

## Full-Moon 381

Chapter 381 Black Maple Tree

After assigning the descendants to bring the hundreds of captured humans back to Eqosa City, and also escort the survivors in the other city to Eqosa City.

Rex was about to leave them to check out the secret route.

It's not a part of his plan,

At first, he was just going to send the descendants back to Eqosa City while he himself will head to the Supernatural territory, he's going to get the spirit for Adhara.

Since Adhara already brought the topic, it'll make him feel bad to not bring the spirit.

This is why he will head there to finish the quest real quick and take the spirit, he also needs to check the shop to buy a spirit for Kyran who is also nearing the peak fifth rank.

It's not a surprise if he is even already in the peak fifth rank realm,

'My body is hurting all over, fighting two companies of Undead on the same day seems a little bit too much', Rex thought with a wry smile.

He then takes a huge breath disregarding the soreness and pain around his body,

The scene where Adhara is lying on the bed waiting for him flashes in his mind, this makes him open his eyes slowly as he looks up at the night sky, 'I just want to sleep after this...'

But right after thinking that, a flash of Rosie captured by Ana also comes to mind.

'I can't... I need to hurry rescue Rosie, I don't even know what she's been through all this while', Rex thought as he sigh and intend to leave for the secret route.

Rex's eyes then pulled to the side and saw Dray approaching him,

"Dray? What do you want?", he asks impatiently as he just was about to leave.

Hearing this, Dray stutters for a moment before he shakes his head, "Be careful there, you might just immediately meet the Werewolf reinforcement"

"Don't worry, I can handle it", Rex said as Delta dashed away leaving the descendants.

While Delta is leaving the place as her body got smaller the further she dashes away, Dray kept his eyes on them before he finally sighs after they disappear from his vision.

Velten then suddenly approaches from the side, "Are you okay?"

"It's nothing really...", Dray mutters lightly.

But upon seeing the drained expression Dray is wearing, Velten then said, "Is it about the Rusalka before? I saw you're troubled by what Rex was about to do"

"Does he needs to do that? He was about to really do it if not for that woman", Dray asks.

This makes Velten smile lightly as he said, "You're from a good family and since you're the second in command here you must be from the higher rank of the Golden Crest Family, so you might still have some empathy for the Supernatural"

"In the SCO, we are taught to not feel the slightest bit for the Supernaturals"

"It might sound cruel for the first time, but it's better to be safe than sorry. The things that the Supernatural does is inhumane, if you give them a chance then you will be surprised. I'm sure Rex knows that very well"

"Just trust me when I say this, the Supernatural can be really wicked too"

Hearing this, Dray frowns before Velten taps his shoulder and leaves.

A moment later,

"Is that the black maple tree?", Rex asks pointing at a pure black tree in front of him.

The tree is literally black completely starting from its trunk all the way to the lush leaves on its branches, it looks bizarre but it blended well with the surrounding place.

Looking at the tree, Gistella then nodded her head, "Yes, that is the tree"

After Gistella confirms it, Rex jumped down from Delta's body which takes about one full second since Delta's body is towering right now and might even be bigger than Gerrard's white lion.

They're currently inside a swamp miles away from the city of Undead,

It's very damp and dark in the swamp but it's not a problem for the three of them, the swamp also has a murky river with the sounds of mutated animals that can be heard all around.

Rex approaches the black maple tree which is in the middle of the river,

Based on how the black maple tree's trunk submerges inside the river, it should be not too deep since half of the black maple tree is out of the water.

Upon arriving at the edge of the river, Rex stopped as he looks at the murky water.

"The trees here are infused with death energy and they're toxic upon touch, we must go through the water to reach the tree", Gistella said lightly from the side.

Hearing this, Rex frown as he looks at the murky water which is even darker at night.

Although he's not scared of water, the last time he found murky water it's still engraved into his brain until now which is hard to forget.

It's the time when he's in a swamp beside Zrolis City,

There's a cursed snake that manages to sneak on his back without him noticing even with his enhanced senses, it's quite horrifying and he might die there if not for the Green Messenger.

'Damn it, What am I doing?', Rex thought as he jumped into the water.

Just like expected, the water is not that deep as it only reaches Rex's chest.

The plants and vines in the river entangle Rex's legs a couple of times as he made way to the black maple tree, he can't jump over it since the tree branches are lush here.

If he jumped to the black maple tree then he will hit a dozen of branches on the way.

Gistella also said that the trees around here are toxic upon a touch thanks to the infused death energy, and with Rex's condition, he was not going to test the branches just to avoid the water.

Swish! Swish!

The water makes wobbly sounds as Rex moves through the water,

He and the others slowly made their way to the black maple tree, it's not that far but thanks to the Viney plants under the water it makes them very hard to move.

After a moment, they arrived under the black maple tree.

Rex glanced at Gistella as she nodded her head, he then looks back at the black maple tree and put a bit of strength in his legs, and jumped reaching for one of the glowing black leaves.

Pluck!

Right after he plucks one of the black leaves,

Rumble!

The murky water started to tremble slightly making Rex looks down at the water with a frown, he and Gistella then holds onto Delta before she jumps out of the murky water.

Splash!

Rex looks at the trembling water that is starting to glow with a weird energy,

It didn't take long for the water to suddenly creates a vortex as it got drained downwards making Rex looks at the water in confusion, but he realized the water got drained from the entire river.

"What kind of magic is this?", Rex mumbles in confusion.

Hearing this, Gistella then replied, "It's a portal formation to the route the Undead made underground, the formation is made by Great Yolgos"

'That Enchanter made this?', Rex thought in surprise.

After a moment, the water got drained completely leaving not one ounce of water as the ground opened revealing an underground passageway that is quite big.

The underground passageway is wide enough for about twenty or thirty people side by side.

Rex looks at the secret route before he jumped down to check,

Thud!

He landed inside the underground passageway and finds that it's completely dark, but Rex can see clearly and the passageway seems to be very deep.

Rex can't see the end of it which shows that this passageway is miles deep.

Knowing that this secret route was made by the Supernatural, this secret passageway must go at least hundreds of miles as a safer route rather than traveling above the ground.

Gistella also jumped down and landed beside Rex,

After they both jumped down, the entrance to the secret route suddenly closed leaving them in total darkness making Rex frown in concern.

But Gistella then said, "It's okay, if we wanted to get out the entrance will be opened again"

Rex nodded his head in confirmation before he asks, "Where does this secret route lead to? Where is its entry point?", he asks curiously.

Hearing this, Gistella then replied without leaving any details behind, "The entry point is a cave about a hundred miles in that direction, our reinforcement needs to get through the Cessation Knight before entering this secret route"

"There's also a secret route just before this one that leads to two miles behind the Vampire fort, the secret route is made right after the humans' wall got breached by the help of Undead spells. This secret route is also possible thanks to that"

"It's how we sent our reinforcement and also scout the area"

But right after she said that Gistella covers her mouth in confusion as she was explaining to Rex more in detail pouring everything she knows which is unintended.

Rex didn't see this as he asks, "Vampire fort? Do you mean the stronghold in the Great Barricade?"

Gistella nodded her head in confirmation after a brief pause,

This realization makes Rex frown as he didn't expect the Supernatural to move this fast.

Although the Great Barricade has been breached by the Supernatural not too long ago, the Supernatural made this route in that span of time to attack Eqosa City.

If that's the case, there's no telling if other secret routes have also been made.

Putland city might just have another one of these routes since the Demons also attacked the city alongside Eqosa City, the target is clear and it is Ilgate City in between these two cities.

Rex sigh as he looks around the route one last time,

After taking a good look at the secret route and finding that there's still no sign of the Werewolves, Rex then jumped out alongside Gistella as the entrance opened again.

"Let's go back to the others", Rex commanded.

With Gistella leaving the secret passage, the secret passage got closed again.

Even the murky water started to fill the river,

The river went back to the way it was which still surprise Rex, the three of them then went back after confirming that the secret passage Nethuq said is true.

It's not good to stay too long here, the Werewolves might be near.

Rex and the others went the same path as they got to the black maple tree,

While Delta is dashing through the swamp while exposing her aura to the surroundings to make the mutated animals in the forest make way, Rex suddenly senses something.

"Gistella", Rex mutters as Gistella nodded her head.

Without even Rex needing to explain, Gistella and even Delta already know what he means.

Delta kept dashing through the forest but Rex is already put his hand on his silver sword, and right after Delta took another step,

BLITZ!

Rex's body turns into a streak of black lightning and disappears,

The same goes for Gistella whose hand is already glowing with white energy pointing to a figure on their right, the figure's eyes are red as it stalks from the darkness.

But too bad for this figure, Rex's senses are too sensitive and caught its gaze.

Out of nowhere, white energy trapped the red eyes figure halting its movement as it was about to leave when it saw Rex suddenly disappear.

ROAR!

The figure turns out to be a black panther with eyes as red as a ruby,

Rex appears on the black panther's side with the silver sword blitzing with black lightning, he then swings the silver sword downwards powerfully intending to slash the black panther in two.

Before Rex's silver sword makes contact, the white energy disappears right before,

SLASH!

The silver sword cuts through the black panther and splits its body into two, the ground got cracked as Rex's silver sword slams to the ground.

<Killed a peak fifth rank Supernatural, Obtained 1,000,000 Exp>

Rex saw a notification from the system signing that the figure is dead,

But he suddenly frowns when he read the notification, 'Supernatural? It's not a mutated animal?', Rex thought as he glanced at the black panther that is already got split into two.

Upon closer look, Rex realizes that the black panther turns out to be a Supernatural.

The black panther has red lines all over its body with blazing ruby eyes, strangely enough, this one doesn't emit any aura like normal demons.

Rex confused it for a normal mutated animal thanks to that,

If not for the black panther having a hint of bloodlust in its gaze, Rex might've not caught its presence as he did right now.

'Demons? What is this thing doing here?', Rex thought in confusion.

Based on what he knows, the demons should be attacking the Putland city and camping there.

Putland city and Eqosa city are quite far from one another, the Supernatural only wanted to take both cities because they wanted to conquer the city in the middle, Ilgate City.

So it's weird to find a demon here, especially near Eqosa City.

After inspecting the demon, Rex straightens his back as the clear confusion is still etched on his face before Delta and Gistella approach him.

Rex glance at Gistella and asks, "Do you know why a demon would be here?"

"I don't know, the demons should be attacking the other city but they already got defeated", Gistella replied as she is also confused as to why a demon is here.

Shaking his head, Rex then decided to just resume their journey back.

Unknown to them, there's a weird-looking owl on top of a tree watching them with its red ruby eyes that looks exactly like the black panther Rex just killed.

The owl's eyes are ruby red with the same red lines as the black panther across its body.

In the middle of the owl's forehead opened a third eye that looks slightly different based on how its gaze than the owl's own eyes, this third eye looks more fierce.

There's no socket that can be seen on the owl's forehead,

But the third eye suddenly opened out of nowhere, it's almost as if the third eye didn't belong to the demon owl but to other beings instead.

The third eye paid close attention to Rex and the others,

After seeing Rex and the others resume their journey back through the forest, the third eye then closes again before the owl flaps its wings away.

#### Chapter 382 Eqosa City And Edward's Intuition

Rex and the others went back from the secret route,

Nothing happened along the way except for the weird wandering demon that he killed before, the demon still stuck in his mind because it's very odd to find a demon here.

It's like the demon came here for a reason, and he doesn't like this at all.

"That demon only stalks from the darkness, and it intends to run when it saw me disappear. Something is fishy", Rex thought as the cold night wind brushes his face.

Delta is galloping like a wild animal heading to Eqosa City,

Just from afar Rex can already see Eqosa City above the hill beside the forest where Rex fought with Durrant's company before, he even passes that same place.

Rex looks to the side and finds the place is still the same as when he left,

Although the battle scars left by Rex's fight against Durrant's company destroy the place, there are still many impaled corpses that are still standing amongst the rubble.

The tall black cross is also still standing which makes Rex a bit unsettled.

It looks the same as before, but Rex feels that something changed but he just can't quite put his finger on it which makes him a bit dizzy.

But he then shakes his head,

"I'll come back tomorrow to deal with this, the sight is not right", Rex thought as Delta dashes to Eqosa City which is already near them.

Gistella also looks at the side as she remembers the fight they had before,

Now that there's nothing she must do, she started to think about how her world got changed dramatically from coming here to attack Eqosa City to saving Eqosa City.

She even turns into a Werewolf even though she's an Undead before,

While thinking this, Gistella can't help but look up to the moonlight as she feels a weird warmth on her skin coming from the moonlight that teases her senses.

Just from the weird sensation alone, it's clear that she's not an Undead anymore.

It didn't take long for Delta to gallop to the foot of Eqosa City,

Rex saw a couple of Awakened guarding the foot of Eqosa City, the Awakened is not visible as they were hiding but Rex can already feel their eyes looking at him.

Stopping at the foot of the hill, Rex then said, "I'm a part of the descendants that were sent here"

"Rex Silverstar, please let me into the city", he added.

Hearing this, two Awakened suddenly appear in front of Rex clad in a black uniform that almost makes them look like a ninja, "They're quite good at hiding, their presence is the same as Kyran's"

"We've been told to wait for you, please stand here", one of the guards said.

The guard points at a circle on the ground which looks ordinary, but Rex follows the guard's instruction as he's very tired and needs to rest for now.

Even his eyes are heavy even though he's not at a particularly safe place right now,

After stepping on the circle mark on the ground, there's a faint light emitted from the ground before Rex and the others disappear from the place.

They then materialize in front of a tall wall,

Just from the looks of things, Rex already realizes that they're teleported to the top of the hill in front of Eqosa City's wall that looks damaged from the war against the Undeads and Vampires.

Rex can already see a bunch of carcass on his side that are being dealt with,

The stench of death and blood still lingers in the air as Rex and the others made their way to the wall, they are checked by an Awakened before they're let through inside the city.

"Please follow me to your rest quarter, the others are there too", one of the guards said.

Hearing this, Rex signals the guard to lead the way as the guard started to travel into the city with Rex and Gistella on top of Delta behind him.

Assessing the city's condition, Rex is quite surprised.

Some of the city buildings near the entrance of the city are destroyed, just from this alone Rex already knows that the Supernatural manage to break the city's defense.

But the deeper they got, the buildings becomes fine.

This also shows that the Supernatural that got inside the city managed to be fended off, 'I can only feel a couple of seventh rank Awakened here, the city is in a really bad condition'

Aside from that, the city folks here are in bad condition too.

Because of the siege coming from the Vampire and Undead that just ended not too long ago, the city folks can be seen to be starving judging from their bodies' condition.

The guards said that the supply from UWO will arrive in a couple of days.

Rex frown upon hearing this since teleporting the supply here should be a choice, but if that's an option then the UWO will not take this long just to send supply to help this city.

Upon seeing the giant body of Delta,

The city folks look at them with a surprised look, they all gave Rex a smile as he walks through the city street following the guard as they realized another powerful human is here to help.

While Rex is looking around,

"Is it okay if I want to ask you a question?", the guard suddenly asks.

Hearing this, Rex nodded his head as they might just chat before arriving at the resting quarter, "Is it true that your team manage to defeat three companies of Undead including the seventh rank Undead's company?"

"Yes we did, if not then why would we go back here?", Rex replied nonchalantly.

But this makes the guard smile wryly as they resume their way to the resting quarter,

While they're walking leisurely enjoying the night breeze, Rex suddenly remembered something he almost forgot thanks to the fatigue kicking in, "Who's in charge here?"

"It's an Awakened called Raul, Why are you asking?", the guard asks back.

