to Reed Family the Atkins might be afraid because Reed can take over their position.

The spellbooks are very powerful, so they will bring a huge impact.

This is all just Rex's theory but seeing that Jane's troubled expression, he's surely not far off from the real thing.

That's just one thing he thought of, Rex also thought of an alternative if that doesn't work.

While he's surfing the internet about the high-rank families, he also stumbles upon a law created by UWO that each one of the 25 families can only have 1 unlicensed spellbook.

The other spell their members use needs to be officially stated, if not they will be sued and punished.

The UWO uses this law to control the power of each individual family, they can't just let them create a spell on their backs and not know about it.

It will be a disaster to the balance if that were to happen.

So these three powerful unlicensed spellbooks will certainly drag the Atkins down, they will be punished even if their family has greatly contributed to the war.

Rex saw the hesitant expression on Jane's, "If you got caught, the direct descendant of the Atkins family will be sued for 50 years of prison. Considering you're the top 10 families, the sentence will be cut by half and if you use your connection you'll probably get 10 years of prison"

"That is enough time for the Reed and the Granlor to surpass you, right?", Rex said with a mischievous smile.

Jane's body trembles, Rex's expression makes her boiling in anger.

"Why don't you find out if I'm telling the truth or not? I'm at your mercy here", Rex mocked.

His calm and stoic expression makes Jane even more hesitant.

The two guys that point their swords at Rex are looking at Jane for confirmation to kill Rex, but that confirmation never comes.

Jane then signals the two guys to stand down.

She then gritted her teeth unwillingly and said, "What do you want?"

The two guys steps away from Rex, Adhara also got back on her feet as she saw all of this happened right in front of her.

She's amazed by Rex who can be calm and collected in front of such a crisis.

If she's put in Rex's shoe, even if she knows all of this she will probably not be able to be as calm as Rex and be killed.

Rex and Jane stare at each other, the tension grows once more.

But this time, Rex is in the upper hand while Jane got cornered by Rex's statements.

Rex tidied his tuxedo as he checks if Adhara got hurt, his eyes then looks back at the group before he said, "There's no point talking to you, I want my terms to be heard"

Hearing this, Jane looks at Rex in confusion.

"I want to talk to the boss", Rex added.

Jane was taken aback by Rex's request, 'He wants to talk to father? A student like him has the guts to talk to my father?', Jane thought in surprise.

While looking at the stunned Jane, Rex held Adhara's arm.

The both of them then walk past Jane and her goons, Rex also didn't forget to stop beside Jane and said, "When I said the boss I mean Wesley Atkins"

After saying that, Rex walks to the waiter.

Without batting an eye, he kills the waiter instantly by bursting his head.

'I'm sorry, you're just in the wrong place and at the wrong time', Rex said in his heart as he leaves the waiter's corpse.

He already saw how the two guys looking at the waiter with malicious intent.

If he let them deal with the waiter, then the waiter will not die a painless death but rather a very painful one.

After doing all of that, Rex and Adhara leave the hall while Jane is frozen on her spot.

Chapter 150 Vampire Ritual

Supernatural Territory, Vampire Kingdom.

Inside Solomon's castle,

There's a big hall that is spacious enough to hold thousands of people without it being cramped, there are many shivering humans inside it.

Many of them are not hurt, but the stares of many vampires around them greatly scare them.

The vampires around them create a circle with the humans in the middle, all of their eyes are glued on the humans as they gulp roughly feeling the blood flowing inside them.

It's like ecstasy, the vampires are growling and dripping with saliva.

For them, these many humans in front of them are torture as if there's a group of helpless prey in front of them but they can't touch them.

This greatly makes them angry as the blood makes them crazy.

From a door on the hall's right, comes Solomon and Nezera walking gracefully inside with their wings spread majestically.

Their black and red wings are beautiful, and it emits great energy.

Upon them entering the hall, the growling of vampires stopped as they started to move back to make way for the both of them.

Solomon's red eyes glance left and right, he nodded his head as he saw the humans that got brought back are more than his expectation.

"So what is this ritual you speak of?", Nezera asks as her eyes glance at the crowd of humans coldly.

She looks at the group of humans with clear anger, it's like she's unwilling to stay or even breathe in the same room as humans.

Solomon chuckles, "You'll see"

After saying that, Solomon then flaps his wings making him levitate in the air.

He then looks at the other vampires that are already eager to strike, "My people, you may begin!", he said while signaling the vampires to strike.

