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Chapter 781 Sixth Member

'Perfect...'

Rex's eyes flashed in excitement as he saw the two glowing spirit cores levitating above his palm, the pulsating energy that is akin to a beating heart breezed his skin with immense mana that was aimless and detached from anything.

By being severed from Giana's body, the spirit cores are now anyone to use.

Imagine holding two elemental stones that contain the thick mana a ninth-rank realm Awakened possess, that is exactly what these detached spirit cores are. Something priceless, and can only be gained in exchange for a life.

Without saying anything, Rex threw Giana an elixir to close up her wound.

Despite still feeling surreal about what had just happened to her, Giana feel the sting in her chest and decides to quickly drink the elixir, closing the wound at a rapid pace visible to the eyes.

Not even needing to glance to the side, it's safe to assume that the others were shocked.

Although he has done many unthinkable that should make the others used to his surprises, this one is more shocking than usual. It doesn't only involve Rex's resilience and battle talent, but a meticulous way to extract something fragile and precious.

Out of everyone, the one that was shocked the most was Prof. K.

Prof. K is a scientist who is very well much revered in the human territory, more so, he has done this kind of experiment and reached the conclusion that the link, binding an Awakened to their spirit cores is way too complex for modern technology or magical control.

Every attempt of removing the spirit core guaranteed the death of the Awakened.

But what he thought was impossible was made possible by a single man, a man that doesn't fall into the category of a researcher or a scientist like himself, a man that's beginning to become an unexplainable enigma.

'What secret does he have? His control of energy is too precise to do that' Prof. K thought.

Looking at the spirit cores for a couple of seconds longer, Rex then puts the two away into his inventory, and both spirit cores vanish under the others' eyes. He then looks down to meet Giana's gaze, "Still, no hesitation. I'm impressed"

Rex knows that he was going to eventually get her to do that, but this is unexpected.

For someone as strong as Giana, training to reach the absolute peak through tears and blood, she gave up her spirit cores rather too quickly. 'I hate to admit it, but it seems like she really regrets what she did...'

At this realization, there's trouble inside Rex's eyes before he turns around.

"I'm a man of my word, you comply with my demands so I'm going to give you the chance you seek," Rex said without even looking at her, he then waved his hand before an object materializes on the floor in front of Giana. "Inside that, you'll find what you need to do"

"But I understand that it's impossible for your current state, so I'll let you work with Prof. K"

Upon hearing this, Giana quickly snaps out of her daze as her mind grasped the unreversible fact that she was now nothing but a human that is slightly stronger. Rex already scanned her earlier and finds that she was only equivalent to a third-rank Awakened.

Probably due to the fact that her body still retains the resilience of a superhuman.

Giana frown when she heard this, if the request was only about updating intel about the Executor, or any other things that Rex wanted to do in the human territory, then she doesn't need any help.

Although she was now in this state, she still has Brigitta to ask for help from.

"H-Help...? Is it impossible for me to finish the tasks inside this without the help of Prof. K?" Giana asked, she feared that Rex gave her an impossible task just to make her suffer for not being able to complete it and win his help.

But Rex quickly declines her messy thought, "No, the tasks are not impossible..."

"Even without your ninth-rank realm power, you can still finish the tasks I gave you. But you'll still need Prof. K's help for what I'm about to do to you," he added before his eyes shifted to Prof. K, "and you..."

Upon hearing this, Prof. K feels the bad feeling looming around him started to get thicker.

For some reason, the words that came out of Rex's mouth make his heart beat faster. It was then his suspicion becomes true when a cheeky smirk appeared on Rex's face before he reappeared right in front of Giana's eyes once again.

The tip of Rex's index finger already touches Giana's cheek, and his red eyes are unblinking.

Adhara who is watching this from a sideline feels like something is off, the way Rex is talking indicates something that she can't quite grasp. While she was looking at the scene in front of her, something caught her eye.

Squinting her eyes, she looks down at the torn clothes on Giana's chest.

Even though she has no clue about anything in regard to runes whether it was ancient runes or normal runes, she can tell that the slightly glowing symbol at the center of Giana's chest is definitely a rune.

It was a rune that was carved by Rex, and that can only mean one thing.

'Rex branded her?! No... don't tell me he's going to'

Giana held her breath when she saw Rex's index finger touching the surface of her skin, below her right eye. A burning sensation started to appear at the spot where Rex's finger is touching her, "Since you judged me unfairly, let's see how you experience it first-hand"

After saying that, an energy shot into Giana and send her stumbling back.

<Giana has been successfully marked by the Silvestar Mark!>

<Bloodline manager feature has been unlocked! The user can now manipulate whether Giana will be turned into a Half-Blood, Werewolf, or High Werewolf. In addition, the user can also influence

the bloodline she will be getting to match that of the other Silverstar Pack members, infusing with the user's declined bloodline, or letting natural course takes over>

<Please select the outcome the user wants>

Half-Blood

Werewolf

High Werewolf

Upon seeing the notification from the System, Rex was surprised at the new feature.

Back when he turned Flunra into a Werewolf, he had a similar response from the System but he was only given the option to either choose to make Flunra a Half-Blood or a Werewolf. Now, it seems his options have been increased.

'Maybe because since I got stronger, I can turn others into stronger Werewolves'

Aside from that, Rex realized that the Werewolf and High-Werewolf options turn out to be a dropped-down menu. Inside, he can find all kinds of bloodline that has been unlocked. It was the others' bloodline with the exception of Evelyn's Luna bloodline.

Of course, the options were there but it costs so much gold to choose certain ones.

Flunra's Paragon of Primordial Werewolf, for example, costs 300,000 gold. Adhara's Anti-Werewolf bloodline was even more costly at 500,00 gold, these are all available but require Rex to invest heavily in the new pack member.

It was clear that there were rankings to these Werewolf bloodlines.

Rex realizes that this feature might help him in the future when he governs more pack members. As far as he turns the others, their evolution path doesn't disappoint. But that would change with more pack members involved.

Someone like Evelyn for instance, if not for being a Luna, her bloodline will be the basic one.

On top of the others' bloodlines, Rex also surprisingly finds the others' declined bloodlines. During the evolution process, each pack member is given three options ranging from abilities and possibly ranks.

From the looks of it, the declined bloodlines were also available to choose from.

'Huh... there's even Demonic Blood and Alpha Slate Werewolves, those are the ones that I declined during my evolution path process' Rex thought, this feature might really be handy in the future.

Of course, like the norm, the pack members need to surpass the High Werewolf first.

Gistella is the only one that didn't follow the normal process like the others. Instead of turning into a regular Werewolf at first, she instantly turned into a Werewolf Fiend which makes Rex quite intrigued.

But it was probably due to three reasons that Gistella is unique.

For one, she was fed with more of his blood compared to the others. Secondly, she also has a black heart that might contribute to this change. Lastly, she was an Undead instead of a human which might spark this change.

Rex is quite sure of his answer, but he still needs more trials to confirm that.

Without wasting any more seconds, he then chooses the regular Werewolf option for Giana.

As for the reasoning behind his choice, it was simple. Aside from not wanting to spend a dime of gold for Giana, turning straight into a Werewolf also has the most impact as the sensation was completely different.

It would definitely catch her off-guard when the Storm Moon came.

Compared to the sensation of the full moon when being a Half-Blood, the urge and desire were in a whole different realm when being an actual Werewolf. 'I'll see how you deal with that...' Rex thought with a smirk.

Giving a chance is one thing, letting her off easy is another.

"KYAARGGHH!!"

Upon picking an option, the transformation process started, indicated by the shrill scream of agony coming from Giana who is trying her best to endure the insurmountable of pain, exceeding what a normal human would be able to endure.

Everything was caused due to the bones and muscles experiencing a change in anatomy.

Looking at this, Adhara was not going to stand still and let this happen but she was stopped by Flunra, standing in her way. "Don't act too hastily, Adhara. I'm sure Rex has his reason for doing this"

"But being turned by him is a blessing! Giana shouldn't have that" Adhara rebutted.

Flunra only gave her a smile, he knows that turning into a Werewolf for a human is a blessing solely because Rex was there to help. Without his help, that blessing would take a dark turn pretty fast, "For her, I don't think being a Werewolf is going to be a blessing"

Although reluctant, Adhara decided to sit this one on the side, giving her trust to Rex.

On the other hand, Prof. K was horrified by this sight. It was unnatural for her bones to move so visibly like that, almost as if the bones inside her were not bones but devilish serpent instead that wanted to eat her from the inside out.

Rex waited patiently until eventually, a notification appeared.

<Giana's transformation is successful, please feed her with the user's blood!>

Nodding his head, he then approached Giana who is now lying on the ground in her own pool of blood and sweat, seemingly fatigued and broken from the painful experience that she had just gone through earlier.

Grabbing her by the hair, Rex forced her to turn around to lie on her back.

Without even saying anything, he cuts his palm before he squeezed his own blood out. Drips of blood fell into Giana's mouth, she was forced to drink it as her entire body was paralyzed, she was unable to move at all.

Soon, the taste of iron filled her entire tastebuds, coaxing her senses dull.

Rex paid attention to not give too much as he was way stronger than he was, and Giana is nothing but a measly human right now. It would be bad if he accidentally killed her by exceeding her blood limit.

As the blood merges with her body, the Silverstar Symbol underneath her right eye glowed.

It turns from black to silver instantly, showing that has fully turned into a Werewolf. A notification from the system then appeared, confirming the fact that Giana is now a part of the Silverstar Pack.

<Congratulation on obtaining the sixth member of the Silverstar Pack!>

While he lets Giana recover from being forced to turn into a Werewolf, Rex's eyes then slowly shifted to the right before eventually, his horrifying pair of red eyes land on Prof. K who is already sweating profusely.

Upon seeing the smirk on Rex's face, Prof. K gulps harshly as he tries to crawl back.

"Now it's your turn, Prof. K..."

Chapter 782 Sub-Variant Werewolf

Rex has already determined that he would turn Giana and Prof. K at the moment he heard that the two are inside the Supernatural territory searching for him, he has his mind fixed on a plan that came to him from nowhere.

'I only wanted to turn Giana to make her understand, but she can't survive on her own'

As she was stripped away from her ninth-rank realm powers, degrading from the pillar of humanity with dual elements into nothing more than a measly superhuman, she has become incapable of surviving alone.

Going through the Humming Damned Forest is an impossibility for her now.

Not to mention, the Great Barricade is miles and miles away from the castle. If she can't reach the end of the Humming Damned Forest, then reaching the Great Barricade is a complete pipe dream.

Thus, his decision to involve Prof. K is the best way to resolve those issues.

'Compared to the others, I don't really have any hate for Prof. K. So I need him, especially since he's the inventor of Intra Technology. I don't know how, but he surely can find a way to bypass his own invention and makes the untraceable as Supernaturals' Rex thought firmly.

Prof. K's lips quivered when he heard this, his face drain from all colors.

Even though he came here to make a difference, he doesn't want to do it at the cost of turning into a Supernatural. It would bring him myriads of headaches that he doesn't want. Due to that, he tries to flee the place.

Standing up quickly, he started to make a run toward the castle's entrance.

Flunra and the others were about to move to suppress him, but Rex simply raised his hand to stop them. Inside the castle's grounds, Rex is the absolute ruler, there's nothing he can't control.

Garnering every bit of energy, Prof. K tries to manifest his green smoke form to escape.

But he quickly learns that it was impossible for him to do that.

Not that there was no crevice in the castle's entrance that he can use to leave the castle, but it was the fact that the air inside the castle was so dense and thick, making him exert a hundred or even a thousand times more energy just to transform.

It was so bad that Prof. K can only turn his right arm into green smoke for two seconds.

"Prof. K, there's nowhere to run" Rex said from behind.

Upon hearing this, Prof. K clenched his hands before he slowly turns around. At this moment, his mind is working at full capacity, searching for a way out, "R-Rex, I don't understand why you also need to turn me. I've never done you any wrong"

"I'm not naive enough to believe you're innocent from all of this" Rex replied with a clear voice.

Although it's somewhat true that he has never been harmed by Prof. K or even the SCO in particular, he still finds it odd that King John and the other messengers accepted him being a Werewolf very quickly, too quickly in fact.

Clearly, the SCO might already know what he was from the start.

Like a specter that is capable of moving through the shadows summoned by the light of dawn seeping into the castle, Rex's body blurred before he reappears a couple of steps away from Prof. K with the same intention in his eyes.

Prof. K took a step back in response, he was still afraid of being turned.

"Some way or another, I need to make you directly involved in this, Prof. K. If I didn't, then you wouldn't help Giana to get what I want like your life depends on it" Rex answered the question, he simply has to do this.