Rex then replied as Delta stops in her tracks, "Bring me to Raul first, I need to report to him about something which he might exploit to kick the Supernatural from this place once and for all"

The guard's eyes widen as he nodded his head repeatedly and leads the way,

It didn't take long before Rex arrives in front of a not too big office, the places filled with Awakened left and right and Rex also saw some black hands around here.

But the black hands are stationed outside of the office ground,

While the Awakened are inside as they talk with each other to take their minds off the desperate times even for a brief moment, 'There's a clear distinction here', Rex thought with a sigh.

Although the UWO and SCO are about to sign the alliance,

The members of the two organizations are still not used to being side by side, Rex can see this clearly by the scene in front of him where Awakened only gather with Awakened and the same goes for the black hands.

Rex then got escorted inside the office ground,

Upon seeing Rex enters the office ground riding Delta, the Awakened and the black hands' attention went towards him as they were surprised to see a Zeragon here.

A powerful one at that too since Delta is a peak sixth rank,



Rex got down from Delta as the guard escorted him inside the office, it didn't take long before he enters a room which should be where Raul's room was.

Before entering the room, Rex took out some things from the inventory.

Just like Vargas' principal room at the Faraday University, Raul's office room is inside the living space that was given to him as long as he defends Eqosa City.

It's quite comfortable for a ruined city like this,

There's no one inside this room after the guard left leaving Rex alone in front of the door to Raul's office, he then puts the things he takes from the inventory and put it by the door.

After doing that, Rex then knock on the door and went inside.

Upon entering the room, Rex can see a middle-aged man wearing a blue turtleneck sweater.

The man is sitting behind his desk while clasping his hands on the desk in front of him, he's looking at Rex who had just entered the room as his eyes scanned Rex up and down briefly before he said, "You wanted to report something to me"

"You also said it's regarding the Supernatural and it can be exploited"

"You're the leader of the descendant so I'm all ears now, speak the thing that you wanted to report to me if it's useful for our situation"

Rex stands in front of the desk before he said, "I found the reinforcement route"

"If you can gather the Awakened and black hands here to go there soon enough, you might be able to ambush the reinforcement and kicks the Supernatural once and for all", he added.

Hearing this, Raul squints his eyes before Rex explained to him

Rex told Raul about the secret passage that he found thanks to Nethuq the astral Undead that he killed before, it should be the same route just like Yolgog said.

"You're saying that we must act now to seize this opportunity?", Raul asks leaning to his chair.

With a serious look, Rex nodded his head as he finds this opportunity too good to pass up.

There's not much opportunity to ambush the Werewolf reinforcement like this, even with the death of the entire Undead company the Werewolf might just occupy the place instead of the Undead company.

If that were to happen, Eqosa City will still be threatened to be seized by the Supernatural.

After deliberating about Rex's proposal, Raul then gaze at Rex as he said, "So judging from the aura coming from outside this room, you manage to kill the three Undead company yes?"

"Including the seventh rank Undead?"

Raul can sense the intense death energy coming from outside of the room,

The thing that Rex takes out from the inventory is Durrant and the other strong Undead's head, Raul might have a chance to doubt his team for killing three Undead companies.

That is why Rex takes those out from the inventory, just to show Raul.

"But even if the three companies of Undead are already gone, the UWO already reported that an army consisting of 10,000 Supernatural lead by three alphas are on the move. It's also expected that at least a quarter of that will be sent here, there's a chance one of the Alpha is amongst them", Raul said with a frown.

Just like the UWO said, the Alpha has an eight rank power,

With the condition Eqosa City is in right now, they will have a hard time defending against an eight-rank Supernatural, especially an Alpha.

Although it's unlikely for any Alpha to go here themselves,

The chance is still there and this might catch them off-guard, it will be a disaster if that were to happen and this city will certainly fall into the Supernatural hands.

Raul suddenly then mumbles, "We have guns with silver bullets from the SCO"

"It can potentially hurt the Alpha but just how can we ambush that Alpha, it will sense our movement before we even started", he added with a frown.

But upon hearing this, Rex then smile, "You don't need to think about that"

"Just gather the Awakened and black hands and take this opportunity to strike the Werewolf reinforcement first, make sure to load the silver bullets up because you'll take at least a huge chunk of their numbers down"

A moment later,

Rex walks out of the office followed by Raul,

He's holding Durrant and the strong Undead's heads in his hand right now as he made a way out of the office where Gistella and Delta are waiting.

"Alright, gather the guys up! We're going the offensive in ten!", Raul shouted.

Upon hearing this, the Awakened and the black hands were caught off guard but seeing Raul is not playing around they immediately started to gear up without any questions.

Rex then mount Delta again as Raul said, "Just leave this to us, and thanks for the information"

"Your mission has already finished when you take out the Undead company, this is not your responsibility so you can just go rest here", he added.

Hearing this, Rex nodded his head as he replied, "Good luck!"

After saying that, Rex then follows the same guard again as he heads to the resting quarter.

His body is already screaming telling him to rest, and he will do just that because tomorrow he still has things to do before going back and he needs all the strength he has.

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Meanwhile, Faraday University.

The door into Rex's room opened as Adhara jolted up from her seat, she immediately rushes to the door and finds Edward walking in weakly.

"Edward! Where have you been!", Adhara asks in worry.

Hearing this, Edward smiled wryly as he looks at Adhara in embarrassment, "I jinxed myself, I got attacked by Hans but I manage to deal with it", he replied.

This makes Adhara fuming in anger but she suddenly saw two figure behind him,

"Hello sister!"

"I'm sorry for disturbing you late at night"

Adhara saw the same girl and old man that she recognized to be Edward's family, they look fine but she can still see their emotional aura is that of absolute shock.

It's obvious that they just went through hell to get here, they're still shaken.

"Come inside, you two must be still surprised by what you've seen", Adhara said lightly as she signals for them to get inside the room.

Adhara called the maids and butlers to tend to Zelene and the old man.

While they're being treated by the maids and the butlers, Adhara pulls Edward before they both sits on the sofa with Adhara looking at Edward questioningly.

After sitting on the sofa near the entrance,

Edward told Adhara about their encounter with Hans, he also told her that he was saved by the black hands that Rex assign to keep an eye on them.

"It seems Rex is thinking of a backup plan", Edward said.

Hearing this, Adhara also nodded her head, "Because of the sniper attack last night, I also starting to think that the Reed Family is not doing their job well"

"Just where did Ari go when he's needed here, we're not sixth rank yet", she added.

But right after she said that Adhara suddenly saw a change in Edward's expression.

Looking at this, Adhara asks him suspiciously, "What are you thinking? Don't keep things from me, you can tell me anything"

"I'm still not sure, but there's a guy that quarreled with Hans that time", Edward replied.

He then continues, "The guy said something about it's not a part of their deal when Hans instructed to kill Zelene, but I didn't think much at first but right when that guy is getting chased by the black hands our eyes met fo a couple of seconds"

"It's familiar... and that guy is also a Wind Elementalist"

Edward then nodded his head in confirmation Adhara widen her eyes as she started to realize what Edward meant, but their thoughts were stopped when they heard a knock on the door.

Hearing this, Adhara gets up and opens the door,

"Adhara, I'm here to apologize. I heard about the sniper attack", a male voice can be heard.

The voice is very familiar as Edward also stands from his seat and went to the door, and upon seeing the man standing in outside of the door Edward mumbles, "Ari..."

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"Ari...", Edward mumbles as he saw Ari standing in front of the door.

There's an apologetic hint in Ari's expression as he bowed slightly and apologized for his absence, "I'm sorry for being absent at that time, I didn't expect someone will be so daring"

"I will immediately find out the culprit to make up for my mistakes", he added.

Hearing this, Adhara and Edward looks at each other with a complicated gaze before Adhara finally replied, "I'll call Kyran, he's the one that saw the sniper so he might be able to help"

"Alright, then excuse me", Ari said as Adhara stepped to the side letting him in.

While they're talking with each other, Edward is blankly looking at Ari from the side,

Feeling the gaze coming from Edward as Adhara signals for Ari to sit on the sofa, Ari then asks when he saw Edward's roughed condition, "What happened to you? Is this because of the sniper?"

There's a moment of silence as Edward only stares at Ari,

Even Adhara stopped in her tracks as she was about to call for Kyran, she even wanted to pinch Edward to make him snap out of his daze.

But Edward then shakes his head, "It's nothing, I went to spar with Adhara earlier"

"Oh, Did Adhara able to beat you this time judging from your look?", Ari said teasingly, he's giving two thumbs up at Adhara which makes her smile wryly.

Edward also smiles as he replied, "She's using her elements, that's why I lost"

After seeing that Edward has already collected himself, Adhara went to Kyran's room to call for him as Edward sat on the sofa in front of Ari.

"The butlers and maids are still here, do you want to drink something?", Edward suddenly asks.

Hearing this, Ari smiled politely as he replied, "Tea would've been great, I'm pretty tired today so it'll be great to drink tea"

"Stuart, Can you please make us tea?", Edward called after hearing this.

Stuart who just got out of a room heard his name being called, he then went to get the teapot from the kitchen before he went to Edward and pour him the tea alongside Ari.

"Thank you...", Ari said as he takes the glass and sips on it.

While Ari is stretching to take the tea in front of him, Edward suddenly catches a glimpse of a blade scar that poked out from the suit he's wearing right now.

It makes his expression darken but he quickly collected himself,

Edward then suddenly asks after Ari puts down the glass, "So, Where were you just now?"

"Sorry?", Ari mumbles lightly.

This makes Edward repeat his question again, "Where were you just now? It's so unlike you to not be around here, and since you came this late at night you must've just finished whatever you're doing am I right?"

"Yeah, Sir Stevanus asked me to do something. I can't really talk about it", Ari replied.

Hearing this, Edward also takes his tea slowly while keeping eye contact, "Huh... You don't say", he said before sipping his tea.

It didn't take long for Adhara to come back with Kyran,

Kyran and Adhara sit among them before Kyran explained in detail about the sniper he encountered the other night, Ari takes notes of all the details as he nodded his head.

"So you're saying he's not an Awakened?", Ari asks lightly.

Hearing this, Kyran looks at Adhara before he nodded his head.

This makes Ari frown as he leans back on the sofa, "If this sniper is not an Awakened and can even match Kyran in terms of strength, then he must be from the SCO, there are no other explanations"

"We haven't even allied with them yet, but now look at how daring they are", Ari added with a mocking tone.

Since the sniper was said to have no elemental aura, then the main suspect will be the SCO which consists of black hands that is strong without using any elemental aura.

It's still a mystery for the others how the SCO operates,

"I don't know what those suckers juiced the black hands with, but they're damn strong as if they're not humans at all! I bet they're doing an experiment using the Supernatural, there's no way a normal person can be that strong aside from Awakened", Ari cursed with a bit of disgust on his face.

But then Adhara replied, "I don't think it's the SCO, why would they aim for Ryze?"

Although what Adhara said is also a point bearing consideration, the real reason she doesn't think that it's the SCO is that Rex is a part of the SCO.

He's even the one that makes this alliance between the UWO and SCO possible,

Edward even got saved by the black hands earlier, it's just unlikely for the SCO to aim for Ryze who is someone without any standing.

It just doesn't make sense,

So by thinking with that logic, the SCO shouldn't have any mix with this mysterious sniper and even if they did then it must be a rogue black hand.

While Adhara and Ari are talking, Edward's mind was still stuck to when Ari cursed about the black hand as his expression turns drained before he leans on the sofa.

"It's weird for you to say that...", Edward mumbles.

Hearing Edward mumble, Ari and Adhara glance at him before Ari asks, "What did you say?"

Edward raises his gaze realizing that Adhara and Ari are looking at him, he then smiles as he waves his hand in front of him, "Oh nothing..."

"I was just thinking about what you said about the black hand earlier", he added.

Ari smiles in confusion upon hearing this,

But then Edward glanced at Ari as he chuckles, "You seem to bore resentment for them and you also said that they're damn strong almost as if you've just fought them, I was just thinking about that. Have you fought one of them before?"

The words that come out of Edward's mouth make Ari's expression stiffen,

Kyran looks at both of them and finds there's a weird tension in the air even though Edward seems to be joking, he's quite confused about the situation.

While Adhara on the other side knows exactly what Edward means,

"You got the details right Ari? It's kind of late, you should go back", Adhara suddenly added from the side dispersing the tension in the air.

Hearing this, Ari stands up politely, "Well then, I bid you all good night"

After saying that, Adhara escorted Ari out of the room before she closes the door light.

Her eyes then landed on Edward who is still sitting tensely on the sofa, Adhara then said, "Based on how he acts, it seems what we thought is true"

"No... It's definitely true", Edward mumbles as his expression turns dark.

Edward's mind is currently piecing up things together as he just confirmed that the figure he met being chased by the black hands before is definitely Ari, there's no doubt about it.

He even came here still with his scars from earlier,

Maybe that's why Ari is wearing a suit or it's just an excuse to say that he just did something for Stevanus, but the fact still stands that Ari is the one beside Hans earlier.

'So that's how Hans manage to find out about Zelene and uncle...', Edward thought.

Now that he confirms Ari is the one beside Hans earlier who's holding onto Zelene, it's clear that Hans got the information about Zelene and his uncle from Ari.

Since Ari is always in Faraday University,

He must've caught Edward and Adhara talking with Zelene and his uncle before meeting with Daniel Burton, there's no other explanation aside from that.

"But Ari is the one that kept Zelene alive, Why is he helping Hans?", Adhara asks.

Hearing this, Edward shakes his head as he replied, "I already suspected him a while ago and we've talked about things, his true aim is to find out how Rex makes you and Kyran strong"

"If that's the case, why are you so angry with him right now?", Adhara asks again.

There's a nasty expression etched on Edward's face as he clenched his hand strongly, even his jaw is clenched as he mutters, "He didn't keep her alive, he just doesn't want to be a part of it"

"And also, if it weren't for him Hans will not know the existence of Zelene and my uncle"

After saying that, Edward stands up abruptly as he said, "I'm going to take Zelene and my uncle to my room, I will feel bad if I let them stay here and disturb you"

Edward then walks towards the room but Adhara stopped him,

"What are we going to do with Ari? He's going to come by like usual and I don't know how to act in front of him", Adhara said stopping Edward in his tracks.

Since Ari turns out can't be trusted, Adhara feels conflicted about how to behave.

She then added, "I can't act properly to someone that I don't like"

"Don't worry, you won't need to act in front of him for long", Edward suddenly said.

Adhara tilts her head to the side in confusion upon hearing this,

But Edward then continues, "I saw the battle scars from before still on Ari, the Reed Family has their own healer so if they're trying to keep it a secret from us then they won't do that kind of dumb mistake for not healing Ari first"

"Then there can be only one thing, Ari is moving on his own. At least under Stevanus radar"

Seeing that Adhara is still confused, Edward then added, "Think about it, why would he risk getting caught by us instead of healing his wounds first. He must be hiding this from Stevanus, and if he's hiding from Stevanus then that means..."

"Stevanus will not like what he's doing!", Adhara exclaimed as her eyes widen.

This brought a smile to Edward's face, "Exactly, this is the length he's willing to go to find out about Rex. If that's the case, all we need is to convince Rex, and with the black hands assigned by him, convincing him is practically done"

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The next day,

Rex woke up on a bed with Evelyn lying beside him still asleep, the sun had just emerged in the sky and he rubs his eyes a couple of times as he collects himself.

Last night after talking to Raul, Rex got escorted to the resting quarter.

The resting quarter for the descendants is a five-star hotel that lies in the middle of the city, it's quite good almost hiding the fact that this city just got sieged by the Supernatural.

