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If Hawkeye dies, we'll be in quite a bit of trouble.

As Yannick and Yoshua were panicking, a knock sounded at the room door.

"Who's there?" Hawkeye questioned. nervously.

Zander's voice rang out from outside the door. "It's me."

Hawkeye swiftly rushed over to open the door. "Quick, come in, Zander. It so happens that I've got something to discuss with you."

Zander eyed the dagger in the man's hand curiously. "What are you doing?"

"Zander, I suspect that he's a spy. The principle of Theos Sect is to kill all rather than risk allowing a threat to remain. I'm planning to kill him here and now to tie up all loose ends," Hawkeye explained.

"Oh? Why would you suspect that?" Zander queried.

"Earlier, he made an excuse of going to the washroom, but he actually wandered around. I searched everywhere near the washroom, but I saw no signs of him. For that reason, I suspect that he's a spy who came to survey the terrain," Hawkeye elucidated.

"Why, you didn't tell him the truth?" Zander asked Zeke.

"I did, but he didn't believe me," Zeke murmured.

"What truth?" Hawkeye wondered in bewilderment.

"Actually, I called him out for a chat just now. We are former classmates," Zander lied.

Hawkeye was shocked.

"So, he was telling me the truth. I thought he was making up excuses. I didn't expect this kid to be your ex-classmate. How fortuitous!"

Zander flashed him a smile.

"That's also precisely why I came to seek you out this time. He's my ex-classmate and he has a rather hot temper. If he offends you in any way, I hope you can forgive him. Don't take offense at him."

"Since he's your ex-classmate, he's my friend as well. I'll naturally take good care of him on your behalf," Hawkeye declared.

Glancing at Zeke, Zander communicated with him via energy. "Do you want me to finish him off since he disrespected you, Great Marshal?"

"Will it cause trouble?" Zeke asked in the same manner.

"Of course not. In Theos Sect, the cheapest thing is human life. The death of an inconsequential character like him is no big deal. It won't cause any trouble. Even if someone ends up suspecting me, I'll be able to settle things with a drop of spiritual water," Zander answered.

Zeke was promptly taken aback, shocked by the ruthlessness and cold-bloodedness of the members of Theos Sect.

"Never mind, spare him. Someone like him will come in handy sooner or later," he replied.

"Okay."

Subsequently, Zander whirled around and left.

Meanwhile, Hawkeye regarded Zeke with a grin.

"I really didn't expect you to be associated with Zander, kid. As far as I know, he used to work for Eurasia's military in the past, and he held a pretty high position. Since you're his ex-classmate, were you also in the military?"

Following that, Zeke concocted a lie. "Yeah, I used to work under him."

Delight flooded Hawkeye. "Really? That's great! How about making a deal, kid?"

"What deal?" Zeke queried in curiosity.

"Do you have any friends in the military who are underappreciated or dissatisfied with the status quo? You can introduce them to me. I'll recruit them into Theos Sect." Hawkeye cajoled.

"I do, but what would I get from doing so?" Zeke drawled.

"According to the rules of Theos Sect, military officers of Zander's rank are worth ten drops of spiritual water while ordinary soldiers are worth a drop of spiritual water," Hawkeye started.

Zeke then questioned, "What's the use of this spiritual water in Theos Sect?"

"What ignorance! Spiritual water is the common currency in Theos Sect. You can buy anything with spiritual water. For instance, a drop of spiritual water can buy a human life. It can even be someone with some status in Theos Sect, such as a Decanus. As for a newcomer like you... haha, you're not even worth a single drop of spiritual water," Hawkeye elaborated. Zeke wore a thoughtful expression on his face while rejoicing inwardly.

He had been thinking of getting Killer Wolf, Sole Wolf, and the others there to help him, but he didn't know how he could accomplish that. As such, he was naturally appreciative when Hawkeye had voluntarily given him such a golden opportunity.

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Nodding, Zeke agreed, "Okay. Deal!"

"Haha, I love dealing with decisive people! I'll get to be a Decanus when I've recruited ten people. By then, I promise you all won't starve as long as I've got food to eat," Hawkeye vowed.

As for the remaining time, they all spent it on the warship in boredom.

Zeke wanted to gauge their location, but he couldn't do so when they were on a vast expanse of the sea without any marker.

In the end, he could only give up.

After sailing for two days and nights, an isolated island came into sight.

It was a solitary island, standing alone in the middle of the infinite sea.

It was gigantic, almost equivalent to a prefecture.

Casting one's eyes over, one would be greeted by the sight of the entire island blanketed by trees and weeds, rendering it

It boggled the mind to imagine a strong and massive sect with tens of thousands of people tucked away on that deserted island.

"See? This is Theos Sect's territory. Isn't it huge?" Hawkeye crowed.