If somehow Giana is capable of doing this alone, then he wouldn't turn Prof. K.

Despite the fact that Prof. K is definitely a gifted person that would make a strong Werewolf, he still has countless options, and turning Prof. K into a Werewolf forcefully is not within his taste.

Rex peers into Prof. K's green eyes before he said, "I was meaning to ask, are you sick?"

"I can smell sickness from you the moment you don't have the crow mask. Even your blood and the rhythm of your heart are odd, you must be suffering from some kind of sickness. Maybe because of your powers?" he inquired, leading the conversation somewhere.

Upon hearing this, Prof. K frowns, "And what if I am?"

"My eyes can see through everything, and I'm quite confident that you'll die in a month or so," Rex said, but then he paused before a smile appeared on his face. "Is that why you're dedicating your whole life to researching?"

Connecting the dots, Rex finds that this is a strong guess.

Prof. K is still young from the looks of it, but he always had this lazy personality which is probably inherent in his sickness. Alongside his strong sense of patriotism to humanity, this is enough reason for him to live the rest of his life researching and contributing as much as he can.

Moreover, King John doesn't seem to know this, judging from how he acts.

At the sound of the words that came out of Rex's mouth, Prof. K's pupils slightly dilated and his body tensed a little. Surely, he was caught off guard by the news, and he has no reason to not believe what Rex is saying is not true.

With countless unimaginable feats under his belt, predicting his death is not that jarring.

Looking at the reaction Prof. K is wearing, the corner of Rex's mouth quirks up a little, "If you really want to help humanity, then keep on living. Become a Werewolf and get rid of that sickness. Pay the price so that others will survive, your expertise is quite crucial for them"

It was right then, a definite pause happened as the two were silent.

"A-Are you going to force me to kill humans if I decided to let you turn me into a Werewolf?" Prof. K eventually asked reluctantly, he knows that there was no way out for him and the best thing he could do is negotiate.

One way or another, he will be turned into a Werewolf by Rex.

Upon hearing this, Rex grinned inwardly as he seems to be able to convince Prof. K to resign to his fate. "No, I only intend to protect my people. As you can see outside, I am beyond humans and Supernaturals"

Despite the reluctance, Prof. K finds that what Rex is saying is somewhat logical.

Putting away the fact that he was biased and doesn't want to turn into any Supernatural creatures, the fact that he was dying is irrefutable. If he wanted to keep on helping humanity, he needs to make some sacrifices.

But he only fears one thing, 'If I turned into a Werewolf, will I be the same person...?'

"So, what is it going to be, Prof. K? Are you still going to resist, or will you accept this? I don't mind doing either way if I have to" Rex asked again, demanding an answer as Giana is already slowly recovering.

Although he's still unsure, eventually Prof. K answered, "Fine, do what you have to do"

A moment later.

Rex is not sitting back on his throne with a stoic expression, his eyes are gazing at Giana that has already recovered and is in a state of surreal as to what had just happened to her. "Now, with this, you'll eventually experience the unjust I suffered. Make sure to complete your tasks, Giana... time is not on your side"

Upon hearing this, Giana slowly looks up, her eyes were blank.

"Flunra, take the two of them away. I don't want to see their faces anymore" Rex instructed.

Without any hesitation, Flunra bowed slightly before he guides the two out of the throne room. Both have received what they need and what Rex wanted them to know, now it's time for them to act in order to win his help.

As the two have fully transformed, there's no reason for them to be here anymore.

Just a couple of minutes ago, he turned Prof. K into a Werewolf. Unlike Giana, the blood limit that he possesses was way higher due to having a gifted body and also being in the eighth-rank realm himself.

It was evident that his stats has experienced quite a boost.

But unlike Giana who he fixed to turn into a regular Werewolf, Prof. K didn't turn into a normal one. Similar to the time when Rex turned Gistella, Prof. K turned into a sub-variant called Noxious Emerald Werewolf.

From the system's description, the sickness inside of him caused this change.

Noxious Emerald Werewolf, like its name, is a Werewolf with a dark greenish hue to its furs and has powers revolving around virulent toxin that can quickly render its enemy's condition into a sickly one, impairing them from their powers.

Rex didn't expect that such a Werewolf existed and was quite surprised by this.

Due to that, Prof. K experienced an evident boost in his stats. Compared to the others, Prof. K might just be nearing Flunra's strength, not taking into account the runic power that Flunra has.

Aside from the surprising sub-variant, Rex branded the two of them with different runes.

Giana is branded with Conscious of the Lost rune that amplifies her guilt to an insurmountable degree while Prof. K was branded with Mind of Perfect Predator Rune which increases his mental stat greatly.

Rex has a couple of reasons for giving the two those runes.

For one, he wanted Giana to suffer despite being given a chance. In addition, Rex also demotes Giana into an Omega, pushing all of her stats to endurance stat while also deliberately putting the Silverstar Mark below her right eye for the fun of it.

She would definitely be on edge all the time, fearing others might realize she's not a human.

As for Prof. K, he wanted him to be able to sustain the coming Storm Moon.

It's true that he wanted Giana to suffer for her past actions, but he still needs the list of things that he wants her to do to be complete. Each of them is crucial to fight against the Executor and advancement of Dargena City.

While he was watching Flunra taking the two away, Rex seems to have something in mind.

Adhara and Evelyn wanted an explanation on why Rex would give Giana a chance despite what she has done, they need to know the reason or they would be uneasy all the time for letting Giana go.

But looking at Rex seems to be thinking, they decided to postpone asking that question.

Looking at him frowning on his throne, the two didn't find it hard to guess what Rex was thinking right now as Giana earlier told him that the Executor was found wounded, and there was a lingering cursed energy inside his wound.

Upon hearing this, Rex was skeptical, but Adhara told him that she was telling the truth.

It's been said that Brigitta saw it with her own two eyes, the Executor is definitely injured. If not then she wouldn't be able to tell the story, the Executor would probably kill her for seeing him injured.

Although that is the case, Rex is still undecided, 'I know that Giana is telling the truth'

'Yet I don't know whether Brigitta is telling the truth, she's a snake and I don't trust her if she didn't say it herself in front of Adhara. But this is in line with the explosive energy from earlier, the Executor must've fought against the Witch' he thought.

Rex then shakes his head, in any way, he needs to learn about curses just in case.

But this can wait as he has an important thing to do, he opens his inventory tab and fixed his eyes on the two-spirit cores that luckily match his focused elements. Lightning and Water elements, both he was going to use to complement each other.

A grin appeared on his face as he looks at his inventory.

'With this, I can possibly propel myself to the ninth-rank realm. Slowly but surely, I'm catching up to the Executor. After I train the Brutal Impulse Moon Ability and curses more, we can start thinking of being on the offensive...'

Chapter 783 Attempt To End The Suffering

Many things happened throughout the night, and it was a bountiful event.

Rex has finds that Adhara and Evelyn have started to use their logic more in approaching a problem, which is much needed for the two of them. It started when he got back from fighting the Executor, the two started to change for the better for some reason.

Additionally, he also gained crucial intel from Prof. K and Giana.

Not only he was now updated with the situation inside the human territory, but he also gained exclusive intel about King John's change and also the Executor's weakness which turns out to be cursed energy.

Cursed energy has never been a problem for Rex.

It was all thanks to the Eternal Curse inside of him, a high-epiphany natural curse that allows him to bypass most cursed powers. The Executor is probably not lucky enough to have this, thus he was injured by the Witch.

Other than that, his mind then wanders to the last folder inside the memory drive.

Since there were no outsiders inside the throne room anymore, Adhara and Evelyn ascend the throne. Adhara sat by Delta while Evelyn sat on Rex's lap, coaxing her arm around his neck gently.

"What is it?" Evelyn asked lightly, seeing that Rex has something in his mind.

Although they still wanted to ask Rex to explain why he gave Giana a chance, the two decided to drop it for now non-verbally, through a glance, knowing full well that it was not the time for that.

Rex paused for a second before he gave Evelyn the memory drive.

Upon receiving the memory drive, Evelyn leans her body to the side and scours through the folders alongside Adhara. A troubled look can be seen on their faces, the intel inside the memory drive is not quite as they expected.

But in the first two files, the two didn't think that they were the cause of Rex being like this.

It was until they reach the third folder that they realized what is bugging Rex's mind, he was rarely overwhelmed by any problem, so it should take something special to put him in this state.

The last folder was not as useful as the other two folders, but it was a little bit personal.

Prof. K has made a brief report of what Edward and Ryze are doing inside the human territory, and through Intra Technology, he managed to find that the two are trying to get stronger to the best of their abilities to win Rex back.

Looking at the side of Rex's face, Evelyn and Adhara sigh.

No matter how much he said that he doesn't view Edward as his friend anymore, the bond is still there. Rex, as strong in strength and will as he is, is still not a robot. Some sensitive things still can get to him.

'Forgive them'

Rex frowns when he heard a whisper in his ears, his mother's voice is still looming over him.

At the spot near the castle's entrance, right on the royal red carpet where the streak of morning light illuminates, a brown wolf appears in a blink of an eye. It sits there, looking at the stunned Rex with tender eyes.

"Mother..." Rex mumbles inaudibly, his eyes fixed on the brown wolf.

Realizing that it was nothing more than an illusion, Rex buried his face with his hand while sighing to himself. 'I'm sorry mother, I just can't. I can't forgive them for what they did, you're the most precious thing in my life yet they took you'

Due to muttering very softly, Evelyn and Adhara can't grasp what he mumbled.

But catching the change in his emotional aura that turns into a deep blue color, Adhara knows that he was in sorrow and mistakenly thought of other things. "If you really want to, you can still bring Edward to our side..."

"I don't like him, I hate him. But I'll accept whatever you choose" Evelyn added.

Upon hearing this, Rex takes a deep breath before he gazed at the two of them with stern eyes, "No, let him do whatever he wants. As far as I'm concerned, he and I are completely done"

As he said that, the entrance door opened, and Flunra walks in.

Noticing that the four of them has gathered once more, Rex nodded his head before he decides to address the matter and keep on going forward. "Evelyn, Adhara, I want the two of you to go to the Dwarf Kingdom and asked them if they are able to repair my katana"

With a wave of his hand, Rex takes out a pouch with the shattered Amuerus Katana inside.

Out of the weapons he has in his arsenal and even most of the weapons sold in the System's shop, the Amuerus Katana's ability is still one of the strongest. It's as powerful as an Origin Weapon, and he invested a lot in it.

Seeing that it was shattered is a pity, and he intends to fix it if possible.

"Also, make a stop at the Dark Elf Kingdom and ask them whether they know very strong mutated animals that have resistance against cursed energy. I can't find any but there should be one in the Humming Damned Forest or around it" Rex added.

Even though he needs more training, time is pressing right now.

Not that the Executor is going to do something due to his injury, but it was the fact that if the Executor really fought against the Witch of Chaos, then she should flee into the Supernatural territory.

In this small timeframe, Rex can use it to track the Witch and rescue Kyran.

'After I absorb the two-spirit cores, I'll head out to search for the Witch. If the Dwarf or Dark Elf knows a mutated animal that has power relating to cursed energy, then I can stop by and devour it to prepare myself more against the Witch' Rex thought, his eyes flashing with determination.

Upon hearing this, Adhara and Evelyn nodded their heads.

"Sure, but do we have your permission to scour around to train more? I'm still not used to the new realm" Adhara asked, she wanted to get stronger quickly too so she can still be of use to Rex.

From the looks of it, Evelyn also wanted the same, she doesn't want to be a weak Luna.

Rex ponders for a moment before his eyes eventually landed on Flunra, "Protect them from the shadows, I don't want anything to happen to them while training. Am I being clear, Flunra?"

"Yes, I'll protect them with my life" Flunra replied, bowing slightly.

Nodding his head in affirmation, Rex then added, "Also, keep a lookout for the Witch of Chaos. It's still just a guess of mine, but I have a feeling that she's inside the Supernatural territory"

With that, the three departed as their fatigue has long been disappeared.

One of the perks being a powerful Werewolf with regenerative ability. If not wounded mortally by a higher power, then they are a killing machine that won't stop no matter how much they are injured.

As the three left, Rex also left the throne room and headed to a particular hallway.

It didn't take long for him to reach in front of a door, the door that leads to Gistella's room. Grabbing the handle, he twist it and poked his head inside, finding that Gistella is looking out of the window.

Naela doesn't seem to be here, she should be inside her own room training.

"Rex..." Gistella mutters when she catches a glimpse of him.