Rex meets with Evelyn who is waiting for him in front of the hotel,

She's worried about Rex since Rex is quite drained from fighting two companies of Undead as it's evident by him taking a power nap to rest, that is why she waited for him in worry.

There's also a chance that Rex met with the Werewolves' reinforcement,

With the condition he's in right now, meeting the Werewolves' reinforcement might just spill his doom which is another reason for Evelyn to be worried.

But when Evelyn was asking about his findings,

Rex stopped listening after she asks if the secret route is real, and out of nowhere his body suddenly shut down as Evelyn supported him.

Although he tries to act strong about it, his body is clearly suffering.

No matter how much Rex tried to reach his room first before shutting down like this, the fact that he just got into the rest quarter and may be added with Evelyn's presence made his body just give out in a snap.

This makes Rex feels uncomfortable thinking back to last night,

'That shouldn't have happened', Rex thought remembering when his body gave out last night.

He is currently sitting on the bed after just waking up, his gaze was attracted to the side where Evelyn is asleep soundly beside him.

"At this point, she definitely deliberately does this to tempt me isn't she?"

He then mumbles wryly, "This woman is dangerous, I can't keep letting her like this"

Evelyn is currently wearing the hotel bathrobe as she sleeps defenselessly beside him, the hotel bathrobe can hardly cover much that even her cleavage and her upper thighs can be seen.

Her silky smooth skin and plump body are a sight to see, even for the manliest man.

It will be a lie if Rex didn't get tempted by this at all,

'Fuck, she's really sexy. If only Adhara was the one beside me, I can do her right now!', Rex cursed as he tries to turn his head away from Evelyn's tempting figure.

Rex turns his gaze away as he thought, 'Where's Gistella?'

After looking to the side, he found Gistella sleeping on the sofa just beside the bed as she too seems to be tired especially when she just got turned into a Werewolf by Rex.

It must be overwhelming now that they're not as hectic as before,

But when Rex was about to go out and get something to eat with his stomach grumbling, "Mmmph...", Evelyn suddenly moves her body as she turned toward Rex.

Rex's body stiffens as he looks down at his own thighs,

His eyes widen when he saw Evelyn's arms wrap around his waist tightly as her plump body teases Rex's skin, he is currently in his boxer right now as Evelyn seems to take his clothes off.

The firm yet soft body of Evelyn makes Rex's skin crawl, 'This is bad, I have to move her...'

With Evelyn's body pressing against his waist, Rex can even feel her warm breath on his skin.

"Evelyn, wake up! You're too close to me, stop hugging me", Rex said while rocking Evelyn's body trying to wake her up, but she seems to be deep asleep as this didn't work.

Rex kept trying to wake her up but she suddenly mutters, "Rex..."

"Are you really saying that?", she added while hugging Rex's waist tighter, this makes Rex looks at her in confusion since he heard what Evelyn is mumbling

But then, "You're such a playboy, what about Adhara?"

This makes Rex frown even harder as he saw Evelyn's face turns red as she kept smiling in her sleep, she even rubs her thighs together as she mumbles in her sleep.



Rex's body went stiff when she suddenly mutters, "Fine just this time, but be gentle"

"WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU DREAMING ABOUT! WAKE UP!"

Chapter 384 It's Almost Over

"WAKE UP! WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU DREAMING ABOUT!", Rex shouted as he can't help but picture what Evelyn is dreaming of right now, even his face is flushed because of this.

Hearing the sudden shout, Gistella opens her eyes abruptly.

SHING!

The white energy glows in her hands as she looks around warily, Rex's shout surprises her so much that she even went into his battle mode.

Seeing Rex is up sitting on the bed, Gistella lowers her hands, "Master?"

"It's fine, you don't have to be so alert here. Go back to sleep", Rex said as he smile wryly, he then looks down and saw that Evelyn didn't even budge in her sleep.

It's like her body subconsciously doesn't want the dream to end,

After rubbing his eyes a couple of times frustratedly, Rex moved Evelyn's arms that are hugging him before he went to the bathroom to freshen up and came out of the bathroom

Rex saw that Gistella went back to sleep just like he commanded,

'For fuck sake Evelyn, you're giving me a hard time right now', Rex thought as he rubs his flushed face roughly, his eyes then landed on Evelyn who is still sleeping.

Last night's event where his body shuts down makes him look at Evelyn in thought,

Although he's very tired from fighting non-stop yesterday, it shouldn't be to the point that his body shuts down in front of Evelyn like that, 'Did I subconsciously lower my guard around her?'

'Well she does know about my secret, maybe that's why', he thought.

Rex then left the room and went straight down to have breakfast, he went to the restaurant section of the hotel before he found a buffet there.

Upon looking at the buffet, Rex frowns as it's more than he expected.

"Excuse me, but aren't the city low on food?", Rex asks one of the hotel staff there.

Hearing this, the hotel staff smiled politely as she replied, "The citizens have enough food to last them one more week, it's okay to provide this much for those of you who helped the city"

Rex nodded his head before he sigh, 'If that's the case...'

A moment later,

Rex took a hefty bunch of the food as he started to devour them to fill his empty stomach, he was not eating as much as he used to eat because of the city's condition.

Although the staff already gives a green light, he still restrains himself.

But it's a solid three people's portion,

While he's eating the food in silence while watching the view of the city on his right,

Liliya, Velten and Dray enter the restaurant area followed by the other members of their teams as they too wanted to have breakfast, the three of them then saw Rex already sitting alone in the restaurant and decided to approach him.

"Rex! You're here already?", Liliya asks as she takes a seat beside Rex.

Seeing Liliya suddenly sitting beside him, Rex then replied, "I just got here, the buffet here is quite good and you guys don't have to worry about the city's ration. The city still has enough food for a week and the UWO's supply will arrive in a few days"

"Oh really? Then I'll try not to restrain myself", Velten added from the side.

The four of them started eating but Rex has already finished his, now he's checking the system's map that pinpoint the location of the fire serpent spirit for Adhara.

'It'll take at least half a day to reach there with Delta's speed', Rex thought.

Although the place of the fire serpent spirit is in the Vampire territory, it's not deep into their territory as it's still close to the Great Barricade just like the Lightless Marsh he visit before.

But he still needs to cross the Great Barricade, and he will certainly avoid the stronghold.

Since the Werewolf reinforcement is supposed to arrive here last night, the main reinforcement consisting of 10,000 Supernaturals and 3 Alphas should already arrive at the stronghold.

They undoubtedly come there to reinforce the stronghold in response to the Cessation Knight,

While Rex is thinking about the stronghold, he suddenly remembers about Raul as he glances to the city's view in thought, 'They should've already come back, let's check how did the ambush go'

"Have Gerrard's team come back yet?", Rex asks opening a conversation.

Liliya then glance at Rex before she replied, "I don't know, but Fakhir hasn't come back yet so they must be still fighting against the other Undead company"

"They should finish around mid-day", Rex replied nonchalantly.

But then Liliya suddenly asks from the side, "What are you going to do with the captured Undead Rex? We waited for you to see if you have something in mind"

"Personally, giving them to the leader of the city will be an option since they might have some questions and these Undeads can still provide some information for them", she added.

She just finished eating as she wipes her mouth with a tablecloth,

Hearing this, Rex glanced at her with a frown, "Captured Undead? What do you mean?"

"The chained Undead that we're supposed to kill while trying to anger the Undead, we didn't manage to kill them all since you took care of the Enchanter quicker than expected. Now they're gathered at a warehouse near the hotel", Liliya explained.

Rex widen his eyes as he forgot about those Undead,

He can just kill them all for exp but he suddenly remembered something, "I'll tend to them later, just make sure someone is watching over them. Not that they can do anything though"

With the death energy cleansed from their bodies, these Undeads are basically powerless.

They can't use death energy anymore to conjure any kind of spell or enhancement, and now they're basically slightly stronger beings than normal humans.

Liliya nodded her head as Dray suddenly said, "I'm going to take a drink"

Dray gets up from his seat before he walks over to the drink section, there's a weird aura around him that Rex senses which makes him confused.

"What's wrong with him?", Rex asks.

Velten then sighs upon hearing this before he explains, "It's about the Rusalka you killed before, he still thinks that you're being too much to the Rusalka who just wanted to enter heaven"

Hearing this, Rex squints his eyes as he looks at Dray's back.

"Is that so? If that's the case, after everyone is up tell them to gather at the entrance of the city", Rex said before he stands up from his seat and went to the bar section.

Looking at this, Velten and Liliya were surprised to see Rex sitting on the bar.

Rex didn't even say anything to them as he suddenly stands up and heads to the bar section, and this makes Velten and Liliya look at each other before they sigh.

"He must have a lot of things in his mind", Liliya mumbles.

Velten also nodded his head as he added, "Just leave him be, it's his responsibility as the leader to keep his strong front as we do to our team members"

The both of them saw Rex order a glass as he chugged it down in one go,

Both of them relate to what Rex is feeling right now, they even started to admire Rex more since turns out he's still a normal human just like the rest of them.

Unknown to them, Rex does have things in his mind but not like what they think of.

"Give me the strongest one", Rex said to the bartender.

Hearing this, the bartender gives Rex a glass before he chugged it in one go as he asks for another one, 'Fuck I can't calm down, I might have to avoid Evelyn for a moment', Rex thought.

Even after eating to his stomach content, his mind can't stop thinking about Evelyn.

She has really done it this time as her sleep-talking makes Rex's mind go wild, he can't stop picturing what Evelyn is dreaming in her sleep for her to talk like that.

'It's not the time to think about that, get it together', Rex thought shaking his head.

There are more pressuring matters that he needs to do and he didn't have the luxury to get distracted like this, Evelyn is just too dangerous to be left beside him.

'I need to finish the things here fast and go back to Adhara', Rex thought as he chugged another glass.

After drinking for a moment feeling a little tipsy,

Rex went out of the hotel and headed to Raul's office before, he was going to check whether last night's raid is successful or not.

The city's folk can still be seen repairing the city's wall,

All of them work together repairing the city wall lest they got attacked again by the Supernaturals, it's refreshing to see the people here still brimming with hope.

Rex walks through the street before he suddenly saw a mother and daughter pair,

The both of them are holding flowers in their hands as they walk in a direction, Rex then also saw a couple more people bringing flowers as they too headed in the same direction.

Feeling curious, Rex went and follows them.

After following them for a couple of minutes, he saw many people gathered there.

The place is crowded with the city's people, and upon closer inspection turns out the place is a cemetery for the fallen Awakened, black hands, and even the military who died protecting the city from the Supernatural siege before Rex and the descendants came here.

'No wonder they're really trying their best', Rex thought with a sigh.

He's currently in the back part of the city and turns out the back part of the city is dedicated to becoming a cemetery for these people, just from a glance Rex can see thousands of tombs.

Seeing that many powerful people died protecting their city,

It'll be heartbreaking if the city people lost hope, they will disrespect the deceased one if they were to do that which brings them to keep trying to help whatever they can.

After checking the cemetery, Rex head to Raul's office.

Upon nearing Raul's office, Rex was surprised to find that the Awakened and the black hands there seems to be celebrating as they all had smiles on their faces.

The guards escorting Rex last night are standing by the entrance,

Seeing Rex walking towards the office, the guard's eyes lit up as he immediately approach Rex with a light jog and a brimming with happiness expression, "Sir!"

"Why's everyone looks happy this early in the morning?", Rex asks curiously.

Although he already guessed from their expression, Rex gave them the joy of telling him the good news that should seal Eqosa City's deal from Supernatural siege.

With an immense amount of excitement, the guard then said, "I've had great news!"

"Sir Raul with the people he leads made a move last night and they manage to fend off the Werewolves' reinforcement! It's a miracle! The city is saved!", the guard exclaimed excitedly.

Hearing this, Rex can't help but also smile.

Rex then said, "That's great news! Then bring me to Raul"

"Follow me, sir! Sir Raul is already anticipating you inside his office", the guard replied.

After following the guard as they made his way into the office, Rex enters back Raul's office where he saw Raul spreading his arms to the side with a wide smile.

"The miracle of the city! Come sit down", Raul said signaling for Rex to sit in front of him.

Raul's change in demeanor shows clearly that he's in a great mood,

Rex sits down in front of Raul as he asks with a wide grin, "I heard last night's raid went smoothly, I assumed that you exploited the information I gave well?"

Hearing this, Raul then replied, "Your information was accurate, they didn't see it coming"

Back to last night when Rex told Raul about the secret route,

Raul is worried that although they know about the secret route where the reinforcement will come from, the Alphas' senses are too sensitive that they might not be able to ambush them.

It's clear that it's unlikely to catch them by surprise,

The Alpha has a very keen sense of danger that will definitely sense them before going out of the secret route, they will collide with an eighth rank Alpha then which will be risky.

But Rex notices something when he visits the secret route himself,

When the secret route closed on Rex and Gistella as they checked on the dark secret route, Rex noticed that he can't sense Delta who doesn't come with them, and stood by the riverside.

He didn't put much thought into it at first,

But when Raul told him about his concern about the Alpha senses, Rex remembered this little detail and told Raul to just gather the black hand and Awakened to ambush the Werewolves' reinforcement.

Since even he, a prince Werewolf can't sense pass through the portal formation.

It's unlikely for the Alpha's senses to pass through the portal formation either, except if the Alpha has a natural gift of sense like Kyran then the Alpha might sense the ambush.

Judging from the success of the ambush, it seems the Alpha doesn't have this gift.

Of course, at first, Raul was a bit skeptical about Rex's suggestion,

After convincing Raul for a bit and showing how serious Rex is, Raul finally takes a huge risk by following Rex's suggestion but it turns out to be a huge success!

"That Alpha didn't see it coming", Raul said with a cheeky smile.

He then added, "Just when the Alpha opens the secret route, I already positioned about a hundred black hands to fire directly at the Alpha with the silver bullet. This barrage of silver bullets acts as a perfect cover for a definite shot, that bad boy there caught the Alpha by surprise even with its terrifying reflex and pierce its skin easily"

Raul points at a long and big gun on the side of the room,

Upon looking at the gun that even its length alone almost reaches the ceiling, Rex was quite surprised as it seems to be a modified sniper rifle with high penetration power.

"That sniper rifle the black hands brought made specifically to penetrate Supernatural's thick skin, it manage to injure the Alpha"

"We rain silver bullet on them, and thanks to the narrow secret route it's very effective. We chased them down the secret route while keep shooting at them, the Awakened also made chase for them and before we know it the reinforcement already retreated completely"

Hearing this, Rex nodded his head as he too finds the situation is in favor of them.

Although the Alpha is an eighth rank Supernatural that's very terrifying, the secret route that is only about thirty people wide is definitely cramped for their numbers.

Even if Rex was put in the Alpha's shoes, he definitely can't evade the rain of silver bullets.

That didn't exclude the eighth rank Alpha, if it got hit by a silver bullet then its battle power will be decreased heavily just like Rex when he got shot by the Green Messenger.

"Did that Alpha dies?", Rex asks.

Raul shakes his head, "Unfortunately no, the Alpha is still an eighth rank Supernatural. But still, now that the reinforcement got kicked out Eqosa City will have time to breathe"

A moment later,

"Where are we going Rex?", Evelyn asks from the side.

The descendants and the black hands are already gathered at the front of the city's gate, they're all are already wearing their armors again just like before.

Looking at Evelyn, Rex averted his gaze from her making Evelyn looks at him in confusion.

Rex then looks at Velten and Liliya which makes them raise their eyebrows before he glances at Dray, "The Supernatural is gone, all that is left are the ones taken care of by Gerrard"

"It's almost over..."