Hearing Solomon's command,

**GROWL!!**

All of the vampires around the humans growl as they pounce at them, they move like maggots gnawing on corpses.

"AAHH!!"

"DON'T PLEASE! THAT'S MY SON!"

The cries of humans getting attacked by vampires filled the hall.

It's a massacre, none of the humans are Awakened so they stood no chance against the vampires that have at least a rank five power.

Nezera looks at this scene with a frown, she looks at Solomon and said in confusion, "Isn't this the same as a normal feeding? What kind of ritual is this?"

Solomon chuckles again, he finds Nezera's confused expression funny, "Just watch"

After seeing Solomon smiling mischievously, Nezera becomes even more curious because Solomon rarely gets this cheeky.

She studied the massacre in front of her trying to see the differences from normal feeding, she watches carefully as the vampires bite each of the human's necks.

While watching the massacre, Nezera realized that there's something different.

Nezera saw that each of the humans got bitten by the vampires once, it's weird because the vampire left a bitten human unwillingly.

As if they're forced to not bite a bitten human again.

After a while, the vampires went back to their usual position as the humans stick together in fear.

Blood dripped from the vampire's fangs as they got a sip of blood from the humans, although this is still far from enough.

All of them are still unwilling but under Solomon's glare, they can only obey.

The humans are all already got bitten by the vampires right on their necks, the bite mark on their necks are two bloody dots that didn't hurt the humans that badly.

It can be seen through their expression that is filled more with fear than pain.

"Let the ritual begin", Solomon said as his eyes turn red, he then stretched his arms as the blood on each of the human's necks started to float on top of them.

The humans unconsciously cover their bite marks.

They can feel their blood got sucked by Solomon's power, it didn't hurt them but it just feels weird and wrong.

With a wave of Solomon's hand, the blood creates a giant rune on top of them that are made of hundreds of weird symbols.

The rune is red in color, and it shines the hall in red.

Looking at this, Nezera looks at it with awe.

She can feel the rune is a power that she never feels before, the word ancient crosses her mind as she looks at the red rune.

Solomon started to chant weirdly as he closes his eyes, the chanting uses a language that even Nezera didn't understand.

The language comes from ancient times,

He got this ancient language after asking Nolahula again, it's a self-made chant.

After finishing the weird chant, Solomon's eyes opened.

**BOOM!**

Red shockwaves came out of his eyes as it hits all of the humans in front of him, "By the Origin of Blood, You all will fall under my family!"

**SWOOSH!!**

Right after he said that the human's body started to glow red.

The rune above them spat red energy that started to envelop the humans, it makes the vampires and even Nezera held their breath.

The red energy is like ancient energy that completely froze them.



It's similar to the energy of their origin themselves, it gives them a feeling of comfort and sacredness that makes them didn't dare to utter a single sound.

Under the red energy, the human's eyes glow red.

Screams of pain and agony started to fill the hall, it's like a melody for the vampire's ears.

The human's bodies started to make a slight cracking sound, their fangs started to get longer, and the blood inside their bodies started to flow out from all of the holes of their bodies.

"AARGHH!!"

Solomon and Nezero watches all of this with marveling eyes,

The scene in front of them is beautiful for them, it's like watching a beautiful person teasing their eyes in the night.

Not long after, the human's scream reside.

While the humans transform, many of them died as their bodies can't endure the painful and gruesome transformation.

About three-quarters of them died, only a quarter of them survived.

But when the humans that survived stands up, Solomon and Nezero widened their eyes in surprise seeing the creature they transform into.

"This, I can't believe what I'm seeing", Nezero said in surprise.

Solomon smiles sinisterly as he saw the creature in front of them, "It worked, It worked, It bloody worked! The origin has blessed us!"

All of the surviving humans transform completely, they're not humans anymore.

Their skins become paler than a corpse, their teeth become razor-sharp, and their eyes become piercing bloody eyes.

All of the surviving humans turned into vampires.

Their eyes darted left and right in confusion as if they didn't remember who they were before, their humanity vanishes alongside their transformation.

Sniff, Sniff!

The newly transformed vampire's attention got caught by the blood around them.

The blood that came out of the dead humans entice them, they feel weird as they look at the blood that started to look tasty in his eyes.

They unconsciously gulp, they started to feel an unbearable thirst as they seeing the blood.

Solomon then said with pressuring aura, "You can drink their blood, you can drink as much as you want",

He then smirks, "Welcome to the family"

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Rex and Adhara went out of Amethyst Hotel in hurry, they immediately went to their cars and leave the place.