But her voice was hoarse and very light, almost sickly which pained Rex's heart. At the sight of Gistella's weak smile alone and her noticeably thinner figure, he felt inadequate suddenly. 'I let Gistella be like this, and I still can't find Kyran...'

Stepping inside the room, Rex sat on the edge of the bed and reaches out to caress her.

"How are you feeling? Is it still that bad?" Rex asked in concern.

Gistella replied with naught but her smile widened, she held Rex's big and warm hand on her cheek gently before she replied, "I'm okay, you don't have to worry. Focus on what you need to do"

Instead of calming Rex down, the answer makes him more anxious.

'No, I can't see her suffering like this any longer. I don't need to save the chance from the System...'
Rex thought, he deliberates whether he should make an end to this by buying information about curses from the System.

Out of the three chances, he was only left with one.

Rex needs to know many things, starting from the Executor, the Witch of Chaos, or even the Lunirich Gods. Each of them has its own palpable threats, and that is why he was hesitant to use the last chance from the System.

It would be better if he can know which one would attack first, but he doesn't.

But that dilemma has been dragged on for too long at the expense of Gistella suffering like this, and Rex decides that he would end this once and for all. She's important to him, and he can't let this continue.

"Gistella, you should be honest and say that you're not okay" Rex replied back.

Just then, a spark of resolution can be seen in his eyes. At the sight of this, Gistella frowns, "Rex, I'm really fine. I can see through your eyes that you've come to a big decision. If it's because of me, don't do it"

"No, Gistella. If it's for you, then I'll do it... you're worth it" Rex replied firmly.

Standing up from the edge of the bed, he then comes to a decision. 'System, remind me again how much would the information about curses cost?' Rex asked, wanting to make sure that it was way out of his budget.

<Cost for curses information is 200 million gold>

Upon reading this, Rex nodded his head. It's way out of his budget, way off his budget.

'If I buy it, will I know everything about curses?' Rex asked again.

<Yes, the user will obtain knowledge equivalent to of that the Witch of Chaos herself. Sets of data provided will contain the history, types, power, and everything in between about curses. It comes straight from the Forbidden Grimoire, an ancient Origin Object for curses>

Reading this, Rex's eyes lit up as he wandered something.

'Wait, if that's the case, doesn't that mean I'll able to use curses power?' Rex asked.

Although he was only expecting information to help Gistella recover or at least get better until essential items to cure her were gathered, he can't help but wonder if that is also a possible outcome. If he can actually use curse power, then fighting the Executor might become way easier.

<No.>

<In order to use cursed powers, the user must have a source to draw its power from. Without any substantial source, the user wouldn't be able to interact much less use the power of curses>

'Huh, thought so... it'll be too convenient for me if that's the case' Rex thought wryly.

Then again, with the information he will gain, he'll probably find a way to get a source and use the power of curses to fight against the Executor. 'Okay, I'll use the last chance to buy information about curses'

<Purchasing curses information using the last chance, does the user wants to continue?>

<Yes or No>

Upon being provided the two options, Rex paused for a second. Glancing at Gistella one last time, he nodded inwardly before his finger heads over to the 'Yes' button. But as his finger was about to press the 'Yes' button, his senses suddenly alerted him of something.

In an instant, Rex went over between Gistella and the window with a savage expression.

Gistella was surprised by this, yet when she glanced to the window she saw something is heading towards the castle at a rapid pace, blistering through the morning sky without a care in the world.

At this sight, Rex gritted his teeth and shouted, "Gistella! Get down!!"

ROARR!!

Chapter 784 Desperation Of The Chaos Child

Rex's eyes dilated, seeing a black hooded figure shooting straight at him.

It didn't take long for him to recognize the energy coursing around the black hooded figure's body, the malice and sense of damnation that the energy emits can only point at one thing, cursed energy.

Sensing the cursed malice, the Circling Sentinel shot at the hooded creature as it got close.

Swoosh!

Upon seeing this, the hooded cursed creature garner more power and imbued it into the scythe it was holding. A concentration of energy happened, it was so precise and dense that the cursed energy is only a millimeter thick.

Boom!

A clash happened, the Circling Sentinel stopped it for a second but it was no use.

Showing no sign of stopping, the hooded cursed creature burst through the barrier protecting Dargena City and also the Castle. It didn't breaks them, the hooded cursed creature only phased through them unnaturally.

Rex's eyes widened when he saw this, two protective prevention was passed just like that.

None of them were able to obstruct the hooded cursed creature's momentum for long. In an instant, Rex quickly turns into his Werewolf form without any hesitation before the attack arrives.

'It must be here for Gistella, I can't afford a slip-up' Rex thought sternly.

Like a torrent of destructive cursed energy, the black hooded creature slipped into the room.

Powering the scythe once more with its cursed energy, the hooded cursed creature swung it right at Rex with immense killing intent. It was powerful enough to alert Rex's senses about the danger it hides.

<Warning! Unrestrained essence of cursed energy has been detected in the surrounding>

Clenching his jaw tightly, Rex raises both of his arms to block it while simultaneously activating his powers, including his black lightning to protect himself from being touched by the deadly scythe.

Swish!

Crash!

Rex was flung onto the wall on his back strongly, creating a crack in the wall.

'What in the...? How can it pushes me back, it only has eighth-rank realm power!' Rex exclaimed inside his head, he was confused about how does this hooded cursed creature is able to knock him off his stand.

Seeing the hooded cursed creature heads to Gistella, Rex instantly stands up.

But he was once again surprised when he saw another creature, a steely insectoid creature phase through the wall and landed a whipping attack using its body and send Rex bursting out of Gistella's room.

Recovering quickly, Rex looks at the room and saw something outrageous.

The hooded cursed creature with its destructive hand on Gistella levitates her. Gistella can feel an unnatural force attempting to drain energy from her, the curse inside of her was being extracted and it brings about great pain beyond measure.

In a moment, Rex's hearing was nulled as Gistella's scream was the only thing he hears.

Just as he was about to burst into absolute anger, thinking that two mere cursed creatures barges inside his home and touch his woman puts his wrath to the boiling point as his King Mark slowly started to appear on his forehead.

But at that moment, he suddenly felt something drizzling down from his nose.

Rex touches his nose and finds that he was nosebleeding, and this put a frown on his face as this shouldn't be possible, 'Did they actually manage to hurt me? No, there's no way. It can't be it...'

As he thought of that, he sensed a figure jumping into the room from outside.

'Wait, what is that lunatic doing here?!'

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"We should be getting close..."

"Yes, the Dark Elves told us they are at the center of the Humming Damned Forest"

Somewhere in a rocky and dry reddish terrain was a convoy of about 13 exquisite wagons, each pulled by two majestic greenish-white deers that has their horns branching like a tree, adding divinity to their appearances.

Many elite warriors surrounded the 13 wagons with weapons at ready on their side.

Each possesses sixth-rank realm or above powers.

From the intricate and unique armor these elite warriors are wearing, there seem to be two types of them. One is wearing thick dark green armor and has a bigger build than the rest, standing at the outer area of the formation with a great sword in their hands.

On the inner side of the formation is another type, clad in thinner and light green armor.

Instead of the great sword, these elite warriors are holding a long bow, an arrow is already tucked in, gleaming with fascinating yet sharp nature energy. And their eyes glowing bright green, sharply scanning the area.

A green banner with a white tree logo at the center makes them easily recognized.

Supernaturals would immediately recognize these two types of elite warriors as the Dauntless Cerion Order of the Elves, the Royal Elite Guards of the Elven Kingdom that is known for their tight formation and daunting spirit.

In the center of it all was a bigger wagon where the queen herself resides.

"D-Do I look presentable enough?" Queen Shanaela, beautiful as she is, adored in her green and golden dress with white trim asks with a light tone. It's only a matter of time minutes before they reach the Silverstar Pack resting place.

Despite her calmness, Hastios can hear the nervousness in her tone.

Chuckling lightly seeing that her Queen was this nervous, Hastios shook his head and replied, "You look lovely, my Queen. I believe you're more than presentable. Maybe our power declines over time, but our people have never paled in presentation to others"

Upon hearing this, Queen Shanaela nodded her head and tries to calm herself down.

Although they are going to meet with an entity that was called by many the Traitor of the New Era, the Supernatural Killer, or even the Harbringer of Calamity, Hastios doesn't feel in any way threatened.

But that's because of the fact that the entity spared his Queen which he's forever thankful.

Even right now, he has a feeling that their meetings will go fine.

"Look, we're entering the Humming Damned Forest" Hastios pointed out of the window, seeing the Dauntless Cerion Order organizing a barrier to protect the convoy from the supposed mutated animals and cursed creatures.

Queen Shanaela also looks out, she lets out a sigh to calm herself down.

While the convoy is entering the Humming Damned Forest, Calidora, sitting inside with them that has been meditating throughout the journey jolted her eyes open suddenly, drawing Queen Shanaela and Hastios' attentions to her.

"Calidora, what's wrong?" Queen Shanaela asked in concern.

Ignoring her question, Calidora stands up on the wagon and looks up to the window on the roof of the wagon, seemingly looking at the sky. "I don't know, but something is approaching... I can feel it"

"Are you sure, Princess Calidora? I don't sense anything" Hastios asked back to be certain.

Out of nowhere, Calidora's vampiric energy seeped out of her body, and even her Eyes of Terror are activated, causing her eyes to turn from purple to ruby red and black patterns to appear. "Only I can feel it, these creatures cause a distortion in the cursed energy around us"

Not intending to idle around, Calidora burst out of the wagon in an instant.

Gazing up at the far distance of the sky, her pupils dilated seeing a silhouette emitting extreme distortion of cursed energy cutting through the broken sky, disregarding that the sun is blazing above them.

Calidora's eyes bulged and she bared fangs when she sensed malice within the silhouette.

"It's not directed to me..." She utters, seemingly confused. But then, enormous anger started to overflow inside of her, "Does it bares malice towards him?! How dare you! I'm the only one who can hurt him!!"

CRACK!

BOOM!!

The Dauntless Cerion Order was surprised when a shockwave exploded from Calidora.

Disregarding anything around her, blood energy mixing with cursed energy swirls around her, shooting her power to a higher degree before she leaped powerfully, bursting out of the barrier that the Dauntless Cerion Order has made to protect the convoy.

Like a crimson brush piercing to the sky, Calidora makes her way towards the silhouette.

Calidora's speed surpassed the limit as she managed to get close to the silhouette in about ten seconds despite the distance between them, her wings flapped one more time and turns her into an aerial jet of concentrated energy.

Upon seeing this, the silhouette was taken aback but recovered pretty quickly.

Gripping the scythe brimming with cursed energy to the absolute core, the silhouette that turns out to be a hooded skull-face creature swung powerfully, the cursed energy that imbued the scythe sends a rippling cry of people as it strikes at Calidora.

Clang!

Kaboom!!

Both of them collided, their energies were flying everywhere unrestrained.

Amidst the powerful clash that made the sky darker for a moment, the hooded cursed creature catches sight of the cursed energy within Calidora's claws, it was very powerful and somewhat controlled.

"Vampire, don't get in our way," the hooded cursed creature said raspingly.

Instead of backing down, Calidora flaps her wings stronger with a crazed look on her expression, bulging eyes and veins expose the anger maniacal anger burning inside of her. "If you ever touch him, if you ever lay your hands on him! I swear... I'll find a way to give you a fleshy body just so I can drain the blood out of you!"

Upon hearing this, the hooded cursed creature realized who is Calidora referring to.

"Nothing will stand in our way to help, Mother. Even your bloodlust will not be able to stop me, Vampire..." the hooded cursed creature replied before the two of them push each other back, propelling themselves away.

Calidora, outraged by the hooded cursed creature's answer points both hands to the sky.

"Cursed Blood Magic, Utopia of Carnage Festival!"

SWOOSH!

Out of nowhere, the hooded cursed creature looks around as hundreds if not thousands of blood droplets appeared from thin air. Slowly, cursed energy was infused into each one of them, turning the blood droplets into a bat-like form.

It takes only a second for that to happen before the blood bats started swarming at it.

Sensing the cursed energy contained inside each blood bat, the hooded cursed creature entrapped itself inside a cursed cubical object, trying to protect itself from the dangerous blood bats.

But to its surprise, the blood bats can inflict heavy damage on the cubical object.

Each of the blood bats hammered itself into the cursed cubical object, turning into an arm-size needle and leaving a crack on the surface. While looking at this, Calidora grins nastily, "Don't think that you're the only one that can use cursed energy, I also can use it"

Crash!

Crash!

Under the barrage of attacks, the cursed cubical object eventually surrendered.