"Now that we're almost done here, we're going to make a statement for the Supernatural that might try to take Eqosa City again in the future. They will not stop until the stronghold is taken care of, I'm sure of it"

Hearing this, the others look at Rex in confusion.

Seve then asks from the side curiously, "How are we going to do that?"

"Oh, the Undead has given me some ideas. Just follow me and you'll know..."

Chapter 385 Garden Of Undead

"Oh, the Undead has given me some ideas. Just follow me and you'll know..."

Hearing this, Dray then asks as he points to the bag where Durrant's and the other Undeads heads are in alongside Yolgos impaled head that Rex brought back.

Everyone already knows about the bag's content at this point,

Only Dray, Velten, Liliya, and Evelyn are the ones that know that there's another addition inside the bag which is Yolgos' head, an Enchanter.

But Rex only smiles mysteriously, "Just follow me..."

Rex leads the descendants and the black hands into the forest nearby, the others are following him in confusion as they don't know what Rex is thinking.

'It's a good experience for him, he's Daniel Burton's son after all', Rex thought.

He glances at Dray who is following on the side as they dash through the forest, 'I don't mind teaching him about this, it's good his development'

Swish!

It didn't take long as they arrive at where Rex intended to bring them,

Upon looking at the sight in front of them filled with battle scars and corpses, they all widened their eyes as they can't believe what they were seeing.

The look on their faces was that of a horrified one as they look at the sight in front of them.

Rex brought them to the battlefield where he fought with Durrant's company, the leftover destruction from their fight is still evident in the place.

Amidst the destruction, the impaled corpses of humans can be seen scattered.

Some are even still standing making the scene look dark and horrifying to look at, even the tall black cross with Awakened heads hanged on it is still there to marvel.

"W-What happened here?"

"How could they do something like this, this is unacceptable"

While the descendants and the black hands are cursing the Supernatural as they look at the scene in front of them, Rex then said, "This is where I fought with the seventh rank Undead"

"This is also the place where we'll make the same statement for the Supernatural", he added.

The descendants and the black hands nodded their heads as their faces darkened, it's not an everyday sight for them to see a bleak sight such as this.

Even Dray who is on the side looking at the scene was stunned,

Rex glanced at Dray with a meaningful look before he points at the black cross, "You see that heads hanged over there? That's the heads of sixth rank Awakened"

Just from afar the others can see five heads hunged on the black cross,

The heads are hunged on the black cross with a dagger pinning them to the black cross through their mouths, it's a gruesome and grotesque sight to see.

"If you give Supernatural a chance, you all will end up like that", Rex added silencing the others.

Although the mission given by the UWO here is to take out the Undead companies, Rex finds this situation perfect to teach these successors of the 25 Golden Crest Families.

The UWO picked Rex and Gerrard as the leader for one clear reason.

Both of them have an experience being a Scavenger who dwells in the Supernatural territory, and both of them certainly know how to defend themselves in this kind of place.

Naturally, Rex and Gerrard know the dark side of the Supernatural.

Even though the media documented all the wars happening between the Supernatural and the Humans, they still have a bit of filter to not scare or traumatize the normal citizens.

They won't show anything like the scene in front of them publicly,

A simple declaration of Eqosa City is saved and the sight of the destruction happening in Eqosa City and the cemetery are enough, this kind of thing will not be broadcasted.

The other descendants are caged in Ratmawati city to train,

Only one of them which is Gerrard has some experience with this kind of thing, and it can be clearly seen judging from the expression the descendants' are making right now.

Rex glanced at Dray specifically before he added, "Supernatural show no mercy for us"

"It's appropriate for you all to understand that we're in a war, and inside a war, there's no room for empathy or mercy. Being soft during a war is foolish, It will only get yourself killed"

Hearing this, Dray looks down with widened eyes as he realized he was naive.

Just from noticing Rex is looking at him specifically, Dray knows that although Rex is saying this to all of them, he's really aiming this at Dray.

Velten must've told him,

Aside from fixing Dray's mindset about the Supernatural, Rex found that the black hands are not too bothered by the scene as they seem to already know about this kind of this.

"Alright now I want you all to bring down all of the impaled corpses and clear the place"

"The physically stronger one will dig up a big hole to bury these people, I want you guys to get it done as soon as possible and gather the black spears on the side", Rex commanded.

The corpses here are still not taken care of since the Supernatural just got defeated.

With the command from Rex, all of them started to get to work as they separate themselves into three groups with their designated task.

Rex walks around the battlefield before his eyes fall on something,

'Isn't that Durrant's arm?', he thought as he walks closer, and Rex finds that it really is Durrant's arm that he cut off before he blacked out.

But there's something weird he notices, 'I don't remember seeing this damage on the ground'

The surrounding ground around Durrant's arm is blackened as if the ground is scorched by something, Rex didn't remember something like this so something must've happened.

It's not clear what though, but since Durrant already died Rex is not worried.

Since they're working together, the battlefield was cleared from the corpses of the impaled humans leaving only the carcasses of the Undead Rex killed.

While the descendants and the black hands are finishing up,



Evelyn approached Rex from the side as she said, "You're going to reverse this whole place, don't you? It's a good idea though, the statement will be very loud and clear"

"Yeah...", Rex replied before he walks away.

Seeing this, Evelyn frown as she looks at Rex's back, 'He's acting weird today...'

BAM!!

The ground shook as the descendants and the black hands looked at the black cross in front of them that Rex just planted, the scene was reversed now.

Before it was human corpses that are impaled here, but now it's reversed.

Hundreds of Undead carcasses ranging from Zombies to Skeletons are impaled by the same black spears, they are also lined up neatly just like the human corpses before.

Dray looks at the sight before he sighs,

"This is a welcoming gift if any other Supernatural tries to attack again, let this be a warning that this will be their fate if they decided to attack again", Rex mutters exposing his nasty grin.

Rows upon rows of impaled Undeads are lined up neatly creating one straight path,

The heads of the strong Undeads, Durrant, and Yolgos are displayed on the black cross.

Yolgos' head was on the highest part of the black cross, the deathless corpse of Yolgos will surely give an imminent declaration to the Undead that will surely shake their will.

It's like a garden of dead Undead,

But when Rex is nodding his head in satisfaction, a black hand suddenly called him.

"Sir Rex, I found a mutated plant over there", the black hand points in a direction.

Hearing this, Rex looks in the direction as he looks back at the others, "We'll go back to Eqosa City in ten, and you all will go back to Ratmawati City as soon as Gerrard's team came back"

After saying that, Rex signals for the black hand to lead the way.

'Isn't that that Leo kid and his dad's tomb that I made?', Rex thought as he look at the grave in front of him, but there's something poking out of the tomb.

The black hand then points at a dark blue flower sprouting from the grave,

With a glint of his eyes, Rex then scans the dark blue flower curiously as the last time he's here there's no such flower sprouting from the grave.

<Reaching Dead Flower>

Nature is all giving and perfectly balanced, the death energy emitted from the humans' carcasses fueled with the will of revenge from the dead that is still trying to reach the living world birthed this flower. The strongest will of revenge becomes the mediator to reach for the living world and created the Reaching Dead Flower. The flower will grant anyone who touches it the will of revenge, increasing their power with the energy amassed by this Reaching Dead Flower.

Rex reads the description with a frown as he looks at the grave, 'Strongest will? Revenge?'

'It's that Leo kid huh, even in death he still wants his revenge. He's pretty stubborn', he thought while shaking his head to think that such a mutated plant actually sprouted because of him.

After checking the flower, Rex then said, "Don't touch the flower"

Rex then went back before he shouted, "Metal Elementalist guy!"

"IT'S TYRICE!", Tyrice shouted when he heard Rex calling him not by his name again, it was starting to make him frustrated since Rex hadn't called him by his name even once.

Ignoring Tyrice's remarks, Rex then said, "I got something for you to do"

A moment later,

Tyrice got back with a woman beside him, her appearance looks haggard but Rex didn't blame her since what she had been through is enough to make anyone go crazy.

It's Leo's sister, she's a part of the survivors that Tyrice brought back to Eqosa City.

Some of the descendants and the black hands are already back in Eqosa City, the only ones here are the group leaders added with Evelyn.

"She hasn't talked at all, I doubt she will talk to you", Tyrice said

Looking at the lifeless woman, Rex then asks, "What is your name?"

Hearing that Rex is asking her, the woman snaps out of her lifeless state, "Katya...", the woman replied albeit very lightly.

Tyrice was stunned to see that the woman, Katya actually replied to Rex.

"What are your plans after this? You lost your family, Do you still see a future for yourself?", Rex asks again making the others around him frown.

Katya looks at Rex before she mumbles, "Plans...?"

Rex saw that Katya's eyes turns lifeless again, she looks broken as the others felt pity for her.

Although they didn't know what happens to Katya and why Rex is asking this, they all can feel that Katya has gone through something tough which puts her in this state.

'I can't really help her if she doesn't have any will herself', Rex thought.

But then suddenly, "Plans...? That's right... I want revenge, I want to give the Undead hell for forcing my little brother like that", Katya suddenly said making Rex looks back at her.

The lifeless gaze turns into a burning violent hatred that came out of nowhere,

Upon seeing this, Rex then said while walking towards the grave, "Follow me, there's a gift from Leo for you", he said lightly.

Hearing this, Katya widens her eyes as she follows after Rex.

Rex and Katya arrive at the grave before Katya looks at Rex in surprise, she points at the grave before Rex nodded his head which makes Katya instantly burst into tears.

When Rex digs a grave for Leo and his father, Katya is unconscious so she doesn't know.

She ran towards the grave and started crying again beside the grave,

But this time, Rex squats down beside her as he whispers, "Look at that flower..."

Katya raises her teary gaze and saw a beautiful dark blue flower that sprouted from the grave, she looks at the dark blue flower and was instantly mesmerized by it.

"That's Leo's gift for you", he added making Katya looks at him.

Katya points at the dark blue flower before Rex nodded his head, she then reaches her hand for the dark blue flower but when her fingertips touch the flower,

Swoosh!

Beautiful blue energy got transferred from the dark blue flower to her hand,

The blue energy is sparkly as it swirls around Katya caressing her body with warmth, it was a scene to behold as the others saw the sparkly blue energy.

No screams, no pain, the energy transfers to Katya smoothly like water.

The dark blue color from the flower started to fade as the energy got transferred to Katya, and it didn't take long before the dark blue energy got completely absorbed by Katya.

After the absorption process ended, Rex then scans Katya,

<Katya Velna Morzova>

Race: Human

Power: Rank Three (Early) - Revenge of the Dead

Mental: 52

Strength: 33

Agility:19

Endurance: 29

Intelligence: 0

Rex looks at Katya's stats and was surprised that she actually reached rank three power, she almost went through the same huge jump in power as Kyran.

But Kyran reaches the peak third rank in one go, while she only reaches the early realm.

While looking at her stats, Rex also found that she possesses two gifts which enhance her strength and mental stats which explains the high strength and mental stats.

It's quite a huge jump for her just from absorbing the Reaching Dead Flower,

Katya herself can even feel the changes undergone in her body, she can feel her body becomes even sturdier and stronger thanks to the Reaching Dead Flower.

"Liliya, she's a great candidate for a black hand. Can you handle her?", Rex asks.

Hearing this, Liliya nodded her head as she replied, "I'll bring her to the organization, I'm sure the Green Messenger doesn't mind letting you accept this woman"

"Letting me accept her? What do you mean by that?", Rex asks in confusion.

Liliya then looks towards Evelyn and Dray who are listening from the side before she grabs Rex's hand and drags him to the side, she makes sure to be far enough from the others.

Rex lets Liliya drag her to the side albeit confused.

After taking Rex to the side,

She then shakes her head as she exhales roughly, "That crawled-up mad scientist, I'm sure he forgot or even too lazy to mention this to you but the Green Team will belong to you now"

"Since you helped the alliance between the two organizations, the Green Messenger grant you this"

Rex widens his eyes as he looks at Liliya in surprise, he points at himself before Liliya added making Rex suck in a cold breath, "Yup, you're going to be the Green Messenger starting from now"

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"Yup, you're going to be the Green Messenger starting from now", Liliya said which makes Rex can't help but raise his eyebrows in surprise, the news greatly caught him off guard.

Collecting himself, Rex then asks in confusion, "How can he make me the Green Messenger?"

"He didn't even contact me at all since I manage to confirm the UWO to ally with the SCO, what about the King?! Is he even going to allow this?", Rex added.

The news about the Green Messenger giving his position troubles him,

Although Rex has already become a part of the SCO even before he becomes an Awakened, he never felt burdened by it since the Green Messenger is pretty lax and carefree.

He only gives two missions during Rex's time in the SCO,

Because of that, Rex finds it very convenient to be a part of the SCO while he himself can do whatever he wants without being restrained by the organization.

But now, things might change which really troubles him.

"I don't know about the details, but you should ask the Green Messenger himself. You might just worry for nothing, at best he's probably too lazy to even deal with the green team", Liliya said.

Rex frowns but he eventually accepts the fact as he will visit the Green Messenger later.

'I hope what she said is the true reason', Rex thought with a sigh.

After helping Katya, Rex and the others went back to Eqosa City in the hope Gerrard's team will already be there so they can plan their departure back to Ratmawati City.

The mission is already done, and thankfully Rex has no casualties on his side.

Upon arriving back at Eqosa City, the same guard that escorted Rex before is already waiting for him at the gate as his eyes lit up when he saw Rex return.

"Sir!", the guard greeted before bowing politely.

Seeing the guard, Rex then asks, "Is the other team already here yet?"

"Yes, they just came back a moment ago. They're in the resting quarter, and the leader of the group seems to be asking for you", the guard replied.

Rex nodded his head before he made his way back to the hotel,

A couple of hours later, Rex is in the restaurant section drinking while waiting for Gerrard to come down from his room.

When he's searching for Gerrard before,

Turns out Gerrard is currently in his own room so Rex has no choice but to wait for him.

Rex intends to let him rest for a moment,

It must be at least be tiring for Gerrard to fight against the other companies of Undead, so Rex was not just about to rush and asks for Gerrard right away.

Beside him is Evelyn who accompanied him,

Since they're in the hotel again, they're not in their armor as they changed into normal clothes.

Rex is wearing a casual white t-shirt and short pants that the hotel provided for him so he can be comfortable, and so is Evelyn who's wearing a white crop top.

Because of the shirt, Rex's muscular figure is exposed clearly.

The muscles on his arms make the already big white t-shirt looks small, his chest and abs muscles are visible through the thin fabric of the white t-shirt and even his legs muscles are stacked densely looking strong and powerful.

Saying he's a great toned guy is even an understatement,

The same goes for Evelyn whose figure is also exposed clearly making Rex sweat a little.

Her graceful manner and her tapering fingers added with the curves that cannot be hidden under her clothes makes her a sight to see for men's eyes.

She even teases their eyes by wearing a crop top showing her silky flat stomach.

Evelyn's curious gaze was locked onto Rex as she saw him drinking for the first time, her eyes never left Rex as he averted his gaze by focusing on drinking.

'Why is she here? I told her to not follow me', Rex thought as he takes a sip of his drink.

The burning gaze coming from his side can be felt clearly by Rex,

Evelyn didn't avert her gaze at all as she supported her chin with her hand with her eyes locked onto Rex in amusement, she then suddenly said, "You're acting weird today"

"This brings back the first time you're in my room, very docile like this", she added.

Hearing this, Rex glance at Evelyn briefly before his eyes land on Evelyn's neck.

<Sanity stat has been decreased by 5%>

'What?! How did this happen?', Rex thought as he widen his eyes in shock.