On the road, Rex is thinking while Adhara is silent.

'Thankfully I manage to fend them off, one wrong move, and I could die', Rex thought, he's relieved that he manages to get out of that situation.

He got caught off guard by the Atkins sudden appearance.

Even now, he still didn't know how the Atkins can track them down so easily. It's shocking for them to find Rex so fast, they didn't even try to find Kyran who stole it.

"Who are you calling?", Adhara asks.

She saw that Rex is calling someone with a frown.

Rex drives the car hurrying to his house, "I'm calling Edward, we need to secure all of our weaknesses that can be exploited by them"

The phone rings for a while, and Edward didn't answer the phone.

'Where is he? Why is he not answering the phone?', Rex thought, he didn't worry about Edward because he trusts Edward's skill.

After about half an hour, Rex arrives at his house.

He and Adhara went inside the house and found Kyran already waiting for them.

Kyran approaches Rex and Adhara with a paper in hand, "Here, I tried to remember everything that happened that night and this is all I can remember"

Rex takes the paper and reads it,

He scans the writings carefully and frowns when he saw something, "Three powerful presence?", Rex thought.

"Are the three Awakened more powerful than me? Can you try and remember how they compare to my power?", Rex asks.

Rex frowns when he suspected something, he suspected the Atkins is the one Kyran felt.

Hearing this, Kyran then tried to remember what Rex told him before he said, "I don't know about the other two but one of them is certainly stronger than you"

Adhara and Rex looks at each other,

'Why are the Atkins at the warehouse when the Platchi is tasked to deliver the spellbooks to them?', Rex thought in confusion.

Adhara also thought of this before they both suddenly realize something.

"The spellbooks are not for the Atkins!", they both said in realization.

If the spellbooks are for the Atkins, it didn't make sense if the Atkins is there when Kyran stole the box that contains the spellbooks.

The only explanation is that the Atkins is also there to steal it.

Kyran is just there at the wrong time and took the wrong box, which explains why the Atkins are angry when they meet Rex before.

"If the spellbooks are not meant for the Atkins then who is it for?", Rex said.

Adhara also frowns as she also fell in thought,

Now they only got two suspects, it is either Granlor or Reed Family.

Rex leans towards the Reed family because their ranks are closer with the Atkins, it makes more sense for the Atkins to intercept the spellbooks that are meant for Reed Family.

After thinking for a while, "Where is your father?", Rex asks Adhara.

Hearing Rex's sudden question, Adhara then answered, "It's a bit far from here, we need at least six hours to go to my father"

"We'll go tomorrow, so prepare to depart", Rex said.

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Meanwhile,

Edward is still in the Cluster Domain, he's still waiting for a while because he wanted it to be safe before he went out.

He wakes up from his sleep when he saw the little Cyclops sitting on top of him.

Edward is surprised, he looks at the Dyrmir and said, "What are you doing? Get off me"

Hearing this, instead of getting off, Dyrmir started to jump on Edward's stomach while laughing as if what Edward said is funny.

"Mister, Why are you no red?", Dyrmir asks.

Edward got annoyed, he wanted to get Dyrmir off of him when suddenly Dyrmir turns into a bolt of lightning and appeared on Edward's left.

Dyrmir is holding Edward's phone with a slight chuckle.

Seeing this, Edward stands up and started to run after Dyrmir but he can't quite get a hold of him.

"How did a fucking Cyclop have a lightning affinity, this is stupid", Edward thought in annoyance, he's too lazy to activate his element to run after Dyrmir.

Just when he's about to give up, Ugrok caught Dyrmir and takes Edward's phone.

He then gives back Edward's phone, "Dyrmir is a kid", he said.

Edward takes his phone back before he looks at Dyrmir still running without a sign of exhaustion, "Is he normal? Do Cyclops have a probability to have a lightning affinity?", he asks.

Ugrok looks at Dyrmir too and said, "Ugrok also shocked, it should be impossible"

Both of them look at Dyrmir who is still running left and right, they both are looking at Dyrmir helplessly.

He then glances at Ugrok and said, "Did Rex knows about him? I'm surprised Rex didn't chain him up"

Ugrok shakes his head, Rex didn't know about Dyrmir.

Rex will be shocked when he saw Dyrmir, the last time Rex's here Dyrmir is still sleeping and not this active.

'Maybe I should tell Rex', Edward thought.