It shattered into a million pieces before the hooded cursed creature was directly attacked by them. More and more cursed wounds appeared around its body, the situation is not looking good for the hooded cursed creature.

Just then, a glint appeared in its hollow eyes as a shockwave exploded from its body.

Surprisingly enough, the shockwave managed to completely obliterate the entire blood bats. Following that, the hooded cursed creature then vanishes and reappeared right behind Calidora.

Calidora has the time to turn around, but she was too late to defend herself.

Fueled with eerie and cold cursed energy, the hooded cursed creature pierced Calidora right on her abdomen, causing blood to gush out of her mouth. Yet horror inflicts not Calidora's heart, but the hooded cursed creature's instead.

Even though she was stabbed, the grin on her face never left.

Pain has never been a bane for her, she can ignore it completely before she grabs the hooded cursed creature by its head with both hands tightly. With her Eyes of Terror brimming with power, she stares into the creaseless eye sockets of the hooded cursed creature.

Upon seeing Calidora's eyes, a powerful sensation infiltrates the mind.

It feels like the entire world is shaking alongside the hooded cursed creature's mind, the sensation is overwhelming, and stunning in its place as Calidora gets more and more excited when a painful cry left its mouth.

But as she was doing this, she didn't realize that something is heading towards her.

Calidora glanced at her side when she finds a steely limb heading towards her, and due to her not focusing on her surroundings, she was hit perfectly and got sent crashing to the ground like a meteor.

Screech!

Snapping out of its daze, the hooded cursed creature recovered.

Not even intending to check whether Calidora is going to be still after them or not, the two cursed creatures make a break for it and resumed their destination, which is the castle at the center of the Humming Damned Forest.

Chapter 785 Unexpected Team-Up (1)

Rex was completely caught off-guard when he saw a familiar figure jumping into the fight.

It's been a while since he saw her, and he didn't even know what she has been doing all this time ever since her attack into the human territory. But now that he had seen her in person, something definitely changed.

Even though he was surprised, this is not the time to be stunned like this.

At the sight of Calidora that for some reason instantly started attacking the insectoid cursed creature strongly, Rex decided to cancel activating his King Mark and immediately dashed straight at the hooded cursed creature.

Gistella was still screaming in pain, and her agony fueled his anger endlessly.

"Raargh!!"

Clang!

Charging his newly achieved eighth-rank realm Lunar Elements, a weapon, condensed from an intense amount of Lunar Mana appeared in his hand and radiated with power. 'Amanir, if you want to help, now is the time'

[Okay, I'll put everything into the halberd!]

Immediately after, Rex can feel the halberd in his hand trembles with more power.

Rex then swung the halberd with a mighty force while simultaneously cloaking his red force over to the halberd, propelling its power to another degree, a swing that can injure even ninth-rank realm entities.

Swoosh!

Clang!

But the hooded cursed creature reacted quickly and parried the attack with its scythe.

Upon seeing that his halberd alongside the power it brings was stopped mid-track, Rex clenched his jaw strongly as he can't comprehend how can this hooded cursed creature be this strong.

If it was able to match him in strength, then it must also be a ninth-rank realm entity.

'System, I swear that its aura is not as suppressing as other ninth-rank realm entities. Even Giana has ten times of suppressing aura than this thing, how can this happen?!' Rex exclaimed inside his head.

<Scanning the supposed cursed creature...>

As their weapons are clashing right now, the System began the scanning process.

<Dealkandrax has used one of the 5 Forbidden Conjour of the Grimoire, Sacrificial Lamb. It's a powerful twelfth-epiphany cursed conjour that fragmented the regular cursed energy inside of it into a more powerful version in exchange for a disturbing amount of life force, turning Dealkandrax into an Anathema Curse, invulnerable to anything aside from the cursed energy of its own>

Rex reads the System's explanation before he gritted his teeth, 'So I can't do anything to it?!'

<Severing the ties between Dealkandrax and Gistella will give the user a fighting chance to safe Gistella. It will be very hard to do that due to the higher version of the cursed energy, but not impossible for the user>

Nodding his head, his eyes instantly shifted to Dealkandrax's other hand.

It was the hand that is extracting the curse from Gistella's body, and causing her extreme pain. At this moment, Rex instantly expands his senses to the absolute limit and activates his Extreme State skill.

Just like that, he engaged in fierce combat against Dealkandrax.

Despite being unable to do anything to hurt Dealkandrax due to the forbidden conjour, Rex was still able to push it back and disturb it from whatever it was doing to Gistella. Each of his strikes was fueled with strength beyond comprehension.

Clang!

Clang!

Slash!

As their clash continues, they find themselves outside of the castle and land in the city.

'System, did you manage to sense the extraction process of the curse inside Gistella? If you have, then put a timer until the extraction process is completed. And also, tell me what would happen to

Gistella if the curse is extracted completely?' Rex thought as he stands firm in his lowered battle-ready stance.

<Extraction Process: 17%>

<Due to the lack of focus and forceful nature of the extraction process, if Dealkandrax succeeds in extracting the curse inside Gistella's body, she will die as a result as the curse is already bonded with her>

<Sudden Quest!>

Save the user's third Beta, Gistella from the influence of Dealkandrax and the Witch of Chaos' ploy. As the Alpha of the Silverstar Pack, failure in protecting the pack members will not be tolerated.

Time Limit: 2 Minutes 37 Seconds

Quest Failure: Death of Gistella and a permanent 50% increase in the user's Berserk Stat.

Quest Reward: 300 Billion Exp, Unbinding Curse Technique, and Damned Specter Skill.

As soon as he read through the notifications from the System, Rex's entire demeanor changed dramatically. Each of his horns started to glow with kingly energy, he then raises his gaze and cast a hateful glare at Dealkandrax, baring his sharp fangs and growling violently.

In an instant, Rex disappeared from his spot and reappeared above Dealkandrax.

Harboring a fierce glint in his eyes, capable of striking fear in the strongest entities in the whole entire world, Rex threw the halberd in his hand straight at the damned creature. It managed to parry it only to face a powerful downward slash from Rex's claws.

KABOOM!

Fueled with the Unholy Claws of the Reaper skill, the Origin energy in his claws was thick.

Under the sundering might behind his attack, Dealkandrax fell to one of its knees as the force reverberated through its entire body before seeping into the ground, spreading a crack around the entire area.

Considering that this is Dargena City, the crack indicates the terrifying strength Rex possesses.

Even Flunra who is a capable entity in this current era can only leave a dent in the wall of a building in Dargena City with a serious punch. But under Rex's fearsome strength, the material behaved as if it was like any other normal material, easily broken.

Moreover, inside the domain of Dargena City, Rex has a natural boost as its owner.

As he feeds the castle with Elemental Stones before, he unlocked not only the Circling Sentinel Upgrades but also an additional effect called Master of the Sanctuary, which gives him a stats boost of about 30%.

For someone as strong as him, 30% is an incredible amount.

In the future, his enemies would find it hard to take him out in his own territory thanks to this.

Despite the exponential increase in Rex's strength, Dealkandrax forcefully stands back up, resisting the attack thanks to its condition. Raising its gaze, it then fired cursed energy from both of its eye sockets.

Swish!

Crash!

Rex didn't have the time to react as he was propelled away.

But that attack did nothing to him, Dealkandrax might be invulnerable to any damage from him, yet it also can't do anything to him. Although that being the case, it's a win situation for Dealkandrax as it only wanted the curse instead of fighting with Rex.

Getting up from the rubble, Rex wanted to dash in again but his eyes darted elsewhere.

Just like him and Dealkandrax, Calidora is also fighting against the insectoid creature, causing reckless damage to the surroundings. None of the Supernaturals dared to close into their fights for obvious reasons.

While briefly inspecting their fight, Rex's eyebrows dipped when he noticed something.

'Did she manage to damage that insectoid creature...?'

Albeit their movement was very fast, Rex can see that the insectoid creature sustain numerous slashes across its body, and blood are coming from them. It was also at that moment that he finds that Calidora has a mix of cursed energy in her attacks.

Something that caught Rex off-guard as it turns out, she's able to use cursed energy.

Even though he was reluctant to admit this, but he needs Calidora's help to sever the ties Dealkandrax has with Gistella. It's no time to indulge in the past, he needs to be conscious of the possibilities and be flexible.

'Okay, Amanir, give me everything you got!' Rex exclaimed inside his head.

Just like that, a pair of light bluish wings burst out of his back as his Spirit Gladiator Form was activated. In an instant, he decided to rush at the insectoid creature to hurt it and buy them enough time to focus on Dealkandrax.

Swoosh!

Rex covers immense distance with one leap as his entire body gleams with spirit energy.

"Pneuma Spell..."

Fixating his eyes on the insectoid creature, Calidora leaped back when she saw its body was starting to be engulfed in glowing stones, trapping it in place. A flash of dense lunar spirit energy gathered into Rex's eyes, shooting a brilliant blue light.

"Moonstone Exhibition"

Screech!!

The insectoid creature was completely trapped, struggling helplessly in the grip of the stone.

But it was not able to do anything to the gripping Pneuma Spell that layered its entire body in stone, turning it into a statue for a moment. It was then Rex arrived, gathering every single bit of power to punch the insectoid creature.

Calidora also did the same, punching the insectoid creature and exploding her blood energy.

BAM!!

Under the combined strength of the two of them, the insectoid creature screeched as it was propelled all the way to the other side of Dargena City, crashing onto the wall and shaking the entire place.

After doing that, Rex then immediately said, "Calidora, I need your help"

Upon hearing the words that came out of Rex's mouth, a sweet chuckle escape Calidora's plump lips as she tries to cover the amused smile on her face. It was way out of proportion when her chuckle becomes even more intense.

"H-He called my name..." Calidora utters, her Eyes of Terror keeps on switching violently.

<Time Limit: 1 Minute 22 Seconds>

Rex doesn't have the time to deal with this so he quickly turns to face Dealkandrax who is already about to flee Dargena City with Gistella, "Just help me take that one down, and I'll do one thing for you, anything"

Not even responding, Calidora's blood boiled as she instantly rushed at Dealkandrax.

Swoosh!

From the back, Rex also chased after her but he finds that his vision is blurry. Not his entire vision though, only Calidora's figure that seems to be doubled, blinking in and out of reality unnaturally.

It dazed Rex but he suppressed it knowing that Gistella is in danger.

As it seems, the offer given by Rex was motivation enough since Calidora already summoned thousands of blood bats and control them to swarm Dealkandrax from all sides, trapping it in the center.

Upon seeing the same phenomena, Dealkandrax feels annoyed, "You again..."

"I told you, I will not let you go... not until I can suck the blood out of you and watch you scream in pain" Calidora's deep crimson eyes blazed, activating the Eyes of Terror and trucking Dealkandrax with a powerful migraine.

Just like before, Dealkandrax was susceptible to her Eyes of Terror.

Not that her Eyes of Terror is naturally a counter to cursed creatures, but she imbued it enough with her own cursed energy that can somehow affect Dealkandrax. Even Rex who was watching this from behind was surprised.

Something like this surprises him, especially knowing Dealkandrax's condition.

'The System said that Dealkandrax is a twelfth-epiphany Anathema Curse, how can her cursed energy reach this degree? Did she train in the way of the curse all this time when I was dealing with the Executor?' Rex thought with a frown.

Rex doesn't know any other cursed creature that is in the twelfth-epiphany realm.

But somehow Calidora's cursed energy can reach that high in such a small timeframe. Although he knows that Calidora is linked to him, he has never learned about curses, so she must've done this on her own.

As he was thinking about it, something struck Rex's mind.

'System, you said earlier that I need a source to conjure and use curse powers, right?'

<Yes, curse powers need a source that will act as fuel>

Upon reading this, Rex's expression changed from a surprised one into a frown. A small piece of thought enters his mind as he reads this, 'If we're talking about a source, does the Eternal Curse considered a source...?'

<Yes, Eternal Curse is a Twelfth-Epiphany Natural Curse, suitable to be a powerful source>

Just like that, Rex's expression turns into a troubled one as he now knows where Calidora is gaining the curse power from. She turns out to be cultivating the Eternal Curse to achieve that. 'So, if I want to use curse power to fight against the Executor, does that mean I need Calidora?'

eaglesnovel <Very likely, yes. The Eternal Curse bonded the user and Caldiora for eternity>

'God, damn it... I was hoping that it was not going to be the case' Rex cursed inside his head.

Chapter 786 Unexpected Team-Up (2)

Rex already expected that this might be the case, but it still surprises him to know.

Noticing the indomitable curse powers that Calidora is excluding right now got Rex thinking that she might be using the Eternal Curse to reach this high level. But there's still a clear question inside his head.