The sudden drop in Sanity shocks him as it almost never happened except for that one time, his sanity stays in the seventies but now it dropped slightly.

It surprises him to see a notification such as this,

'Did I need to add more pack members?', Rex asks but the system didn't answer.

This makes Rex frustrated as he can feel a slight pang in his head, 'Is it because of her?', he thought while looking at Evelyn's eyes.

But he shakes his head, 'Even when I'm with Rosie, I think this kind of notification never happens. What is this?'

Rex remembered the time when he almost did it with Rosie, he's trying to remember if there's a notification like this but he shakes his head, 'I can't remember, but I don't think there is'

While Evelyn is constantly teasing him with her eyes,

Just by the entrance to the restaurant section, Rex suddenly saw Gerrard stepping in before he immediately jumped from his seat and went to Gerrard.

This makes Evelyn chuckles to see Rex avoiding her like this,

"Gerrard!", Rex called out from the side attracting Gerrard's attention to him.

Seeing Rex walking towards him, Gerrard also approaches Rex before both of them sit at a nearby table as they need to report to each other about their mission.

"How did the fight goes? Did your team suffer any casualties?", Rex asks.

Hearing this, Gerrard was silent as he looks at Rex with an unreadable expression.

The way Gerrard looks at Rex is unsettling before he finally opens his mouth, "Are you the one that killed the seventh rank Undead?"

'There's no use hiding it', Rex thought.

He then replied, "Yes, I encountered it when I'm scouting the edge of the forest. We fought very hard and somehow I ended up in that place which you surely know where and manage to kill it by some luck"

Since Gerrard knows about Durrant and was aiming for him,

Gerrard surely knows about the battlefield where Rex killed Durrant, his team is the one that roams the forest so it's not surprising for him to find the battlefield.

Upon hearing this, Gerrard squints his eyes for a moment.

He then sighs before he turns his face away, "We encounter an unexpected Undead in the forest aside from the seventh rank one that you killed... It's a Death Knight", Gerrard said as this makes Rex widen his eyes in surprise.

The word Death Knight is something that holds quite a bearing in the Undead race,

Rex already read about the Undead race in the system's information that he bought before embarking on this mission, and in that information also lies the different types of Undead by rankings and this Death Knight is a high rank one.

None of the Death Knights has power below the sixth rank,

Death Knights can be in numerous forms of Undead, they can be a type of Lich, Skeletons, or even Zombies but they are all more wicked than the normal Undeads.

These Death Knights are the ones blessed by the Netherworld,

Just like a Werewolf that has been accepted by the moon and can harness its power, these Death Knights are similar to that but they're accepted by the Netherworld instead.

It's a blessing for the Undead to be accepted by the Netherworld,

Lich Overlord, The highest rank type of Undead that should be the Undead's race King or Queen gave an Undead with high potential an opportunity to interact with the Netherworld which if accepted birthed these Death Knights.

In fact, the system specifically describes the Death Knight as having pure Death Energy.

The death energy they possess is not the same as the ones the other Undead possesses, but theirs are death energy directly drawn from the netherworld which is several times more powerful and denser than normal death energy.

It is a form of almighty energy, and it cannot be purified as easily as normal death energy.

Because of this Netherworld death energy manipulation, they tend to be pure evil and very sick to their core and disregard any lives aside from theirs.

Even other Supernaturals loathes them as they have holier than thou code,

Only the Lich of Overlord and the Basilich are the types of Undead superior to Death Knight in the entire Undead race, this shows how high up they are on the ladder of high-rank Supernatural.

If put in comparison, these Death Knights are similar to the Archdemons of the demon race.

"The Death Knight has only peak sixth rank power, but it's not an easy foe", Gerrard mutters.

Even his prideful side where he always puffed up his chest and lift his chin was nowhere to be seen, it's clear that this Death Knight is not an easy opponent.

Durrant might even be weaker than this sixth rank Death Knight,

In fact, Rex is sure that the Death Knight should be stronger than the seventh rank Durrant.

Gerrard then added with a dejected look, "Three of my team members are in the hospital right now, the Death Energy from the Death Knight is corroding their bodies fast and I don't think they will make it"

"Even my higher rank light element can't suppress the death energy, it's too strong"

Hearing this, Rex frowns as he didn't expect this.

'Is it the weird aura I sense when I enter the forest? I know that it's at least peak sixth rank but to think that it actually belongs to a Death Knight, I miscalculated to not help Gerrard', Rex thought as he regrets underestimating the sixth rank aura he felt.

The news makes Rex's face turns into worry, 'This might be exploited by Sebrot'

'The mission stated that every casualty will be punished, and although the casualty comes from Gerrard's team Sebrot can just spout some bullshit to restrain me', he thought.

After thinking that, Rex glanced at Gerrard as he replied, "I'll see what I can do"

Gerrard looks at Rex in confusion before he eventually nodded his head and went back to his room.

Although he looks fine just from a glance, Rex can see that he's trying to hide the fact that he's hurt but Rex can feel the death energy coming from his chest area.

Evelyn sat on Gerrard's seat before she asks, "What's wrong? What did he say?"

"Three of his member got injured badly by a Death Knight, it seems the three won't make it out of here alive", Rex mutters with a frown on his face.

This makes Evelyn surprised as she also can't believe they met a Death Knight,

Because of this, Rex then asks, 'System, Is there any cure for the injuries inflicted by the Death Knight? I can't afford to let any of them dies'

<Only Mid or higher Ultimate Light or Fire Element can heal injuries inflicted by Pure Death Energy, High-Level Elemental Core and Blazing Purgation Fire might be able to replicate the effect of an Ultimate Light or Fire Element>

Reading this, Rex instantly buys the High-Level Elemental Core.

It was a bit expensive to buy, it costs him 120,000 gold to buy three of them which really takes a huge chunk off of his total gold before Rex frowned when he was about to buy the Blazing Purgation Fire.

Turns out it's not an item, but a spell instead.

'It's a fire spell?', Rex thought with a frown, but his eyes then landed on Evelyn.

Evelyn tilts her head in confusion when he finds Rex is looking at her in thought, but Rex then finally said, "Come with me, we're going to check on the injured ones"

A moment later,

Rex and Evelyn arrive at the room where the injured Awakened is.

Upon looking at the three Awakened that have half of their bodies blackened because of the Superior Death Energy, Evelyn frowns as their bodies are on the brink of death.

"It's worst than I thought", Evelyn mumbles as she looks at the three Awakened.

Rex finds a familiar face amongst the three Awakened, she's the woman that fought with Dray at the banquet that goes by the name Valery from the Safran Family.

Without wasting any time, Rex looks at Evelyn before he stretches his hand to her.

Seeing this, Evelyn was confused as she steps back since Rex's hand is heading towards her forehead, "Don't move...", Rex mutters lightly.

After his index finger touch Evelyn's forehead,

Swish!



Evelyn suddenly jolted when rows of information enters her brain about a new spell called Blazing Purgation Fire, her mind and body instantly knows how to conjure the spell.

"How did you...", she mutters in disbelief.

But Rex cuts her mid-sentence as he said, "Do the spell right when I say so"

Rex then approaches Valery who's lying on the nearest bed before his hand suddenly glows with white light mana, it's a blinding light that encompasses the entire room.

Even Evelyn closes her eyes since the light is very blinding.

The blinding light then covers Valery's entire body before it started to dim,

Rex did this to the two other Awakened as their body glowed with light mana that is fighting against the Pure Death Energy, the two energies create a couple of sparks.

"Do the spell to them now, hurry!", Rex commanded.

Hearing this, Evelyn was still confused but she follow Rex's command and did the new spell.

'System, What is the success rate probability for the Pure Death Energy to be cleansed from their bodies?', Rex asks expecting the worst.

The system stated before that this procedure might cleanse the Pure Death Energy,

Just from how the system recommends a procedure to Rex using the word 'Might', it's clear that there's a probability of failing.

<Calculating...>

<Success rate probability, 40%>

Reading this, Rex frown as the success rate probability is too low for his liking as he already anticipated that this procedure will fail on one of the three Awakened.

But 40% means a likelihood of failing on two Awakened out of the three.

Evelyn's hand suddenly glows with incorporeal fire which shocks her,

"Blazing Purgation Fire...", Evelyn chanted as she touches Valery's body, the fire, and the light mana supported each other as it fights the Pure Death Energy.

Valery's body started to burn hotter making her frown in her unconscious state,

"Rgghh!", Evelyn grunted when the Pure Death Energy resisted the two energies, the bead of cold sweats on her forehead started appearing as this process drains her mana rapidly.

Looking at this, Rex then takes out a vial, "Drink this..."

"Where did you get this from?", Evelyn asks amidst maintaining the spell on Valery.

But Rex immediately replied in concern, "Just focus on the spell and don't think about anything, if you fail the three of them will die"

Without questioning Rex, Evelyn chugged the blue vial as her mana got revitalized.

After getting her mana restored by the blue vial, the incorporeal fire started to burn brighter as Evelyn focuses on cleansing the Superior Death Energy.

Rex saw that the blackened part of Valery's body started to get better,

It takes almost an hour before all of the blackened parts of Valery's body turn normal, the Pure Death Energy got cleansed from her body thankfully.

<Pure Death Energy has been successfully cleansed!>

The system notification confirms Valery's state before Rex gives a couple more vials to Evelyn as she started to do the same procedure to the other two.

After about two more hours, "Ahh!"

Evelyn got flung back when the Pure Death Energy consumes the light mana and destroys her incorporeal fire, the last Awakened only got half cleansed before the procedure failed.

<Pure Death Energy failed to be cleansed>

Reading this, Rex massages his forehead as the last Awakened failed to be cleansed.

Although the probability is low, Evelyn manages to heal two of them which beats the odds but the last Awakened failed to be cleansed from the Pure Death Energy.

It's already as expected though,

Rex was about to tell Evelyn to try cleansing the Pure Death Energy from the last Awakened again but the system's notification stopped him,

<The Pure Death Energy has adapted to the procedure>

<Doing the same procedure by using High-Level Elemental Core and Blazing Purification Fire spell will have a 0% success rate probability to cleanse the Pure Death Energy>

'This is going to be a problem', Rex thought with a frown.

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The last Awakened condition is clearly got better than before thanks to the procedure, but it still fails to cleanse the Pure Death Energy completely.

Just from a glance, Rex can see the Pure Death Energy started to move again.

It started to spread again albeit slowly which is supposed to be the effect of the procedure, the Pure Death Energy is weakened because of it.

"Let me try it again", Evelyn mumbles as she intends to do the spell again.

But Rex stopped her and mutters dejectedly, "It won't work the second time, the Pure Death Energy already adapted and becomes stronger"

"Then what should we do? He's not going to make it", Evelyn replied in concern.

Rex glance at the Awakened with a reluctant expression, even the system can't do anything about the situation so Rex can't really think of any solution to save this Awakened.

But when Rex is thinking, Valery suddenly opens her eyes slowly.

She adjusted to the lighting of the room which is filled with white color before her eyes landed on Rex who is standing beside her, she also saw Evelyn with a worried look.

After collecting herself, Valery suddenly jolted awake as she grabs her stomach.

Valery checked her flat stomach by rubbing all over it using her hands, she even checked the back part before her eyes landed on Rex and Evelyn, "What happened?"

"I remember I got stabbed by that monster!", she added with a horrified look.

Hearing this, Evelyn holds Valery's hand to calm her down as she replied, "You're on your deathbed just now, I thought that you really going to die but Rex thankfully has a way to treat you so you're going to be fine"

Valery's expression turns pale as Evelyn just said that she was about to die,

She then lifts up her shirt and saw the scar from the stab is still there, but it's not blackened anymore as it looks like a normal sword scar with no sign of the Pure Death Energy.

This makes her sigh in relief, at least she didn't really die.

Although she's from a lower rank family than the Burton Family, she's still stronger than Dray as she's a peak sixth rank Awakened but even so she almost died from the Death Knight.

If Rex's team were the ones that fought the Death Knight,

Rex will definitely not be able to save them all, casualties are imminent.

Even when fighting Durrant before, Rex made the right choice by fighting the seventh rank Durrant alone so he can use his Werewolf form.

If not then fighting Durrant is almost out of the option,

"T-Thank you...", Valery bowed her head slightly thanking Rex for saving her life.

But Rex's mind is not focusing on her right now as he's looking at the other dying Awakened, he then finally said, "The wound is healed, but you should rest some more"

"Evelyn, I need to talk to you", Rex added before Evelyn nodded her head.

After leaving the room, Rex then grabs Evelyn's hand before he pulls her to a quieter place since the nurses are walking around the hallway.

Evelyn blushed upon seeing that she was holding hand with Rex,

Rex then puts her against the wall before he looks at her with a serious expression, and this wiped the blush out of Evelyn's face as she said, "You're using your business look again"

"What do you want to ask?", she added, crossing her arms in front of her.

Hearing this, Rex ignores her remarks and asks, "Gerrard and his family, How much do you know about them? I need to know before I make a decision"

"Macias Family? Are you mad?", Evelyn widen her eyes as she looks at Rex in disbelief.

But Rex is not joking around as he looks at Evelyn questioningly, this makes Evelyn looks around in worry as she said, "It's a taboo to talk about the Macias Family, they have ears everywhere!"

"Okay fine just answer me this...", Rex said.

He then continues, "If I were to put the blame on Gerrard, will the Macias Family make a move on me? Is the head of the family impulsive like Wesley Atkins?"

"Even my father only knew little of the head of the Macias Family", Evelyn mutters lightly.

She then added, "The Macias Family works in a seclusive way and there's no certainty in what the head of the family will do, but I suggest not to do anything rash against them. They're dangerous people, I can't bear if you suddenly disappear if you do anything that can provoke them"

Evelyn's answer makes Rex frown as he didn't expect even Evelyn to not know many of this so-called first rank family of the Golden Crest Family.

She usually has all the information, but it seems the Macias Family is another matter.

'It might sound cruel, but there's no other choice', he thought reassuring himself.

Even the decision that Rex was about to do makes him think twice since it's slightly immoral even for him, but on the other hand, is the unknown Macias Family and he was not going to gamble.

A moment later,

Swoosh!

There's holy energy encompassing the dying Awakened's body, the holy energy suppressed the Pure Death Energy as its spreading speed become even slower.

"Are you sure it's going to be okay? It's pretty cruel", Evelyn said from the side.

Hearing this, Rex shakes his head as he already reassures himself, "You said it yourself earlier. Between this and provoking the Macias Family, It's clear that this is a better option"

Rex just thought of a plan that he didn't like to do but had to do,

He asks the system for a way to prolong this Awakened's death by slowing down the spreading of the Pure Death Energy, it will buy time for Rex upon reporting back to the UWO.

With this, the Awakened can function normally but his life will not last long.

'The UWO said that there should be no casualty from the mission, if it's after the mission then it won't matter. I'm sorry but I can't help you', Rex thought as he turns to leave the room.

One year under Sebrof will not be a good thing for Rex,

It will only prolong his progress in becoming stronger, and Sebrof will definitely restrict his movement which will hinder his improvements.

Leaving the room, Rex stopped for a moment.

'Now that I think about it, I wonder what the others are doing back at the university. With the black hands and the Reed Family, the Atkins Family shouldn't be able to do anything. Should I just asks them just in case?'

'I should be thankful to Daniel Burton for unintendingly restricted Wesley', Rex thought.

But before he can take out his phone, Evelyn came out of the room.

"When will we depart back to Ratmawati City?", she asks.

Hearing this, Rex thought for a moment before he rubs his chin, "I need to go somewhere first, so I think we'll depart back after I came back"

Since he will need to report to the UWO,

Rex needs to go back together with the other descendants, he can't just send the descendants back first with him as one of their leaders.

"Where are you going? Can I come?", Evelyn asks pleadingly.

But Rex shakes his head firmly, "No, I'm going somewhere very dangerous and I'm not going to risk putting you in that danger. Stay here with the others"

Evelyn pouted upon hearing this,

"You look down on me too much, didn't I show you earlier that I'm a dual Elementalist? I can handle my own you know", Evelyn said attracting Rex's attention to her.

Rex looks at her and said, "Now that you mention it, you haven't explained that"

Both of them walk side by side as they went back to the resting quarter, the hospital is near the hotel so they decided to just walk there and enjoy the sunlight.

While they're walking, Evelyn explains to Rex about the dual element she possesses.

Turns out Evelyn has a fateful encounter during the Supernatural Emergence, she got somekind of gift when the Supernatural Emergence happened where she ate a mutated fruit that attracts two powerful mutated animals.

One of the mutated animals is a bat,

Since the fruit seem to attract both powerful mutated animals, the two powerful mutated animals feel threatened by the others' existence and decided to fight to the death.

This results in both of them dying,

Both of the mutated animals fall from the sky and the mutated bat landed right beside Evelyn, their humongous bodies almost crushed Evelyn but she thankfully didn't get squished.

But the bat landed so near her that the blood coming from its wounds drenched her,

"I swallowed the blood of the bat and the energy from the fruit inside me started to make my body burns, and before I knew it I gain the affinity of sound alongside my affinity to fire", Evelyn explained making Rex widen his eyes in surprise.

Rex listened to this and finds her story interesting,

"The fruit should be called Devouring Harmony Fruit. When someone eats the fruit, the fruit will then devour power from anything the eater touch or in your case swallow and makes the power its own", Rex explains, he already asks the system and find the fruit Evelyn is talking about.

He's even surprised that the fruit costs about 50,000 gold, which is a lot.

Hearing this, Evelyn looks at Rex with a suspicious look as she asks, "How are you so knowledgeable about this stuff, you even know about the Undead customs. Don't tell me..."

"You're actually hundreds of years old!", she exclaimed in shock.

But this makes Rex slap the back of her head making her grab her head pouting, "What are you spouting? I just research a lot since I turn like this", Rex lied.

"You don't need to hit my head", Evelyn replied as she kept rubbing her head still pouting.

It didn't take long for the two of them to reach the hotel as they both walks inside,

Rex instantly went to Gerrard's room and notify him that he will be gone to inspect the secret route of the Undead, he uses gathering information for the UWO as an excuse.

This is why they will depart back in a couple of days while the others rest.

Rex then went to the restaurant section since he saw Liliya and Velten sitting there when he walked past them heading to Gerrard's room, he was about to ask Liliya and Velten about what they were going to do.

Upon arriving at the restaurant section with Evelyn by his side,

Both of them went straight to where Velten and Liliya are sitting, but Evelyn can't help but notice something as she whispers, "Rex, They're looking at you"

"What do you mean?", Rex asks as he looks around.

But then he suddenly saw the descendants from Gerrard's team were looking at him, they even whisper amongst themselves and Rex can hear them clearly.

"Isn't he a sixth rank? How did he manage to kill that seventh rank Undead?"

"It's very hard to believe...that monster's aura even shot up to the sky!"

"Well, I'm grateful that he manages to kill that Undead so we won't have to. Fighting that Death Knight is horrifying, we surely can't deal with the seventh rank after that"

"Did he kill that seventh rank Undead alone? How come there's no one from his team got injured badly?"

"Now that you mention it..."

The descendants look at Rex with curious gazes as they make an assumption about him, but their assumption is not wrong though since he really did kill Durrant alone.

Hearing their whispering, Rex shakes his head.

Unknown to him, something happened when Gerrard's team checked the battlefield.

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"Search for the seventh rank Undead carcass, and see if you can find the ones who did this", Gerrard said before the other descendants spread around the battlefield.

The battlefield is pretty massive but with their numbers, they can cover it easily.

One of the descendants then called for Gerrard,

Hearing his name being called, Gerrard dashes in the voice direction before he saw a descendant standing in front of the blackened ground.

"The energy coming from this spot is massive", the descendants said.

Gerrard approaches the blackened ground and he also felt the abundance of Death Energy in this spot, but he also senses something else, not just the Death Energy, "What happened here...", Gerrard mutters as he touches the blackened ground.

He can feel the blackened ground is warmer, and this shouldn't be caused by Death Energy.

Gerrard can't put it in words but the energy here is weird, but he's familiar with this energy but he can't quite put his finger on it.

"This should be the spot of the seventh rank Undead, but there's no carcass. The only explanation is the body disintegrates in this spot", the descendant said.

But this makes Gerrard shakes his head, "That's not possible"

"There are no Awakened of such caliber in this place. To actually disintegrate a seventh rank Undead body will need massive mana, only the eighth rank Awakened can do that", he added.

Then, another descendant suddenly called him.

Gerrard dashes to the voice direction again and finds that Valery is the one that called him and she's standing beside an arm on the ground that is very big.

He instantly realizes that it belongs to the seventh rank Undead, Durrant.

It's the arm that Rex cut off before Durrant uses the forbidden spell,

Rex forgot to take it with him since Gerrard's team arrived there, it won't be ideal for Gerrard to spot Gistella and the woman who now looks like a regular person.

It won't be logical for Rex to keep these two alive while fighting against a seventh rank Undead.

Gerrard crouched down as he inspected the arm,

He turns the arm over and concluded, "It's an Awakened alright, this arm got chopped off by a silver sword. There's only a handful of us that brought a silver sword"

"You don't mean...", Valery mutters in shock.

Gerrard then continues, "This should be Rex's doing, he's the main suspect"

"That shouldn't be possible, right? He's only equivalent to a peak sixth rank power, there's no way he can beat a seventh rank Undead", Valery said in disbelief.

But the proof is right in front of her eyes, and she can't deny it.

Gerrard then stands up before he instructed, "Gather around, we're going to move to the next company. Since the seventh rank Undead has been dealt with by Rex, the rest should be easy"

Right, when Gerrard and the descendants were about to leave,

Swoosh!

All of them jolted when the decapitated arm suddenly flew past them, the arm heads to the blackened ground before it levitates just above it.

Looking at this, they all are confused including Gerrard.

The arm is emitting the weird energy that Gerrard is feeling aside from the Death Energy, and the weird energy seeped onto the black ground and disappear.

But then suddenly,

BOOM!

A dark light blasted from the ground going all the way up to the sky with immense energy.

Gerrard whose body is already protected by light mana was surprised that even he got pushed back by the energy, he then summons his spirit but the energy is too strong.

It's like he's nothing in front of this weird energy,

"What the hell is that?!", he exclaims in shock.

Under everyone's eyes, an astral projection of the arm got separated from the actual arm before the astral projection got scorched by the dark light and disintegrates into nothingness.

The arm also disintegrates alongside the astral projection,

It didn't take long before the dark light disappears leaving the place in silence.

Gerrard and the descendants recover before they look at the sky, but there's a shocked expression on everyone's faces including Gerrard's.

"That's the power of the seventh rank Undead?!"

"Rex killed that thing? There's no way right? It's too powerful!"

But Gerrard has other things in mind as he looks at the sky, "That's not a seventh rank aura, that aura didn't belong to an Undead. Just what in the hell happened here?"

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"Don't mind them", Rex said as he walked toward Liliya and Velten.

All eyes of the descendants from Gerrard's team are on him as Evelyn follows after him.

Rex sits at Velten and Liliya's table before he asks the two of them what they were going to do since he will be going back to Ratmawati City in a couple of days until he came back, and turns out they're going to go back ahead.

They said the SCO is preparing for the meeting with the UWO,

Since Sebrof asks for a meeting with the leader of the SCO, the organization is preparing for the meeting and this includes all of the members of the organization.

It's a bit hectic in the SCO right now, and that is why they need to went back ahead.

The king instructed all divisions of the SCO to be present including the messengers, all of them will be present at the designated time and place for their first official appearance in public.



Of course, this meeting will be broadcasted, and the public will see the SCO in light for the first time.

"I don't know why the King is preparing this much, but because of that we'll have to go back ahead since we also need to prepare for the meeting", Velten said while shrugging his shoulders.

Hearing this, Rex then answered, "It's a power move for the negotiation"

"The meeting will discuss the alliance term and there will certainly be negotiations such as dividing loots, guarding sectors, and there might be the talk of the low-level cities that the SCO currently occupied right now"

"Appearing strong will raise the negotiation power of the SCO, that is what the King aims"

Velten nodded his head in light as Rex explained why the king stressed this so much, it's the first appearance of the SCO so they need to appear strong and reliable.

But then Rex asks, "Do I have to be there too?"

Since he's now the supposedly Green Messenger, he wonders if he needs to come too and if he has to then it will be catastrophic especially if Sebrof realizes he's a part of the SCO.

"Of course not, the Green Messenger or I supposed Prof. K know that the UWO doesn't know you're also a member of the SCO so you don't have to be worried", Liliya added.

After talking for a bit more, the two leave the restaurant section as they're going to depart as soon as possible to go back to the organization.

Rex is now currently in his room wearing his armors again,

"Gistella, absorb this", Rex said before he gave Gistella a blue horn that he got from the achievement of killing an Enchanter.

<Aegis Enchanter Horn>

It's the horn of an Enchanter that possesses the power of aegis, this blue horn will grant the power to protect allies and also the wearer itself. All defensive-related spells' power will be amplified by the aegis, enchanting its durability by 100%.

Hearing this, Gistella takes the blue horn from Rex's hand.

She looks at it and instantly realizes that it's Yolgog's horn, but she was not going to talk back at Rex as she puts the horn on her forehead before the blue energy makes the horn become hers.

'I probably need something to hide that too', Rex thought

The horn is sticking out of her forehead just like Yolgog, and it will surely expose her as a Supernatural so Rex has to hide it.

He bought an item recommendation from the system,

Since the horn is emitting a Supernatural aura, the system suggests Rex buy a high-rank item called Linen of Invisibility which is a higher rank item than the one Rex used to hide his horns.

Not only can this item hide the horn alongside the Supernatural aura,

This Linen of Invisibility can even put the horn in another dimension while still can be used by Gistella, this will make her horn literally disappear.

If anyone touches her forehead, they won't be able to touch the horn which is perfect.

'The horn raises her intelligence to 1200, it's quite a huge leap from before', Rex thought as he nodded his head, but then Evelyn got out of the shower.

She looks at Rex who is already strapped on his armor before she sighs,

"Can't I come? Isn't it better for me to explore the Supernatural territory? My father won't let me go out of the human territory, this is a special case you know and this kind of chance won't come by quickly", she said still trying to convince Rex.

Rex still shook his head, "This is not some field trip, I'm not going to put you in danger"

"Wow, Is that really the best excuse you can come up with? Should I be blushing right now having you protecting me?", Evelyn replied sarcastically.

A moment later,

Rex is rubbing Delta's head as he was preparing to leave, the sun is already golden and this is the perfect time to leave since it will be night in a bit.

With his Sovereign of the Night skill, the night amplifies his power by a mile.

"I'm going to the Supernatural Territory for a bit, If there are no mishaps It won't take long", Rex said to Evelyn who is still pouting by the side.

Growl!

Delta growls menacingly as she glare at her left,

Since her body is too big, she's stationed on the side of the hotel near the parking lot with Gerrard's Zeragon pet which is also stationed here.

Unlike before when the white tiger is looking at Delta mockingly,

Now it can feel the threatening aura coming from Delta, both of their body are as big as each other but Delta's body is much more muscular than the white tiger.

The bones on her legs added to the intimidation she emit,

Rex glance to the side and can even see the white tiger backing a little, it's clear that Delta now is a presence that it can't just ignore like before.

'I haven't had the time to let Delta eat the Supernatural's body, maybe later'

Aoooo!!

Delta howls loudly attracting the people in the surrounding,

Some of them even started to clap upon hearing Delta howls, and this makes Delta even more excited as it can be clearly seen from its wagging tail.

"Calm down girl, don't get too excited now...", Rex whispered with a cheeky smile.

But when he was about to mount Delta, a guy can be seen running toward him from the hotel entrance and Rex instantly recognize this guy as Dray.

Dray stopped in front of Rex before he said, "I heard that you're leaving"

"I'm going somewhere for a bit, It won't take long. After I get back we can then go back to Ratmawati City", Rex said as he turns his body towards Dray.

He doesn't know why Dray is seeing him off like this,

Dray is even in his armor which makes Rex a bit confused, but the words that come out of his mouth after that make Rex shake his head, "Let me come with you!"

"Evelyn asks me too but I declined her, it's too dangerous", Rex replied firmly.

Although Rex is determined to finish the quest to get Adhara's spirit, he can't help but also feel nervous since the Supernatural territory right now is more dangerous.

The stronghold just means that there will be many Supernaturals near the Great Barricade.

Rex needs to be secretive but the ones he's most worried is not the Supernatural near the strongholds, but it's the royal Vampire, Calidora instead.

Not too long ago she said that they will meet soon enough,

Because of that, there's a high chance Rex will meet with Calidora who is his Eternal Curse.

Its' not clear what this Eternal Curse exactly is, but it seems to bound him with Calidora, and even though he's quite stronger than the last time they met he's still worried.

The last time they met, he also thought the same like this.

Rex got noticeably stronger than the first time he met with Calidora in Zrolis City, but the second time he met with Calidora, she suddenly become as strong as him.

It's clear that she too has a terrifying talent for getting stronger, Rex can't underestimate her.

'Judging from the last time we met, she should also reach the sixth rank and might even be as strong as me. Her eyes are also a problem, I need to be careful', Rex thought.

He then frowns as he's thinking about the Eternal Curse, 'I know nothing about the curse...'

But then suddenly, "Please let me come!"

"I realized that I'm still inexperienced regarding the Supernatural, but I acknowledge this and wanted to overcome this flaw of mine. So please, let me come and learn more of our enemies", Dray added decisively.

Hearing this, Rex was about to decline again but he then suddenly saw Dray's gaze.

Dray's eyes show that he will not back down from this, there's also a determination in his eyes which makes Rex has second thoughts, 'I really can't, but if I'm going to repay Daniel...'

"Fine, you can come but make sure to absolutely follow my command", Rex finally said.

This makes Dray's eyes lit up before he smiles widely,

Rex sighed while still unsure whether he made the right choice, 'It's going to be a good thing to befriend Daniel, It's not that deep into the Supernatural territory it should be fine'

'I just hope that we don't meet that Vampire', but then suddenly,

BAM!

CRACK!

"Arrghh! What the hell Evelyn?!", Rex cursed when his feet suddenly got stomped.

Evelyn didn't hold back at all as even the ground beneath his feet got cracked, she was glaring at Rex with a puffed-up expression indicating that she is pissed.

She then said, "You're saying yes to Dray but not to me?!"

Without giving Rex any time to say something, Evelyn hugs his arm before she said stubbornly, "If Dray is coming with you, then I'm coming with you. I won't take no for an answer!"

'Urghh... I'm starting to regret bringing Dray already', Rex thought with a sigh.

At night time, the five of them reach the secret route Rex checked before.

Delta's body is big enough for the others to ride on her back, they all then jumped down from Delta's body upon arriving near the black maple tree.

Gistella is standing right behind Dray and Evelyn,

She is specifically tasked by Rex to keep an eye on Dray and Evelyn, she needs to always be ready to protect the two of them if they encounter a powerful Supernatural.