'What's her reason to focus on curse powers instead of her Vampiric powers...?'

Calidora definitely wants to get strong like any other living creature, yet she chooses to follow the path of cursed energy. Despite possessing one of the strongest Supernatural bloodlines, she instead chooses another path.

Underneath her maniacal appearance, there should be something behind this choice.

But there's no time for him to think about this now, 'One more minute, I need to sever the link between Gistella and Dealkandrax. System, can I use something to enhance my attack?'

<Yes, Annulment Elixir will be able to help the user>

As soon as Rex bought the Annulment Elixir as there shouldn't be any hiccups with so much at stake here, a powerful blast snap him back into the fight. Calidora and Dealkandrax's energies clash with each other.

In the midst of it, Gistella bites her lips and tries her hardest to escape to no avail.

Even though the cursed energy from Dealkandrax was able to slowly scorch Calidora's fingertips, she laughs like a lunatic instead of weeping in pain. It's unclear what's in her mind right now, "I can smell your panic, are you at the breaking point of being scared?!"

"Vampire... I've had enough of you" Dealkandrax replied and swung its scythe harshly.

Swoosh!

Calidora leaped back due to the pushing force, she then raises her gaze again with burning motivation in her eyes but was surprised when Dealkandrax cast something, creating a huge formation, spanning for miles, filled with cursed energy on the ground.

Under their gazes, Dealkandrax started chanting a mantra using an unknown language.

Despite doesn't know exactly what he needs to expect from this mantra, Rex cuts through the air like a meteor and aimed his claws, imbued with Unholy Claws of the Reaper skill right at Gistella.

Just like he anticipated, the cursed energy was trying to resist him as he got closer.

But under his brute strength, he was not going to be slowed down. 'I need to reach her. I'm going to create a perfect world where humans and Supernaturals co-exist, and I want Gistella and the others to see that vision coming true. I will not let her die here!'

Swoosh!

Clang!

About ten feet away from reaching Gistella, Rex was met with a stronger resisting force.

It was so strong that he was also propelled back as Calidora did earlier. Although that is the case, he now learns that there are layers and that powerful resisting force is the last layer that he needs to break to reach Gistella and sever the link between them.

Roar!!

Dealkandrax roared, causing its astral voice to tremble the entire place.

Upon the roar, Rex and Calidora look down and finds that the formation engraved on the ground started glowing brightly. Just then, a hand protruded from the ground and grab Rex and Calidora's shoulders.

But both of them swung their arms and destroy the hand grabbing on them easily.

"We need to take care of these things first to reach Dealkandrax. Let's cut through them, and use your cursed energy to amplify my attack when I got close enough, okay?" Rex said while looking around the place where countless cursed creatures started crawling out of the ground.

Now it was clear to them that the formation is a summoning formation.

Since Dealkandrax only needed time to extract the curse from Gistella, he decided to use this cursed spell to stall them. Rex knows that is its game plan, and he was not going to let it succeed.

"Oh, are we a team now?" Calidora teased, putting her back against Rex's.

Gritting his teeth, feeling annoyed that he was forced to rely on Calidora at this time, Rex suppressed his anger, "Just focus or you're not going to get anything from me, I reckon you're very excited about your request"

"Verily... I'm going to enjoy you thoroughly" Calidora replied with her sweet yet deadly tone.

<Time Limit: 53 Seconds>

Roar!!

In an instant, the hundreds if not thousands of cursed creatures started swarming at them, surrounding them at the center. Each of their gnarly appearances was a sight to see, a tide of black death.

Many of them are varying in appearance, and some are drastically different.

Some are shaped like humanoid creatures with weird postures and broken faces, while some take a more disgusting approach such as having tentacles heads with elongated long tongues, or even multiple limbs with intestines pouring out of their open stomachs.

If not for Rex and Calidora that are the ones here, others' would tremble in absolute fear.

Even their combination of cursed energy turns into a cloud of dark bronze energy, suffocating the air around them and painting the entire place in a hell-like portrait, a stuff of nightmare for many.

Kaboom!

Rex and Calidora's energies exploded as they lower their stances at ready.

Without the slightest bit of hesitation, Calidora's eyes glowed as the ground in front of them cracked before she flaps her wings violently, cutting through the swarm of cursed creatures like an arrow.

Calidora's swings are strong enough to cut each of them down, flawlessly.

Not one of them suffer an easy death, they were ripped to shreds by Calidora's claws.

But that is to be expected for having control of the Twelft-Epiphany Natural Curse that is also inside of her, these lower-epiphany curses are nothing for Calidora's cursed and lethal claws.

On the back, Rex followed closely from behind, taking care of the ones that survived.

Just then out of nowhere, he looks up when he finds the spot around the two of them darkened, and he witnessed hundreds of cursed creatures leaping onto them, throwing themselves to buy more time.

<Time Limit: 31 Seconds>

Not intending to leave everything to Calidora, Rex jumped above her.

Spreading both of his arms to the side, his eyes then glowed with an unnatural color of blue as water mana started to cloak his entire body, creating a thin layer of aqua, "Great Water Spell, Splashing Cocoon..."

Swish!

Rex's body was enveloped with a bubble before it explodes, splashing the cursed creatures.

Immediately after he does that, a streak of black lightning started to sizzle around his body like a serpent, and even covered his crimson eyes with blitzes of black electricity, "Blitzing Cry!"

Blitz!!

Black lightning strikes stab out of Rex's body and hits the cursed creatures around him.

On top of that, thanks to the Splash Cocoon spell that he does earlier, the black lightning finds it easy to spread from one cursed creature to the other, eventually electrocuting hundreds of cursed creatures in an instant.

'Not enough, they are cursed creatures, most of them will survive' Rex thought.

As these are not regular cursed creatures, the lower-epiphany ones that are easily killed, Rex knows that the majority of them are going to recover from being paralyzed by his black lightning. But that is not a problem for him.

"Black Field Orko!" Rex chanted once again, turning the ground beneath him black.

Countless black lightning tentacles burst out of the ground, gripping a dozen or more cursed creatures each. It was also perfect thanks to the fact that his mana has been increased dramatically, and the number of black lightning tentacles he can summon was increased by more than tenfold.

Rex didn't need to kill them all in one swoop, he only needs to restrain them.

But the fight is not done yet, the cursed creatures' sheer number that surrounded them is too much to cut through, and they would've wasted more time. 'Devo, we're going to try that. It's been a while, but we're stronger, we should be able to do that'

[Just do it, I'll also try to the best of my abilities]

Upon agreeing to that, Rex takes a deep breath to keep his focus at maximum.

"Calidora, heads up..."

As he said that, the sunny sky above them started to become cloudy as Rex and Devo controlled the weather. Coaxing as much spirit energy as they can, he then eventually chanted, "Pneuma Spell, Ether Blink!"

CRACK!!

BLITZ!!

Instead of one, Rex cast two Ether Blink. One for himself and one for Calidora.

Rex and Calidora's body slowly turns into lightning particles and disappeared from the place. Soon enough, two lightning strikes descend down from the sky again, before the two of them reappeared.

But now, the two have a clear path to Dealkandrax thanks to that Pneuma Spell.

Since Rex hasn't been using his lightning powers lately due to the enemies he has fought, he's not confident that he was able to teleport Calidora alongside him, knowing full well that she doesn't have any lightning affinity which makes it way harder.

On top of that, he summoned two instead of one, taking a huge chunk of his spirit energy.

Although that was the case, he succeeded in doing that, mainly due to his enhanced focus as the Time Limit is slowly running out. It was a necessary pressure for his mind to be pushed to the limit.

Now the path is clear, it's time for the finality of this battle.

Swoosh!

Calidora gathered as much Blood Energy as she can and created a huge ball of blood above her head, it was increasing in size rapidly, and it slowed down its expansion when it reaches about the size of an air balloon.

Instantly after, she threw the ball of blood straight at Dealkandrax.

"Ancient Blood Magic, Ecliptic Sphere of Blood!"

Upon feeling the incoming attack, Dealkandrax, who is focusing on the extraction process that has reached 87% glance back and finds a huge ball of blood expanding in its vision. In an attempt to stop it, Dealkandrax summoned 12 coffins from the ground.

Each of the coffins acts as a shield, slowing the huge ball of blood.

As the coffins are dense with cursed energy, the huge ball of blood only managed to pierce through seven of them. But what Dealkandrax was not expecting was Rex, dashing right behind the huge ball of blood.

Dealkandrax didn't sense him at all due to focusing on the huge ball of blood.

<Time Limit: 19 Seconds>

Rex's entire energy burst forth into a black hole of power that instead of pulling, it pushes everything away powerfully. Knowing that this is his last chance, he didn't pull back any of his power despite threatening to expose his location.

Earlier, he already dispatched a barrier from the System to keep their energies from leaking.

It was only able to withstand his power without the effective increase of the Blood Moon King Mark, but as he can't afford to fail, he threw away his caution and used everything he got.

Berserker's Curse, Extreme State, King Mark, Red Force, he uses everything in his arsenal.

Crash!

Crash!

Crash!

eaglesnovel.com As if the coffins were made of paper, he tears through them easily.

Dealkandrax was caught in absolute surprise when in a few seconds, Rex is already right in front of him with his claws emitting a horrifying amount of power. It was then, Calidora's cursed energy gathered on the tip.

"Now you're dead, Dealkandrax..." Rex uttered savagely before he drives his claws forward.

KABOOM!

Upon the tremendous power gathered by Rex, the last layer of protection that is impenetrable before was shattered. Not stopping the momentum, he kept pushing his claws and hits Dealkandrax right in the chest.

Crash!

In an instant, Dealkandrax has shot away, destroying everything in its path.

<Time Limit: 15 Seconds>

Rex's eyes bulged when he saw the time limit, he quickly takes out the Annulment Elixir from his inventory and shattered it instantly. With his claws soaked with the liquid of the elixir, he dashed, intending to cut the link and free Gistella.

At the sight of Rex coming to save her, Gistella smiled lightly and muttered his name.

Just then, someone came and stands in front of him, blocking his way to reach Gistella.

"Now, now... where do you think you're going?"

"C-Calidora?!"

Chapter 787 A Part Of The Request

Blocking his way to reach Gistella was Calidora, a teasing evil smile on her face.

Rex wanted to ignore her knowing her craziness knows no bounds, he would not receive anything in responding to her but more headache and bullshits. At least, that is what he wanted to do until suddenly, something happened to his body.

A sudden cold infiltrates his body and somewhat is able to stop him in his tracks.

It was akin to a freezing air blowing from within him, making his body stiffer and stiffer the more he tries to fight it and reach Gistella who is already paler than ever before. Since she was linked with the curse, there's a high chance that her soul was involved in this.

Just like the System said, she might really die if the curse got out of her body.

"C-Calidora?! What have you done to me!" Rex shouted in absolute horror.

<Time Limit: 13 Seconds>

Upon hearing this, Calidora chuckles as she finds Rex a couple of steps behind her, standing frozen in place due to the unexpected coldness. Veins all over his body were bulging, showing the sign of his try.

Striding lightly to stand in front of Rex, Calidora then caresses his face.

Albeit a smooth caress as if she was soothing someone dear to her, Rex can feel her sharp claws prickling the surface of his skin, and to his surprise, his skin was cut and blood can be seen drizzling out.

"I've dedicated myself to learning our curse, and I managed to comprehend a gist of it"

Calidora then slowly wraps her arms around Rex's neck and puts her maniacal face right in front of his, "Now, this is what I can do. I can control you, at last... hah..." She moaned, finding joy in Rex's struggling face.

But this only insinuates the anger inside of Rex, his energy rampage to the surroundings.

"Let me go! She's going to die if you don't let go of me!" Rex shouted, the kingly aura inside of him started to seep out, pushing his power to another degree and causing his entire body to shake uncontrollably.

Despite everything, Rex finds no notion of him being able to break free.

Listening to Rex's plead and struggle, the Eyes of Terror flickered on and off, almost as if they too are excited about this situation. "And what makes you think I care...? In my view, she's nothing but a pest for us"

Just then, Rex's eyes bulged even further, his stats are increasing rapidly.

"I- Is... Is this, love...?" Calidora grabbed Rex's face and look directly into his eyes. Albeit his eyes are emitting bloodlust, behind all of that destructive bravado, she can feel a soft feeling that is very fragile to the core.

<Time Limit: 9 Seconds>

<It's advised the user to quickly save Gistella or risk failing the Sudden Quest>

Rex looks down at his stiff body, he didn't pull back his power and use everything he got, wanting to break free from this damned power that Calidora was somewhat able to inflict him with.