The place is different than before as there are battle scars around,

Many silver bullet shells are scattered on the ground from the ambush Raul did before,

After getting down from Delta,

Rex did the same thing as before as he pluck one of the glowing black leaves of the black maple tree, then the ground trembles as the river got drained the same as before.

Looking at this, Dray and Evelyn widen their eyes before Rex jumped down.

'I don't sense any Supernatural here, It's clear', Rex thought before he signals to the other to jump down, but he then encounters a slight problem right after.

Growls!

Delta growl as her body is too tall for the secret passage,

Although she fits in the secret passage, she's just too tall and it makes her hard to move in the secret passage which might be dangerous if they encounter Supernatural in this place.

"She won't be able to move freely in this tunnel", Evelyn said.

Hearing this, Dray also nodded his head as Rex frowns in thought, 'Without her, going to the place will take longer. What should we do?'

"I'm going to go on ahead", Rex finally said.

He then continues, "I'm going to scout the front to check if there's any Supernatural, you guys walked slowly alongside Delta"

After saying that, Rex dashes deeper into the secret route.

The secret route is exactly like an underground tunnel that is held by mana, it's so deep as if there's no end to the route at all.

It's also completely dark here, but Rex is not bothered.

While dashing without even knowing how much time has passed, Rex saw a light coming from outside and he can even feel the moonlight warmth starting to prickle his skin.

Rex pick up his pace before he got out of the secret route right in the mouth of a cave.

'Just like Gistella said, the secret route's entry point is a cave', Rex thought as he looks at his surroundings, the cave seems to be on a hill and is very secluded.

The big rocks around the mouth of the cave have mosses all over them,

Rex jumped to higher ground before he scan the surrounding place,

From afar Rex can already sense an Awakened aura from his west that seems to belong to a camp of Cessation Knight, their aura is quite dense as it can be felt from afar.

At the far end of the horizon, Rex also saw the Great Barricade standing tall.

'Let's check around this place before the others arrived', Rex said wanting to make sure before he disappear into thin air under the moonlight.

A moment later,

The others slowly got out of the secret route and gasped after managing to get out.

Because of the long travel through the secret route that is endless and dark, they finally got out of the route and reach outside as they takes a huge breath.

It's quite tiring to travel through the tunnel and the closed place makes walking suffocating,

"That tunnel takes forever to get through, I can't believe thousands of Supernatural can go through there", Dray said as he put his hands on his waist feeling relieved.

Hearing this, Evelyn also nodded as she looks at the surrounding.

She then asks, "Where's Rex? He should be waiting here"

But then suddenly, "I already scout the area, we need to keep moving since the Cessation Knight is roaming the place", Rex's voice suddenly came out of nowhere startling the two.

They both look back and saw Rex sitting on top of the cave,

"Why do we need to hide from the Cessation Knight? We're not a Supernatural", Dray asks in confusion, they can even tell the Cessation Knight about this secret route he thought.

Rex shakes his head, "If we were to be found out, they won't let us go through"

"I already found a way to go around the Cessation Knight, we need to move fast", Rex said as he looks in a direction.

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Back at the entrance of the secret route,

When Rex and the others got inside the secret route before the secret route closed and the river got filled again, it went back to the exact same way as before.

After the secret route closed, a rustling sound can be heard from the side.

Out of nowhere, two Werewolves came out from the darkness with one of them sniffing the air, "I can smell his scent lingering around here, he must be close. He finally left that damn city again"

"Where is he? The scent suddenly ended...", the other Werewolf said in confusion.

But when they are searching for the person they're looking for, one of the Werewolf glance to the side sensing something before the two leaped away.

Not long after the Werewolves leave,

Three shadow figures landed right beside the black maple tree, one of them plucks the glowing black leaf before the secret route opened again as the three dashed inside.

After the three went inside, the Werewolves came out again.

"It's a secret route? It must be the Undead's doing", One of the Werewolves said.

Hearing this, the other Werewolf then replied, "They're not what I think they are right?"

"Let's just head in that direction, this secret route should lead near the humans' great wall. If the Demons sent them, then they definitely know about the Prince"

Both of them then dash away leaving the place silent once again,

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"What's that for?", Evelyn asks from the side.

Hearing this, Dray darted his eyes towards Rex who is squatting just in front of the cave's mouth before he asks, "Is that somekind of trap? But that doesn't look sturdy"

Rex is planting a thin steel wire just on the cave's mouth,

"Someone might come in or out of this cave, we need something to notify us if there's anyone else besides us that went in or out of the cave. It's better to be careful", Rex replied.

After planting the wire, Rex and the others mounted Delta.

They are now heading towards the Great Barricade,

Delta blitzes past a wide road that seems to be used by the Cessation Knight,

She's moving very carefully and tries her best to blend with the dark although it didn't amount to much since her fur is white, Delta sticks out like a sore thumb in the dark.

A couple of Cessation Knight wearing their special armor can be seen walking around,

The interval of the wandering Cessation Knight is only separated by one minute at best, this place is very tight that it's almost unbelievable the Supernatural can sneak through them.

'They must have some way to went past this', Rex thought.

While Delta is heading slowly towards the Great Barricade,

"Stop!", Rex instructed when he saw a man that wears a different kind of armor than the other Cessation Knight, just looking at this man shows that he was not a normal Cessation Knight.

Dray who saw this immediately said, "That's a captain! We need to get out of here!"

Just right after he said that Rex had already scanned the Cessation Knight captain found him to be a peak seventh rank Awakened, the captain suddenly glanced in their direction with a frown.

Looking at this, Delta ducked down low almost instantly.

But all of them saw that the Cessation Knight captain leaped towards their direction which makes their scalp go cold, the man's movement is very fast.

Thud!

The man stopped as he looks around squinting his eyes, "Hmmm..."

"Did I sense it wrong?", the man mutters as he checks the surrounding, he leaped from rock to rock to check the place before he eventually stopped right above a huge rock.

After looking around one last time, the man resumes his way to the camp again.

Unknown to him, Rex and the others are behind the huge rock that the man stopped at just right under him which makes their heart beat faster.

It's a peak seventh rank Awakened, his senses are very sharp even as a human.

"We almost got caught...", Dray mutters in relief.

Evelyn then glance at the blanket that covers them and made their bodies turn astral as she asks, "What is this? Is this somekind of Invisible cloak?"

Hearing this, Rex shakes his head, "It's called Astral Blanket"

"It will turn the ones underneath the blanket astral and cannot be touched physically, this astral state also masked our aura so that captain can't sense us thankfully. Although if he looks down then he will instantly see us", Rex explains.

This is the blanket he bought just before to protect Katya,

Its size can be adjusted and it manages to cover Delta and their bodies completely, but this only makes their bodies translucent so if the captain looks down then they can be spotted.

But thankfully the captain didn't,

"Let's keep moving, after passing that hill over there we will not be in the Cessation Knight perimeter so we need to hurry", Rex said as he put the blanket away.

The five of them inch closer to the Great Barricade carefully,

It takes about two hours to go through the perimeter of the Cessation Knight successfully, they now are standing just under the Great Barricade which is towering in front of them.

"Now how do we go over the Great Barricade, Delta surely can't jump that high", Evelyn asks.

The Great Barricade is very towering that it's practically impossible to just jump over it, even for Delta who is already a peak sixth rank mutated animal.

Heck even if she reaches the seventh rank, it's unlikely for her to leap over the Great Barricade.

Rex looks around to identify the place before he points to the left, "Delta go there! There's a hole in the wall right around there"

While waiting for the others to come out of the cave,

Rex had already created a route to go out of the Human Territory, he surprisingly found a big enough hole on the Great Barricade which surprised him.

Although the Supernatural breached the Great Barricade,

In reality, they only breach a part of the Great Barricade which spans thousands of miles separating the human territory from the Supernatural territory.

Because of that, the human-only make a safe perimeter around the stronghold.

About a couple of miles beside the stronghold, the Great Barricade is still functioning normally and doesn't get affected by the stronghold at all.

They only need to be wary of wandering Supernatural that might attack them from the back.

"How did the Supernatural tear through the Great Barricade wall? Isn't it covered by a barrier that protects from outside attacks?", Evelyn asks as Delta went through the hole in the wall.

It's big enough for even Delta to fit which is surprising,

Rex shrugs his shoulders as he to was surprised to see the hole at first, he's currently looking at the system's map which points at the place of the Fire Serpent Spirit.

But then he looks back before he frowns, 'In a straight line from here, isn't it Qrila City?'

'So this is the hole where the Vampires attacking Qrila City came from, the wall shouldn't be this easy to get torn through so this hole must've been progressively made for a long time', Rex thought.

He remembers when the Vampires attacked Qrila City,

That is the time when he unintendingly rescues Rosie, he also first met with the Vampire, Issac there and learns the information that the Supernatural can use other races' spells.

After going through the wall, Delta dashes with all his might.

Plainland covered miles in front of the Great Barricade just like when Rex first got escorted to Lightless Marsh, it's easy to be spotted if they're too slow.

Thanks to Delta's speed, they manage to cover huge distances easily.

While Delta is galloping towards the direction where Rex points, he then said to the others, "From now on we're not in the human territory anymore, so make sure to keep your guard up"

"If you die here, your family won't even find your corpse", he added.



Hearing this, Dray and Evelyn nodded their heads as Delta's body started blitzing with white lightning increasing her speed as she dashes through the night.

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Meanwhile, Faraday University.

Adhara just finished her morning training as she went back to the room again, she has a dejected look on her face as there was no progress in using the daggers Rex gave her.

It's like the daggers don't want to be wielded by her, and this makes her dispirited.

'No progress again today, It's not looking good', Adhara thought as she looks down in thought, she arrives at the room but when she enters it she found Edward is already inside.

Looking at him, Adhara then asks, "You're early today, what's up?"

"I think I'm going to go out with Zelene and my uncle today, she looks okay but I can tell that she's not", Edward said with a sigh.

The sudden appearance of Hans surprises the both of them too much,

Especially Zelene whom Edward finds to be talking in her sleep just a moment ago, and her body is shivering with a troubled look etched on her face.

Hearing this, Adhara frowns, "You just got attacked yesterday, and you're going out again?"

"Are you even healed properly yet? Don't you think you should wait a bit more before going out again, the Atkins might attack you again", she added in concern.

But Edward shakes his head, "It should be relatively safe right after an attack"

"I also can't bear to see Zelene like that, she's trying hard to not worry me but she can't hide it well. I'm just going to be in a crowded place all the time, it should be fine", he added with a sigh.

Adhara sits on the sofa beside Edward as she said, "Fine, Just at least bring Kyran"

"Kyran can help you in case of an attack, and he also can bring your uncle and Zelene to safety faster than you", she added.

This made Edward nod his head as Adhara went to Kyran's room,

But upon entering Kyran's room, she only finds Ryze caging himself in the room all by himself with Kyran nowhere to be seen, "Ryze, What are you doing in the room alone?"

"I just feel like being alone", Ryze replied meekly.

Adhara walks inside the room before she sits by the bed, "What seems to trouble you? You know that you can tell me anything right?"

"Does Kyran give you a hard time?", she asks again.

With his teary eyes, Ryze nodded his head lightly before Adhara hugs him to calm him down.

Ryze started sobbing as Adhara stroked his back gently, she doesn't know what Kyran did but it seems Kyran said something bad to actually made Ryze like this.

After a moment, Adhara pulls Ryze away as she asks, "I'll ask Kyran to stop being mean to you"

"No! He will just become meaner if you said that, just leave him be...", Ryze mutters as he lowers his gaze dejectedly, this makes Adhara frown.

Adhara pity Ryze before she eventually asks, "Do you want to come with me?"

"Let's go out to get some fresh air, you must feel suffocated being in the university all this while", she added with a smile making Ryze looks at her with bright eyes.

She then told Ryze to change as she went out of the room,

Looking at her coming out of the room, Edward approached her and asks, "Kyran is not in there is he?"

"You know where Kyran went? He shouldn't go out of the university alone, I already told him many times already", Adhara mutters as she puts her hands on her waist feeling annoyed.

But then, Edward replied, "I don't know exactly, but I think I know where he is"

"Well, you don't have to worry about Kyran going out of the university. He probably isn't", he added making Adhara looks at him questioningly.

Edward then continues, "It's Lisa, he's with Lisa"

"Lisa? Do you mean the girl that Kyran did it with? But didn't Rex already settle that, Rex told him to not stress about Lisa didn't he?", Adhara asks with a frown.

Hearing this, Edward nodded his head, "Yeah, but I saw them sneaking together"

"It seems they still keep in contact and when he knew Rex is gone he instantly went to Lisa, why did he agree with Rex in the first place if he wants to be with that girl", Edward shakes his head.

Adhara then sigh, "As long as he doesn't leave the university alone, it's fine I guess"

When Adhara was about to continue,

"Adhara? Are you okay?", Edward asks when he saw Adhara's face suddenly turns red.

Even her breathing becomes heavy out of nowhere which caught him by surprise, it happened suddenly which caught Edward off guard.

Adhara then hugged her body feeling her body heating up as her face started to get redder.

Looking at this, Edward helped Adhara sit down on the sofa.

"What happened? Are you sick?", Edward looks at Adhara in concern, he touches Adhara's forehead and finds that she doesn't seem to be sick although she's very warm.

He thought for a moment while looking at Adhara,

Werewolves or even Awakened can't get sick that easily, they're superhumans so getting sick aside from sickness caused by Supernaturals or spells is almost impossible.

But the heavy breathing indicates that Adhara's body should be heating up,

Adhara looks at her own body before she also frowns in confusion, "What's happening? I suddenly feel weird, my body... it's starting to hurt"

"Should we go to the clinic first?", Edward asks in worry.

Ignoring Edward's suggestion, Adhara looks down at her thighs and saw that her legs are moving on their own as she rubs her own thighs, 'It's just like last time...'

Realizing what's happening to herself, Adhara stands up abruptly.

She then went to her own room leaving Edward confused, "Meet me in the lobby in a bit, Me and Ryze will come with you to go out"

After saying that she went to Rosie's room, close the door, and lock it.

"What's with her, she can be weird sometimes", Edward mumbles before he leaves the room.

But right after Adhara enters the room, she stopped just by the door with her breathing still getting heavier, "This... Why did my body become hot out of nowhere?"

"Is it Rex...?", she mumbles as she slid down the door.

Adhara looks at the ceiling with heavy breaths and a reddened face, her eyes are droopy as she tries to resist the feeling, "You said you won't be thinking about that... it's not as hurt like last time so he must just get riled up by someone"

"What did Evelyn do...?", Adhara mutters as she tries to calm herself down.

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Back to Rex,

Rex is focusing on his journey to the spot on the system's map to get the Fire Serpent spirit for Adhara without even realizing that he made a ruckus early in the morning for Adhara.

It happened exactly when Rex woke up and saw Evelyn's defenseless state,

'We're near, the spot should be right around here', Rex thought as he told Delta to stop, they stop right under a huge lush tree that looks to be hundreds of years old.

The tree is somekind of silk cotton tree, but its leaves are fiery red instead.

Even the surrounding trees accommodate the fiery look of the silk cotton tree,

The surrounding trees look to be elm trees with the same colored leaves as the silk-cotton tree, and the elm trees are lined up neatly creating a path to head to the silk cotton tree which looks absolutely stunning that even Rex finds it pleasing to see.

Although it's a cotton silk tree, Rex finds fruits hanging on the branches.

Rex scans the fruit and finds that it's a fourth rank fruit filled with fire mana, and it seems to be the product caused by the fire serpent spirit energy.

Everything is glowing red in the dark, it's breath-taking.

"What is this place? Why is it so beautiful?", Evelyn mutters with bright eyes.