But even then, Calidora is still stuck with the softness she saw earlier.

For some reason, she feel unease, almost as if her existence was threatened to the point that a powerful ache appeared in her heart. Yet, she hides that perfectly, before she slowly turns her face around to see Gistella.

"Calidora..." Suddenly, a voice came from the back.

Upon hearing this cold and eerie tone that was quite rasping and deadly, Calidora turns back her eyes back to Rex before her pupils suddenly trembled. It was only for a brief moment, but she felt an inhuman chill crawl down her spine.

Many don't know this, but the Eyes of Terror also has an effect on the said Vampire.

It was one of the strongest natural power of the Vampire Race, the Eyes of Terror can cause a shattering in reality if bred and controlled successfully. Numerous requirements are needed to reach that level.

But the potential is undoubted, the Eyes of Terror is quite like its name, can terrorize anyone.

Due to that, there's a boost in pride for the Vampires that possess the Eyes of Terror. Vampires in general are more prideful than other races, but this amplifies that pride by ten or even a hundredfold.

With this kind of mindset, fear for them is disgraceful.

Inflicting Vampires who possess the Eyes of Terror with fear-inducing abilities, or even raw mental fear is almost impossible, they are practically a hard shell to crack even in front of overwhelming power.

Even though that is the case, Calidora undoubtedly feels fear for a brief second there.

Rex's expression at this current moment didn't have the sign of anger that he has earlier, he was calm and collected despite still trying to power through the power that binds him. But this brought along even more power to his presence.

Now, he has gone quiet, like a suppressed raging storm.

"I'm warning you..." Rex added with the same deadly tone, and his eyes are unwavering.

<Time Limit: 5 Seconds>

Upon hearing this, Calidora's expression darkens as she looks down to the ground. Her smile disappeared for a moment before it came back again, the maniacal side of her has never experienced something like this.

eaglesnovel "Grrgghh!!" Rex's body slowly became bigger as anger fueled him even more.

Looking at Gistella that is already slowly losing consciousness due to the link that is still connected with Dealkandrax, somewhere on the north side of them, he knows that this is now or never.

If he didn't break free now, then Gistella will die, and that is akin to gasoline to his anger.

Crack!

Rex heard a cracking sound coming from the binding power gripping him tightly, and this makes him more motivated by the fact that he was making progress and excluded as much strength as possible.

Even the ground beneath his feet began to crack and spread far and wide.

Just like a volcano that was about to erupt, the ground began to shake under the otherworldly power that he was showing right now. But when the time limit hits the two second-mark, the edge of him breaking free, the binding power suddenly disappeared.

"Don't be too stiff, I was joking" Calidora suddenly said.

Not wasting a single second, Rex blitzes to Gistella and severs the link quickly.

Slash!

Without even a single second passing, he managed to reach Gistella and sever the link. Rex then catches Gistella's body before he gently gets on one knee, inspecting her with the System and also his eyes.

"Gistella! Gistella! Are you okay? Answer me!" Rex called out, trying to get a reaction.

But even for a moment, there was no response from Gistella. Rex held the back of her head as a paralyzing dread and fear started to overflow his entire body, his hands began to shake as he gain no reaction whatsoever.

Rex closed his eyes, pulling Gistella's body close and hugging her gently with emotions.

Just as he was dwelling inside his palpable sorrow while holding Gistella in his arms, a light voice whispered in his ears. It was akin to a radiating light in the darkness that forced him to jolt his eyes open, "R-Rex...? Is it finally over...?"

Pulling back, Rex can't hide his smile when he saw Gistella is also smiling at him weakly.

"Y-Yes, you're safe now" Rex replied, slightly stuttering which is very uncharacteristic of him.

<Sudden Quest completed!>

<Congratulation for completing the Sudden Quest and successfully saving one of the user's pack members, Gistella! The user has obtained 300 Billion Exp, Unbinding Curse Technique, and Damned Specter Skill>

<Level up!>

<All stats has been increased accordingly>

<Unbinding Curse Technique>

A technique developed in ancient times that allows entities with curses to unbind their bodily limiter and gain slowly gain access to the cursed energy within them, allowing them to be able to use cursed energy without being a Witch themselves.

<Damned Specter Skill>

Summon a copy of the user's soul that can roam around in the curse dimension that is more sensitive to cursed energy. It has the benefits of permanently strengthening the caster's soul, allowing the caster to attack other's souls directly, and also being able to fight the manifestation of cursed sources.

Rex sighs in relief when he finds that he had managed to complete the Sudden Quest.

It was an unexpected attack that came out of the blue, but he was glad that everything went well. Moreover, he got quite a bountiful reward for completing the Sudden Quest, gaining a level, and two other things.

But this incident is the last straw, he's now determined to learn about curses.

Although he tries to consider all possibilities, he failed to anticipate this. Thus, he can't be taken off guard like this ever again, endangering Gistella's life and also potentially the others only needs to happen once.

Happening for the second time is not allowed, and he's firm on that.

Something like this is very dangerous, and he got lucky that he was able to save Gistella.

While looking at the quest rewards that he gained, a thought came to mind. 'I got a technique that can help me cultivate curses, this is good. I can start preparing to take down the Witch then. And also, this Damned Specter Skill... isn't this really good?'

As he thought of that, a flapping sound suddenly can be heard from the back.

Rex glanced back and saw Calidora flapping her wings away, heading in a direction. Seeing this, he then went to the side and puts Gistella down gently, "Wait here, Delta will come for you and bring you back to the castle, okay?"

"A-Alright, do what you have to do" Gistella replied with the same weak yet charming smile.

Upon hearing this, Rex nodded his head before he disappeared from the place. Calidora already went away and she should be chasing after Dealkandrax, and he too didn't want to let that thing go.

But as he was sprinting, he didn't sense the insectoid creature anywhere.

Picking up his pace, Rex caught sight of Calidora standing in the middle of the street. Landing right beside her, he then looks around and finds that he can't sense Dealkandrax anywhere.

'System, did that thing manage to gain the curse?' Rex asked.

<Yes, at the very least 99% of the curse inside Gistella has been extracted>

Just as he was thinking, he suddenly glanced at Calidora and gave her a cold look. In an instant, he charges straight at her intending to attack her from the side, what she did earlier is unacceptable.

Although he was fast, it seems Calidora has already expected his attack.

Zoong!

Similar to the binding power earlier, Rex can feel his body frozen once again. It makes him feel frustrated, he already asked explanation from the System earlier and it said that Calidora has access to the Eternal Curse.

It was due to that, she was able to do this to him thanks to the link between them.

"Don't be angry, I said that it was a joke" Calidora said.

Upon hearing this, Rex frown as he can't believe that Gistella's life is a joke to her.

But then, Calidora slowly glanced at him before she continues, "It's exhilarating, isn't it? The extreme sense brought by the thought of her death, the hastening of the blood inside of you, isn't it exhilarating to feel all of that?"

"Why...?" Rex asked coldly, squinting his eyes sharply.

Calidora paused for a second before she shrugs her shoulders, "What better way to make the blood inside of you pump more alluringly and faster aside from the thought of her dying? It's a part of my request, you know"

"Hmm... your request?" Rex asked back, puzzled by what she meant.

Not intending to explain what she meant, Calidora suddenly blurred from Rex's vision before out of nowhere, he can feel two sharp objects puncturing into his neck before his blood started being sucked out.

Glancing to the side, Rex was surprised when he finds Calidora sucking his blood.

Despite wanting to push her away, he simply can't due to the binding force, her control over the Eternal Curse that makes her have terrifying authority over him. Eventually, she pulled back, blood smeared on her plump cherry lips.

Calidora is deeply satisfied, her eyes are flickering as she gulps the blood down her throat.

As if she was drinking the most satiating drink in the whole wide world, she rubs her thumb along her chin and lips before she sucked on it, not wanting to waste even a single drop of Rex's blood that he gained.

"Now we're even, that's the payment for me helping you," Calidora said cheekily.

Chapter 788 Look Into My Eyes

Cough!

Cough!

A couple of short miles away from the Humming Damned Forest, Giana and Prof. K takes a quick stop at a nearby lake, washing their faces and resting in silence. None of them said anything or even look at each other.

On the side, Prof. K reaches out his hand to the sky and started inspecting it.

Since both of them has been turned into Werewolves, their minds were conscious and open to any changes in their bodies. But one of the most evident changes was the fact that their bodies feel to be heavier.

It's not that their minds were playing tricks on them, they actually become heavier.

Prof. K inspected his hand under the brilliance of the sunlight before he sighs dejectedly. For some reason, his mind feels clearer, and his senses were amplified to the point of making himself feel dizzy.

Earlier, before he got turned, his senses were quite sensitive already.

Using his gift to control toxic green smoke that has been with him since he was a teenager, he was able to conjure an unnoticeable portion of them around himself, not enough to intoxicate normal humans but also potent enough to let him sense anything it touches.

Due to that, he was quite hard to be sneaked on and ambushed.

Out of his years inside the SCO and hosting as the Green Messenger, King John was the only one who was able to sneak into him. But that's a special case, King John is not exactly a normal human.

But now, he can feel the surroundings in more ways than one.

It's like his human senses were taught and given equipment to be ten or even a hundred times more keen. Although it would eventually be a good thing, this sensation was akin to a wailing ringing sound directly to his mind.

Prof. K even feels dizzy as he start seeing doubles, he was forced to lie on the ground.

Similar to him that was starting to be overwhelmed by the changes from turning into a Werewolf, a Noxious Emerald Werewolf to be exact, Giana also experienced the same but it seems she has it worse.

"Haarghh..."

Out of nowhere, Giana leaned to the side and started vomiting black blood.

Not only was she vomiting black blood, but the amount was disturbing. Giana then weakly went over to the water and tries to wash the blood off of her. "If being a Werewolf actually transform our bodies, then your state will become worse and worse. Since your body is still adjusting from having the spirit cores forcefully extracted, you're weakened and would probably develop a severe Mana-Body Debilitation"

Upon hearing this, Giana can only lie down on the rough ground tiredly.

Both of them were riddled with injuries that are already started to heal from getting out of the Humming Damned Forest, their fatigue is beyond measure, and resting is much needed.

Still, they can't do that, they need to go back as soon as possible.

"Never mind that, you don't need to worry about me. It's best that you think of a way so that we can enter the Great Barricade without being spotted and be recognized by Intra as Werewolves..." Giana said, panting heavily while looking at the bright sky.

As the two of them have things to do, this problem needs to be solved as soon as possible.

Without a doubt, if the two of them enter human territory recklessly in their current state and without any preparation, then they would be recognized as Werewolves and would instantly be surrounded by the military and Awakened.

Sighing lightly, Prof. K then waved his hand and takes out something from the green smoke.

Giana glanced at the thing in Prof. K's hands and find that it was a needle-like object, blinking with red dots at the tip. "Don't worry about that, I already developed this in case Lord Rex wanted to get back with us again. This can help the wearer to be untraceable by Intra"

"But the bad news is, I only have one. So I need to make another one for you" he added.

Not even a trace of hesitation can be seen as she nodded firmly, the branded rune in between her breasts glowed before she replied, "Just do what you need to do, I want to make right of my wrongs. I only want that, and the sooner I finished the tasks, the better it will be"

"I'll find a good place to hide near the Great Barricade until you come back" She sighed.

Upon hearing this, Prof. K turns his head towards her despite the dizziness overwhelming him.

"Don't die until I came back, Giana. No matter what, we're now in this together, and I definitely can't do this alone"

"Yeah... I'll try" Giana smiled wryly as the situation is way worst than she had initially thought.

Just as the two of them sighed deeply, finding their situations very difficult, a blast of energy suddenly brushed their skin, forcing them to sit back up and glanced to their left where the energy came from.

At the sensation of the energy blast, Giana and Prof. K frown.

"I've sensed this energy before, but I can't quite remember from where," Giana said.

But unlike Giana, Prof. K instantly recognized this energy, "It's cursed energy, I've never felt one this strong before. And also, I think it's coming from the castle's direction. Are they under attack?"

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Meanwhile, inside the human territory, Ratmawati City.

In a particular underground room of a building, there seem to be two figures clad in all-black and layered with red and black robes respectively. From their crow mask, it seems they are the messengers from the SCO.

Each of them was standing in silence, looking at the middle of the room.

None of them said anything as their beak faces the puddle of blood and intestines, smearing the floor, walls, and ceiling with crimson color. At the center, there's an absence of blood, meaning that someone imploded just now.

"She's one of the Black Hands under my wing..." the Red Messenger said lightly.

Upon hearing this, the Black Messenger glanced at him briefly before turning to the puddle of blood again, "Well, she died honorably since she managed to deliver a message to us. Sacrifice is necessary in this world"

The Red Messenger clenched both of his hands when he heard this.

"I know sacrifice is necessary. But that doesn't mean I'll send them to a particular suicide mission just for information, that doesn't sit well with me" the Red Messenger said grudgingly in a muffled voice. "I reckon there are other ways than this"

"Silence yourself, don't put yourself in trouble" the Black Messenger warned.

But even then the Red Messenger is still reluctant, his eyes are still fixed on the puddle of blood that was created by someone that he knows for years. It was right then the door behind him was opened, and a figure walks in.

Clad in a sleeveless shirt and a black majestic cloak, it was clearly King John.

Upon entering the room his cold eyes landed in the puddle of blood, he then stopped without wanting to dirty his boots from the blood. "What happened here? Explain the situation to me"

"Yes, my King." the Black Messenger turns at King John and bowed slightly.

Glancing to the side, the Black Messenger finds that the Red Messenger didn't even turn to face King John which makes him quickly add. "One of the Chosen Hands teleported back. It was fine, but then her body suddenly implode, I think an attack reached her. We should assign her a proper burial, her rank is quite high, and she's close with the Red Messenger"

"Did she say something before dying?" King John asked, ignoring the sentence completely.

The Black Messenger was caught off guard but he quickly recovered from his surprise and replied, "Yes, she said that it worked. Her body managed to deflect an Elemental Weapon from an eighth-rank realm Awakened.

As soon as he heard this, King John glanced at the Black Messenger in interest.

"Awakened...? Is it the Silverstar Pack?" King John asked.

Since the attack was done in Supernatural territory, then there's no reason they would meet an Awakened there. If she was really saying the truth, then there's a high possibility that it was the Silverstar Pack.

"I'm not sure, my King. But that's possible" the Black Messenger replied.

Not intending to dwell any longer, King John nodded his head and instructed with an authoritative tone, "Pin that woman's location before she teleported here and report it to me, I'll be waiting for it"

"M-My King, what about the burial? Should I proceed?" the Black Messenger called out.

But without even turning around or even showing any sign of empathy, King John then replied with an unbothered tone, "Do whatever you want about that" he said before leaving the room.

Only his cold words remain, echoing inside the room as his back disappeared.

Pausing for a second, the Black Messenger slowly glanced at the Red Messenger before he reached out to hold the Red Messenger's shoulder. "Don't take his words to heart, I know that he cares. It's probably due to stress that he became like this"

"No..." the Red Messenger suddenly said, cutting the Black Messenger's words.

Also glancing at the Black Messenger, he then added with a grim tone, "King John become like this ever since he met with that thing, he changed, and he now doesn't see us as his subordinates anymore. Damn me if you want, but he might also not see us as humans too"

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"Why are you here and how do you find me, Calidora?" Rex asked.

Although he wanted to pay back Dealkandrax and the insectoid creature for blatantly attacking them, he was not going to pursue them now. It's still unknown why they are this desperate in obtaining the curse inside Gistella.

If he were to guess, the Witch of Chaos might be injured and they needed the curse.

One might think that this is the perfect time to pursue them and end the Witch of Chaos. But Rex can't act recklessly like that. If he was dealing with curses, he needs to be very meticulous as the System even said that curse power is an anomaly.

Rex doesn't want to risk getting a full-blown hex from a cornered tiger like the Witch.

Since she managed to injure the Executor, it's unwise to face her recklessly.

Additionally, he has no idea of the full extent of her injury. It might be life-threatening, or it may not. Both of her pets' reaction is not really a good place to determine that, they could be overreacting for all he knows.

On top of that, there's also Gistella whom he needed to think about.

Even though she managed to survive this ordeal and even got most of the curse taken out, her condition is still unstable. Rex wanted to stay by her side and see if there was anything he can do to help her.

Calidora's eyes sparkled before she grabbed Rex's hand with both hands dearly.

"Finding you has never been a problem, and I'm here because I missed you... and your blood" She said with sparkling eyes, the same eyes that she was using the last time they met that gives an air of possession.

Upon hearing this, Rex pulled his hand away and turns around.

Due to his clenched jaw, it was clear that he was holding back from not tearing Calidora right here and right now, knowing that he needed her despite the fact that she was the one that use Rosie as a sacrifice for the Origin's Cutlass, Blood Devourer.

But it seems Calidora noticed that she puts both of her hands on her waist in disbelief.

"Do you hate me?" She asked.

Rex glanced back at her before he replied, "Yes, very."

"Is it because of the woman, Rosie that got sacrificed for the weapon?" Calidora asked again.

Once again, Rex nodded his head firmly. It was still clear in his eyes, the aura emitted by the Blood Devourer has the scent of Rosie and that he can't forget until the end of time. The picture of Calidora holding the Blood Devourer is engrained inside his mind deeply.

Just then, Calidora shakes her head with a sweet smile on her face.

Although this annoyed Rex, he was surprised when Calidora gazed at her now with a sense of seriousness that he never saw in her. "For the record, I'm the one that stalls her death. I'm the one that begged my mother to delay sacrificing her to the Origin"

"I did that in the hope that you would come, but you are way too late" She added seriously.

Upon hearing this, Rex tilted his head to the side slightly before his eyebrows dipped into a frown. It was clear that he was caught off-guard by Calidora's statement, "W-What...? No, you're lying"

"Really? Do you really think I'm lying?" Calidora asked dubiously.

She then stepped closer and stand right in front of him, "Look into my eyes"

Gazing intently at the pair of red eyes that are now showing a sliver of certainty, she then added in a whispering tone. A tone that makes Rex's entire body shiver, "Look deep into my eyes, Rex. And tell me, do I seem to be lying or am I really telling the truth?"

"Or do you need someone to blame so you won't feel guilty?"

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Rex's eyes widened, he was given no other choice but to stare at what was in front of him.

Standing a couple of inches away from his face was Calidora's bewitching eyes.

Aside from the unexpected encounter with her today, the two of them have only met two times and each one is not a fun encounter, at least for Rex. It has never reached his attention to inspect Calidora's eyes so closely.

But now that he was forced to look at them, he was somewhat put into a stupor or haze.

Inside her deep crimson eyes are black patterns, swirling around her pupils like a wreathing black serpent. Its movement was slow yet every turn is precise, almost as if it knows the purpose of its existence.

Unlike other living beings that don't know their purpose, this inanimate existence does.

Nothing aside from the ruby eyes seems to be inside his mind right now, Rex can't help but wonder how exactly this power came to be because of him. As of right now, he still doesn't know what he did to make Calidora like this.

Somehow, that keeps on being a mystery, and he somewhat fears to learn its truth.

While he was scrutinizing the pair of eyes in search of any sign or cue that she was lying, Rex saw a change happening in her eyes, the deep crimson color slowly melted away, replaced by a sharp mulberry color.

Clenching his jaw, Rex averted his gaze away reluctantly.

"See? I think you realize yourself that I'm not lying, and you probably know that if I really did, I would've rubbed it to your face just to get a reaction from you, no...?" Calidora said teasingly, leaning to the side to be in Rex's line of sight again.

Rex didn't say anything, he only turns around and leaped away.

It feels weird for him to be anywhere near Calidora, there's still much to process with this.

Upon reaching the spot where Gistella should be at, he saw that she was already gone, Delta should've taken her earlier. As their instinct is somewhat connected, he can call Delta almost like an unnatural telepathy.

Putting both of his hands on his waist, he sighs deeply and rubs his face harshly.

'I already told Adhara to not come back, the matter with those two cursed creatures is resolved for now. But I still feel uneasy, the Witch wanted that curse for a reason, is it the right thing to let her be right now?' Rex thought to himself, undecided.

But he then shakes his head, there's no need for him to think about that now.

As far as he was concerned, there was no real animosity from the Witch as he hasn't attacked her even once. On the other hand, the Executor injured her. If she gained some sort of power from this, then she would definitely aim for the Executor first.

Just as he was thinking, Gelmar came running before stopping in front of him.

"Lord Rex, we've spotted a visitor approaching the castle. From the banners their convoy is bringing, they should be from the Elf Race" Gelmar reported, the guards tasked at the top of the castle said that to him earlier.

Rex frowns when he heard this, he was not expecting any visitor this day.

Earlier this morning he was dealing with Giana and Prof. K, and now he has gotten yet another visitor. 'It's enough for today, I need to absorb Giana's spirit cores and also keep on training. No more today'

"I've come with them, Aunt Shanaela gained a message from the Dark Elf about you"

Glancing to the back at the sound of the voice, it was Calidora.

Upon seeing that Calidora shifted her eyes to Gelmar, he instantly looks down as beads of cold sweat run down the side of his face. Albeit not know who she was, the blood energy coming from her is so thick that it's suffocating.

Clearly, this Vampire is a very powerful Royal Vampire that he didn't know about.

"Don't be scared of me, Elf. If you're his subordinate, then I will not hurt you. At least not now..." Calidora said with a light smirk, rubbing her claws against her lower lip. It was a gesture that increases the intimidation Gelmar felt about her.

Rex ignores her and intends to tell Gelmar to decline the Elves for now, but he stopped.

'Hmm... Gelmar is probably not a good pick to confront the Elves, he might be too nervous to meet with his former Queen. I'll handle this myself' Rex thought before he nodded inwardly. "How much time until they reached the city's gate?"

"I believe it will be around fifteen minutes before they arrive" Gelmar replied.

Upon hearing this Rex nodded his head, he wanted to check Gistella a bit before he meet with the Elves and decline their visit for now. "Call Dindora and Linthia to meet with me at the city's main gate, they'll need to be exposed to this kind of situation and get used to it"

Not wasting a single second, Gelmar bowed before he leaped away.

Although it's only been a short amount of time, Rex can feel Gelmar's power increasing. It's a good thing to see, he seems to be working hard albeit the lack of strict control and monitoring from his side.

With that out of the way, Rex went over to the castle first followed by Calidora.

In front of the castle, he can't help but glance at Calidora that is marveling at the castle's exterior. Making a Royal Vampire in awe with the exterior of the castle is no small feat, considering that she's probably pampered with richness from birth.

"What are you doing here? Wait for me at the city's gate" Rex said in annoyance.

Despite him knowing that he needs Calidora so that he can start his path on curse powers, he's not comfortable enough to bring her inside the castle. At least without a proper event for it.

Before she can answer, Rex then added, "If you try anything inside the castle, you're dead"

"Don't think that your little curse power can help you stop me, I am the sovereign of the castle. If you stepped into the castle, it's the same as if you're surrendering yourself to me"

But Calidora simply smiled, "What's wrong with that? Are you going to kill me?"

Upon hearing this, Rex gritted his teeth before he sighs as it seems he was too transparent in front of Calidora's eyes. She probably senses the feeling that he can't afford to kill her, or maybe she's confident because of the Eternal Curse binding them.

Inside the castle, there's no one that can match Calidora aside from him.

So with the lack of entities that can threaten her inside, she's this comfortable exposing herself to danger. Considering that Rex literally can't kill her, she has the right to feel that way.

Rex opens the castle's entrance with a wave of his hand and stepped into the throne room.

At the stairs of the throne was Gistella, she was still a little bit pale.

Since her soul was almost extracted alongside the curse inside of her earlier, it's understandable that she's weakened like this. Beside her was Delta, giving her comfort to the best of her abilities.

Despite her weak body, the sight of Rex still makes her muster up a smile.

Going over to her, Rex crouches beside her before taking out another elixir from his inventory. It was pale in color. Without even saying anything, he puts some on his fingers before he rubbed it on Gistella's forehead.

In a moment, a chilling sensation travels throughout her body, like a wind of cold ice.

Although she doesn't know what it is, the refreshing feeling makes her closes her eyes to enjoy the sensation fully. "Delta, bring Gistella to her room and accompany her there. I'll do more checkups on her later"

"Where are you going?" Gistella asked lightly.

Rex puts the elixir away before he replied with a comforting tone, "The Elves, they are approaching the city. I'll be back in a bit, if you feel any sort of pain tell Delta to come to me. I'll be there instantly"

Smiling lightly, he then caresses her silver hair gently, "Rest for now, I want you to recover"

"Okay, I'll do that..." Gistella replied with a sweet smile.

But as she said that while enjoying the warm and somewhat comforting feeling that Rex's hand brought to her, Gistella's eyes suddenly caught sight of Calidora standing at the center of the throne room with her eyes fixated on her.

It was then she felt her throat becoming dry as Calidora's eyes flickered from purple to red.