Dray is also looking around in amazement as he can't believe there's such a beautiful place in the Supernatural territory, "How could such a place exist amongst the Supernatural land?"

But Evelyn then glances at Rex, "What are we doing here Rex?"

"There's a spirit here that I wanted to give to Adhara, it should be a fire serpent that I saw from last time when roaming the Supernatural territory as a Scavenger", Rex said nonchalantly.

Hearing this, Evelyn was surprised as Rex approaches the lush silk cotton tree.

After arriving right under the tree, Rex looks around and can't sense the fire serpent spirit anywhere which makes him frown.

'System, How do I lure the fire serpent spirit?', Rex asks.

Destroying the tree might just lure the fire serpent spirit, but it's not ideal since the fire serpent spirit might be angry at him and it will give trouble to Adhara when she assimilated with it.

So he needs to approach the fire spirit in a pacified way,

<Tongue of Fire Fruit can be detected five thousand feet on the right, use the fruit to lure the Fire Serpent Spirit and capture it using Spirit Soulstone>

Reading this, Rex glance to the right searching for the fruit.

But then suddenly,

UMM! UMM! UM!!

Disyllabic low rough sounds can be heard as many mutated gorillas appear in the surrounding, they all have fiery bodies and their size are twice bigger than Rex's.

Evelyn and Dray look around warily as the mutated gorillas surround them,

They're numbering more than two dozen as they glare at Rex and the others with their bright red eyes, some of them differ in size from the others.

"This is just about right, there's no way no mutated animals are attracted to these fruits", Rex thought as he looks around him.

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Rex looks at the surroundings as the mutated gorillas surround them, they are filled with hostility as the bigger ones puffed out their chest while glaring at Rex and the others.

While the smaller ones are hanging on the silk cotton tree's branches making weird noises.

Gistella is already readying her spells in case the gorillas wanted to test them, she's already in her battle mode and so do Evelyn and Dray who already unsheathed their swords.

But Rex is calm while looking at the gorillas,

'The strongest ones are an early sixth rank, it's nothing much', Rex thought.

Roar!

One of the mutated gorillas, the biggest one pounds its chest intimidatingly as it roars angrily showing that it's the leader of this pack of mutated gorillas.

Its body burns with fire brighter as it kept pounding its chest,

Looking at this, Rex smiles as he glances at Delta.

Just from the meaningful look on Rex's face, Delta smirks exposing her fangs as she looks at the biggest mutated gorillas menacingly before she suddenly opens her mouth.

ROAR!

Delta's roar was louder that make the heart trembles,

It's very deafening and domineering as her roar engulfs the leader of the mutated gorillas.

She bares her sharp fangs and even exposes her white lightning while glaring at the mutated gorillas, the powerful roar and the aura she emitted are very domineering.

Hearing this, the biggest mutated gorilla went silent immediately.

Just from Delta's aura alone, it can feel that Delta is way more powerful than itself, and with just that one display the biggest mutated gorilla roar meekly before it leaves followed by the others.

"You don't need to be that loud", Rex mutters as he shakes his head.

Delta can only growl lightly before Dray said, "I really envy you for being a Zeragon, it's freaking cool to have a mount like this gorgeous creature right here"

"You should get one", Rex replied nonchalantly as he looks to his right.

But this makes Dray slightly looks at him in annoyance, "You said it like it's easy..."

Rex told the others to wait here for a bit as he wanted to get the Fire Tongue Fruit to lure the Fire Serpent Spirit, he came back not long after with red fruit in his hand.

The fruit is about the same size as an eggplant but it curves like red pepper,

It's a pretty high rank mutated fruit, it's in the sixth rank and has a hint of spirit energy in it.

Both Evelyn and Dray watched from the side as Rex approaches the cotton silk tree, then they saw a slight change in the surroundings as they can feel a hint of spirit energy coming from the tree which started to raise the temperature of the surroundings.

"I know you want it, so why don't you just come out?", Rex mutters lightly.

Hearing this, the spirit energy becomes even more intense before an astral red serpent materializes wrapping its body on the tree while hissing at Rex.

It surprises Dray so much just from the spirit energy emitted by the red serpent spirit.

The fire spirit's body can even wrap the entire cotton silk tree which even surprises Rex, its body is covered with thick red scales and the snake's spine is poking out of its back blazing with fire.

Even the snake's tongue is made by a bright fire, it hisses as the snake looks at the fruit.

Upon looking at the red serpent spirit, Rex finds that there are a couple of things different than the vision from the spirit tree that he saw before.

This snake's skin is not molten like before, and its aura is not as strong.

But one thing that catches Rex off guard is the size of the spirit which is enormous,

The fact that the spirit got smaller since it loses a fight against the wind deer spirit and still has this enormous size shows that the previous original body is humongous.

"It's quite weak though, maybe that's why I need to bring it back to the tree", Rex mumbles.

Rex's mumbles were light but Dray heard the first part which makes his eyes dart to Rex in shock, he then looks back at the fire serpent spirit and thought to himself, 'This is weak?'

If Dray knows that this fire serpent spirit should be stronger then he might just pass out.

Only Evelyn seems to only surprise a bit, her spirit just like Devo said is at least around the four thousand years mark and the fire serpent spirit's power got weakened since its loss.

The fire serpent spirit's energy is at least half the original.

'System, How do I trap this spirit into the Spirit Soulstone?', Rex asks.

<Taming the spirit and making the spirit agree to get inside Soulstone is the best way, but if the user can get it weak enough it can be forced to be put in the soulstone>

Reading this, Rex then thought, 'Adhara was the one who was supposed to tame this'

'I'll just weaken this spirit and bring it to Adhara, she should be able to tame this herself', Rex thought before he glance at the fire serpent spirit who is eyeing him curiously.

The others are looking at Rex's back,

Dray and Evelyn are the most curious about how Rex will capture the spirit, but then suddenly,

BOOM!

BLITZ!

Rex's body suddenly exploded with black lightning as Devo materializes on his back, Devo's pressuring presence is still surreal for Evelyn and Dray who have already seen Devo a couple of times blasting both of them a couple of steps back.

Even Devo's energy shockwave makes the fire serpent spirit's astral body fainter,

It's almost as if Devo's energy shockwave alone almost dematerializes the fire serpent spirit from the material world, that just shows how powerful Devo really is.

After exposing Devo to the fire serpent spirit,

Rex then leaped towards it and takes out the Spirit Soulstone from the inventory, he touches the fire serpent's spirit body using spirit energy before the Spirit Soulstone absorb the fire serpent.

Roar!

The fire serpent wails but it can't do anything under Devo's pressure,

It didn't take long before the fire serpent spirit got engulfed completely by the Spirit Soulstone, even the cotton silk tree got sucked out of its fire mana as the fruits withered from their red color.

Even the red colors on the surroundings got sucked alongside the fire serpent spirit,

What once a beautiful scenery that even Rex finds pleasing becomes dark and withered in a blink of an eye, the night engulfs the place again with darkness.

Rex puts the Spirit Soulstone into the inventory as he turns to his back,

Dray and Evelyn are looking at him with a surprised expression as Rex looks to just absorbed the spirit easily, they didn't see the Spirit Soulstone from the back.

"Is that it? We're going to go back after this?", Dray asks.

Hearing this, Rex shrugs his shoulders, "Yep that's it, I just want to get this spirit for Adhara to assimilate with. She's stuck at the fifth rank for too long now"

"I told you that it will not take long", he added while shrugging his shoulders.

Evelyn looks at Dray wryly as she too a bit disappointed from walking all the way here without anything happening, even the mutated gorillas before got shrugged off easily.

But then she frown when Rex sat under the withered cotton silk tree,

"If we're done here, let's go back", Evelyn said.

Her movement then stops when she saw Rex is sitting under the withered silk-cotton tree, she was confused as to why Rex is sitting when they're supposed to get back.

Dray is also confused, "Aren't we going back?"

Delta also approaches Rex before she lies beside Rex while whimpering lightly as Rex strokes her head gently, and this makes Evelyn and Dray even more confused, "I wanted to say that we can go back right now, but there's a slight problem with that"

Growl!

Roar!

Out of the darkness of the night, the sound of footsteps approaching can be heard.

The growls and roars coming from the thing that is approaching them are starting to get closer, it makes Evelyn and Dray frown as they can feel an ominous feeling from the darkness.

Rex gives Gistella a look before she went to Rex's side,

"You see, the roar Delta did before is very loud...", Rex mutters.

He then looks at Evelyn and Dray before he said, "I think there's a Supernatural race that really likes to hunt mutated animals, preferably predator mutated animals. They have quite low intelligence so they didn't classify as a high-rank Supernatural but they're quite there"

Thud!

About six pairs of red eyes suddenly appear from the darkness of the night,

The red eyes are stalking Rex and the others as they emit killing intent, the scene makes Dray and Evelyn's skin crawl as they hold the hilt of their swords tighter.

One of the pair of red eyes comes out of the darkness exposing its hulking figure,

Evelyn and Dray slowly raise their gazes to meet with the hulking figure that is at least three times their height, its arms are very long, and have a black furry muscular body that blended with the night perfectly as if it has a camouflage ability.

Upon looking at this, even Rex quirked up a smile in delight.

"Oh! You guys are in luck, I haven't even met this Supernatural! They're quite rare", Rex said excitedly as he looks at the hulking figure.

Hearing this doesn't make Evelyn and Dray excited at all,

But one of the reasons is that the hulking figure in front of them is in the sixth rank realm,

The thick tails and furs almost make this Supernatural often mistaken as a Werewolf, but its huge frame and hideous face with oversized fangs make them look similar to an Ogre instead.

Rex has met one before in the swamp beside Zrolis City.

Although the Supernatural in front of them right now is quite different from the one that Rex met, aside from its power this one also has black steel-like skin that almost looks like its skin is covered with armor.

But this is its actual skin, a very hard and sturdy skin.

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Race: Nightmare Grendel - Elder

Power: Sixth Rank (Mid)

Mental: 311

Strength: 620

Agility: 509

Endurance: 810 (+110)

Intelligence: 0

Reading the Grendel's stats makes Rex's smirk wider, it's not only this Grendel is rare but also a literal nightmare to fight for Evelyn and Dray who is inexperienced in fighting Supernaturals.

He already read the information about this Grendel from the system,

The system's description makes Rex smile as he looks at both Dray and Evelyn, 'This is going to be good for their training', he thought.

While leaning on the withered tree calmly, Rex then said, "Fend them off"

"If I were to give you guys a hint on fighting this Supernatural, I'm going to say that you need to work together because a powerful spell alone will not make you defeat that guy", he added.

Hearing this, Evelyn frowns, "Isn't fighting this many a little bit too much?"

"You're asking many questions Evelyn", Rex replied with an amused smile.

This made Evelyn grit her teeth as she turns her head away, "Are you nervous since this is the Supernatural territory? but you begged me to bring you earlier", Rex said teasingly.

Since this is the first time Evelyn steps into the Supernatural territory,

Anyone will be very nervous since this is the territory of humanity's biggest enemy, and anything could happen here which probably makes her nervous like this.



"But still, I don't think we can handle this", Dray added from the side.

Just from a glance, he recognizes that the Nightmare Grendel is very terrifying,

By just standing there, the Nightmare Grendel emits a terrorizing battle intent which shows that this Nightmare Grendel is adapted to fighting physically unlike the Undead which relies mostly on spells.

Hearing this, Rex smiles, "I'm going to teach you guys a lesson"

"Lesson one in the Supernatural territory, getting surrounded is a common occurrence so defeat them without my help. You'll have to learn to squeeze through this situation kind of situation if you want to become stronger", Rex said cheekily.

Dray was about to say something more but then suddenly,

ROAR!!

SWOOSH!

The nightmare Grendel already dashes towards them with bloodlust, this caught Dray off guard as the other Grendels also waste no time and follows after the nightmare Grendel.

Evelyn clashed with the nightmare Grendel before she backflipped,

Just from their clash alone, she can't fight the nightmare Grendel head-on as its momentum and bloodlust are much stronger than hers, her sword then burns with fire as she slashes down.

"Blazing Destroyer!"

SWOOSH!

A beautiful dark red fire arc was created following Evelyn's sword's trajectory, but when her sword connected with the nightmare Grendel,

Clang!

The sword vibrates as it hits the nightmare Grendels' hard skin,

'What the?! It's freaking hard!', Evelyn exclaimed in her head, the Grendel then punch with its long arms sending Evelyn crashing away and landing beside Rex.

Looking at her, Rex then said, "Do you need another hint?"

"Shut up and just watch", Evelyn replied irritatedly as she dashes back into the battle.

Dray and Evelyn were locked in the fight with the Grendels as Rex watches from the side with Gistella and Delta, they're enjoying the show while Gistella is stressing out.

She fears that one of them got injured and Rex will blame her,

Imbuing his entire body with wind mana, Dray fends off the other Grendels that are attacking from all angles relentlessly like a united hunting pack.

The Grendels proof that they have very high chemistry with each other,

Their reach is even further than the reach of Dray's sword, and their black fur that blended with the darkness of the night makes it hard for Dray to fight them.

It's a complete disadvantage fighting the Grendels at the night,  
Because of their weirdly fast long arms, the Grendels can attack Dray but he can't counter attacked back since they're just not on his sword reach.

Amongst them also lies two early sixth rank, so it's not that easy for him.

Some of the Grendels' attacks manage to reach Dray, their claws scratch Dray's cheek, and other parts of his body as blood flows out.

While Dray is keeping the other Grendels at bay,

One of the Grendels is also attacking Evelyn alongside the nightmare Grendel which puts her in defense, it's not looking good for them.

"Evelyn! We can't win if we're on the defensive!", Dray shouted while defending himself.

Hearing this, Evelyn then glance at the weaker Grendels before she shouted, "Let's aim for the weaker ones first, leave the strongest for the last!"

After shouting that, Evelyn and Dray started changing their battleplans.

Knowing that even Rex gave them a hint that the stronger Grendel needs to be fought two on one to win, they decided to ignore the strongest Grendel and focus on the weaker ones.

Both of them are faster than the nightmare Grendel, so it's doable.

Just from the changes alone, they manage to take down the weaker Grendels.

"They're doing quite good actually, they might really take down the nightmare Grendel", Rex thought as he watch the fight, but he frowns when he spotted something.

Slash!

Evelyn and Dray dash past each other as they dealt the Grendels on their backs,

Their sword stabs the Grendel right on their heart before each of their swords blasted them with fire and wind respectively, they manage to take down the last weaker Grendels.

Only three Grendels are left,

Two of them are sixth rank Grendels while the last one is the Nightmare Grendel.

Swish!

Blood splattered to the ground as they swings their swords,

They got hit a couple of times by the weaker Grendels resulting in a few light injuries, but they manage to take them down leaving the three Grendels for the last.

Grrr....!

A low baritone growls can be heard escaping the nightmare Grendels' mouth,

It looks around and finds the other Grendels are taken down by Evelyn and Dray, the bloodlust in its eyes increases as the nightmare Grendel got pissed.

With a swift movement of theirs,

Dray and Evelyn dash towards the nightmare Grendel and slash it with their swords imbued with mana, but both of their attacks got stopped simultaneously.

The nightmare Grendel manages to catch both of their swords easily,

It then cracked a huge nasty grin as Evelyn and Dray widen their eyes in shock,

Out of nowhere, the Nightmare Grendel's aura becomes violent as the killing intent coming from it mounted even more making Dray and Evelyns' hearts beat faster.

The both of them felt a cold chill grasping their hearts as their senses scream danger,

"It finally decided to get serious, let's see what the two of them fair against this", Rex mumbles as he saw the nightmare Grendel's aura becomes even more powerful.