Despite she was putting on a smile that doesn't contain any malice whatsoever, the flickering eyes makes Gistella feel uncomfortable, and even her back started sweating for some reason which is odd.

"Lord Rex, the Elves are nearing" Calidora suddenly said, using an appellation for Rex's name.

Upon hearing this Rex was surprised, he didn't bother telling her to refer to him with 'Lord' knowing that she probably doesn't want to and it would be a pain to force her to use that. So he didn't say anything.

Glancing over his shoulder, he then nodded his head and stands up. "Get some rest"

Rex then turns around and heads to the castle's entrance, his mind is occupied with many things as the attack from the two cursed creatures showed that he's still lacking in some parts and needed to make sure that it won't happen again.

While striding over to the castle's entrance, he walks past Calidora in the process.

Ignoring her, he opens the castle's entrance door with a wave of his hand.

Unknown to him, the air behind him was somewhat silent and choking. Even as he reaches the castle's entrance, Gistella feels huge discomfort in her chest as Calidora keeps looking intently at her with repeated, sadistic silence that alludes to violence.

It was unclear what was in her mind, but it doesn't seem to be good.

Gistella tries to keep a positive thought as her mind might be biased as Calidora is an outsider, yet she can't shake the paralyzing feeling that she felt from the sharp gaze of those pair of purple eyes.

Delta bares her fangs and lets out a baritone growl, showing her hostility at Calidora.

But this snapped Calidora as she turns sideways while still keeping her eyes on Gistella, it was nearing the end that she smirked a little before she turns around and went out of the castle, following Rex to the city's main entrance.

"What was that...?" Gistella sucked in a deep cold breath before she uttered to herself.

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Meanwhile, somewhere inside Ratmawati City.

In a particular corner of the third sector there, was quite a popular night club, people are crowding and lining up in the front, and there are a couple of expensive cars parked outside, the highest-class of night clubs in this part of sector 3.

Although it's quite popular, it doesn't explain why there are dozens of Awakened in the area.

Just then a black Jeep abruptly stopped in front of the nightclub, boasting its screeching tire to the people around. From the inside, a woman in a business suit walks out, wearing black sunglasses.

The Bouncer didn't even try to stop her as she walked into the nightclub with wide strides.

Upon entering the nightclub, she instantly makes her way to the private rooms at the back, scouring through normal people, dancing on the dance floor that is trying to enjoy the night and forget the horrors that are looming over them outside.

Reaching a private room, she can see two sixth-rank realms Awakened standing by the door.

"How is he?" the woman asked.

One of the Awakened then replied by shaking his head.

Seeing this the woman can only sigh before she knocks on the door a couple of times lightly and walks into the room. Closing the door behind her, she then bowed slightly at the man sitting on the sofa while looking at the ceiling that is flashing with disco lights.

Not even saying anything, the woman grabs the bottle the man is holding and puts it aside.

"President Sebprof, I believe this is not the time for you to do this..."

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"Leave me alone, I'd like to enjoy my peace," the man said with a tired tone.

Glancing at the bottle that the woman took and put on the table, a spark of red lightning maneuvered over to it and yank the bottle back into his hand. In an instant, the man that many would recognize instantly as President Sebprof chugged the alcohol down his throat.

Seeing his condition, the woman can't help but feel helpless.

In a time of crisis such as this moment, the people in charge should be the ones that can keep their heads straight and find a way to deal with the problem. But from the looks of it, President Sebprof has no intention of doing that.

Just being in this nightclub shows that he was on the brink of collapsing already.

"I've gotten the official seat allocation that demands your signature, the signature is due in a couple of days," the woman who is his secretary said with a comforting tone. "President, you can't let this happen. I don't understand why are you being like this when the 25 Golden Crest Families are still on your side, you can still do something"

Upon hearing this, President Sebrof chuckled and chugged the alcohol again.

Around the evening of this day, the woman received an official document transfer which states that President Sebrof will transfer his position in the UWO to King John from the SCO, forcing the two organizations to fuse together.

Something like this shocks the woman, she didn't expect it in the least.

The woman always thought that President Sebrof is dealing with some important matters since he was absent for the last couple of days, but she then finds out that he was spending most of his time in the nightclub instead.

Out of everything, President Sebrof is not a person that regularly goes to a place like this.

Aside from his wife wouldn't probably like him going to this kind of place, he was also never a man that was fond of wasting time like this. So seeing him being like this, the woman felt uneasy.

"President, please, I know that you can still do something about this" the woman insisted.

But this makes President Sebrof glance at her with hazy eyes, he then reaches out his hand to hold the woman's shoulder, "I tried, but there's nothing that I can do. I'm stuck at the center, and my fate has already been sealed"

Upon hearing this, the woman bites her lower lip reluctantly.

It feels like she doesn't know a crucial part of the story that makes President Sebrof like this, and she was dying to know what it is that stripped President Sebrof's will to fight back. "The 25 Golden Crest Families, the Elpida Alliance, there must be something!"

With an underwhelming reaction, President Sebrof waved his hand.

"Stop it already, why do you think that you have that document in your hands?" He asked.

Glancing at the woman with hazy eyes, the corner of his mouth then curled up into a helpless smile. "As I'm the 'Leader' of humanity, the Executor arranged a duel between me and King John. It will be a battle to the death, and the winner will inherit the 'Leader' position"

"Of course, that's only a facade. The Executor will definitely make King John wins" He said.

"W-What...?" the woman gasped as she finally gain her hand on the missing piece.

Just when he was called into the Executor's castle, he was told about this. President Sebrof doesn't know how it came to this, but the Excecutor seems to be more fond of King John more than him.

It was clear from the way he spoke, he didn't even try to hide it.

Knowing the report about the Executor's fight against Rex, he knows that he would have no chance to defy the Executor. Heck, even Brigitta was turned into an errand girl despite having a ninth-rank realm power.

Now that she knows about this, she can't help but look at President Sebrof with pity.

As the supposed 'Leader' of humanity in one of the major cities of the Elpida Alliance, this is the burden he needs to bear. Despite knowing that he was bound to die, and despite the fact that he knew this beforehand, he wasn't able to simply avoid it and survive.

Doing so might risk the Executor's lethal hands being embedded more in the citizens.

President Sebrof recognizes that he's the most influential person in Ratmawati City, he's the main target to become the peak power in this city, so he needs to take responsibility for the situation by honoring the duel which would allow others to figure out a way to persevere.

Sensing the pity from the woman, he chuckled inwardly.

"Don't look at me like that. I know what's coming, my end will be death. But you on the other hand, you don't know what comes after my passing, so don't bother pitying me" President Sebrof said and chugs the alcohol until it was empty.

Upon hearing this, the woman agreed as the Executor's next move is unknown.

Reluctantly, the woman then looks down and clenched her fists on her lap tighter. In a trembling voice, she then said, "W-Why don't you get back to your wife, I'll make sure that y-you're not disturbed until the date of the duel"

"No, unlike me, she's kind, sincere, and soft. I don't want to see her cry before my death"

The woman simply nodded in understanding, her eyes began to be watery but she held it in and stands up. "Okay, I'll go and handle the paperwork in the office," she said before heading towards the door.

Just as her hand was about to reach the door, she stopped and hesitantly looks back.

"Maybe the others are blaming you for this, Lady Brigitta, Sir Denzel, and Lady Giana. But know that I don't, you're doing what you think was best to help humanity. I- I thank you for your service, President Sebrof" the woman said and bowed.

As she was about to leave, the door was suddenly pushed open.

President Sebrof glanced at the door before his eyes shot open when he saw about 8 Awakened enter the room, he was not expecting any visitors and definitely not expecting a meeting with these 8 Awakened.

Scanning the crowd, his eyes then landed on the man leading the crowd.

At the sight of this middle-aged man with tanned skin and white hair, wearing a white one-piece layered with a black trench coat President Sebrof immediately recognizes this man. "Cyrus, what is the meaning of this?"

Smiling lightly with a pliant expression, Cryus' eyes glowed white in response.

Even the woman that was pushed inside again was surprised when she heard the man's name, it's the first time she was seeing this man in person. 'I- It's the head family of the Macias Family, Cyrus Laureano Macias!'

President Sebrof look over to the other Awakened before a frown appear on his face.

Amongst the Awakened that abruptly enters the room, he somewhat recognizes some of them. But when their dense hidden aura was sensed by President Sebrof, his expression instantly darkens.

Each one of the Awakened inside the room is a ninth-rank realm Awakened!

"Cyrus, are you out of your mind?! If you bring Awakened from other major cities like this, then the Executor would have a reason to get back to their cities!" President Sebrof exclaimed in absolute shock.

But Cyrus didn't react that much, "No, Sebrof, this is the principle of must"

"If Ratmawati City falls to the Executor's hands, then the other major cities will be threatened. Our resources are too vast and too dangerous for them to be handed over to the Executor, and the other major cities also thought of the same thing" he added, his glowing white eyes brimming with resolve.

One of the Awakened, a muscular bearded man then steps forward.

Judging from the scar on his face that contains powerful lightning shows that this man is also a Lightning Elementalist, "I can't believe you are reduced to this state, Sebrof. Am I expecting too much from you to keep fighting until the end?"

"We're not going to let you die, Ratmawati City will keep standing" he added.

Upon hearing this, President Sebror covers his face with his hand, smiling while shaking his head in disbelief. Glancing to the side, he saw the woman's expression lightens up, and she was smiling all the way.

Despite the Executor's overwhelming power, the woman know now they had a chance.

Each one of the Awakened standing in this room is a legend in their own right, possessing war feats that would terrify any other Awakened, heroes of their own story. So with 8 of them gathered here, even the Executor wouldn't be able to take them out easily and will be forced to take them seriously.

After all, they are definitely a force to be reckoned with wherever they go.

"Really... I already accepted death and this happens" President Sebrof mutters to himself.

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Meanwhile, the next day.

Rex has declined the Elves' convoy to meet with him as there's too much happening already and he has more important things to do, they rescheduled the meeting to a later date when the time is more appropriate.

Of course, Queen Shanaela didn't insist and apologized for disturbing him.

As the Dark Elves sent her a message to meet with the Silverstar Pack as soon as possible, Queen Shanalea decided to embark on the journey here without asking in advance, and that is why she apologized.

In the meantime, the Elves' convoys are going to be staying at the Dark Elf Kingdom.

For the sake of communication, Queen Shanaela left Hastios in Dargena City so that if Rex has finished attending to his matters then he could tell Hastios so that he can notify Queen Shanaela.

Now, Rex is inside the same room he used as his training room for his seclusion.

Since he was aiming for a breakthrough to the ninth-rank realm, propelling himself to a new height of power with the help of the mana stored inside Giana's spirit cores, he needs to prepare himself thoroughly.

The System told him that he needed to prepare before doing that.

Only those who have immense talent and unnatural gifts in their spirit cores/' durability can do a consecutive breakthrough. Even though Rex fulfilled that requirement, he still needs to prepare as the risk is quite high.

If his spirit core was overloaded and cracked, then he'll be injured for months.

Unlike physical scars that can be healed by his Werewolf bloodline, the spirit core is a completely different thing. So he needs to be careful, the last thing he wanted is to be injured.

Nothing is riskier than doing a consecutive breakthrough for an Awakened.

Rex follows the System's instruction in order to reach the necessary state to reach the ninth-rank realm, he consolidated his realm and also does a few spirit core exercises, breathing techniques, and meditation.

As he felt his foundation has gotten stronger, he nodded inwardly as he was ready.

"I told you that you can stay here inside the castle until the meeting with the Elves ended, but that doesn't mean you can disturb me while I'm in training" Rex suddenly said without opening his eyes.

Despite his eyes closed, he can sense that Calidora is inside the room, looking at him.

Even though he needs Calidora to cultivate his curse power, he wouldn't let her stay here. It's best that he was the one going to her instead of the other way around, Rex still doesn't trust Calidora.

But still, he finds that his mind is more at ease with Calidora here.

It's not that he was glad that she was here, but leaning more to the Eternal Curse effect.

"I've been sitting here in silence, I didn't disturb you at all" Calidora rebutted.

Rex sighs in annoyance, "Sitting right next to me and staring at the side of my face intently are considered disturbing. If you want to see me train, then go to the corner and stay there. Don't be near me"

As he said that, Rex opens his eyes before he frowns.

Glancing to the side, he saw that Delta is inside the room with them. She was laying on her stomach peacefully. Additionally, Calidora is leaning on her, and she doesn't seem to be hostile to her like earlier.

'I swear that Delta is hostile at her, how did it come to this state?' Rex thought in confusion.