Yannick and Yoshua nodded ingratiatingly. "Yes, it's huge. Theos Sect is incredible!"

"Work hard for me. When I've become an executive in Theos Sect, this whole island will be mine. At that time, the three of you will be my pioneers. I'll build mansions for you, bestowing you with wealth and glory. Haha!"

While Hawkeye spoke, he started daydreaming.

Zander shattered his fantasy, chiming in, "Okay, we're approaching Theos Island. You may all disembark now."

Hawkeye hurriedly lowered a small wooden boat into the water. They would be rowing it to the island.

Zander, on the other hand, communicated with Zeke through energy. "What do you need me to do next, Great Marshal?"

"Wait on standby and be ready to execute my orders anytime." Zeke ordered.

"Understood!" Zander answered.

Hawkeye rowed the wooden boat. Shortly after, they reached the island.

On the periphery of the island were towering trees soaring above the clouds. It created an eerie vibe that was a touch terrifying.

"From your first step onto Theos Island, you're a recognized member of Theos Sect. Henceforth, you can only be loyal to Theos Sect. There will be no mercy if you dare betray us," Hawkeye warned.

Yannick and Yoshua bobbed their heads fervently. "Don't worry, Mr. Hawk. We'll definitely remain loyal to you alone henceforth."

"Nonsense! You're to remain loyal to Theos!" Hawkeye corrected.

"Yes, yes!"

Once again, Yannick and Yoshua nodded earnestly.

Curious, Hawkeye threw a look at Zeke. "Aren't you going to say anything, kid?"

Zeke didn't want to pledge his loyalty to Theos, even if it was merely for show.

He represented Eurasia, and that was no joke at all.

Thus, he made up an excuse.

"Why, is loyalty to Theos mere talk? I think actions speak louder than words."

Hawkeye burst out guffawing. "How glib, kid! Fine, I'll trust you and judge you based on your performance henceforth since you're Zander's ex-classmate." Thereafter, the three of them went into the forest.

Yannick and Yoshua cautiously inquired, "Where are our parents housed, Mr. Hawk? Can we stay with them? They are up in years and have trouble moving around. We can take care of them if we stay together."

Regretfully, Hawkeye replied, "Your parents aren't on this island. I arranged for them to live someplace else, so you might not be able to meet them for the time being. But don't worry. The living condition over there is a hundred times better. So, you can rest easy."

What?

At once, Yannick and Yoshua's guards shot up. "Didn't you say you sent them to the sacred land? Isn't this the sacred land you were speaking of?"

"Who told you this is the sacred land? This is Theos Island. The sacred land is someplace else," Hawkeye retorted.

Hearing that, Yannick hastily implored, "Can you please arrange for us to go to the sacred land as well, Mr. Hawk? We'd like to stay with our parents. I beg you, Mr. Hawk. We'll remember your kindness for the rest of our lives."

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"The sacred land only accepts elderly people. Young people can't go there. Don't worry, for I'll send you both there when you're old," Hawkeye answered vaguely.

Utter disappointment showed on Yannick and Yoshua's faces.

"Haha!"

Out of the blue, a sneer rang out from ahead.

Yannick, Yoshua, and the others instantly tensed up. "Who's there?"

A man stepped out from behind a huge tree ahead.

He was strapping, but his head was massive, very much disproportionate to his body.

At the sight of him, Hawkeye quickly clarified, "Calm down, everyone. He's on our side. He's known as Megahead. You'll all be working under him henceforth. Hurry up and greet him."

Yannick and Yoshua hurriedly greeted, "Nice to meet you, Megahead."

"All right, let's put that aside for now. Right now, I'll make one thing clear for you. The sacred land Hawkeye was speaking about is actually Elysium. I'm spelling it out for you, lest you hound me with questions in the future," Megahead stated.

Elysium?

A shudder ran through Yoshua. "Boss, is the Elysium you're speaking of... heaven?"

Megahead nodded. "Of course, you can also interpret it as hell."

"Mr. Hawk, don't tell me you killed our parents?" Yannick exclaimed.

Hawkeye eyed Megahead resentfully. "That wasn't very nice of you, Megahead. Why did you spell things out? Aren't you just creating trouble for me?"

To that, Megahead riposted, "Cut the crap. If I don't spell things out for them, they'll definitely hound me with questions in the future. At that time, I'll be the one in trouble. It's far better to tell them the truth now and save myself trouble down the road. It's great if they can accept it, but if not, just send them to the sacred land as well."

Yannick and Yoshua's eyes blazed with fury and murderous intent as they gazed at Hawkeye.

They both charged at him without hesitation. "F*ck you! We're going to end you today!"

Likewise, Hawkeye's blood boiled.

"Hmph! What ingrates! If it weren't for me back then, your parents would've long since died from their illnesses. It's already merciful of me to have only taken their lives today. Also, without me, the two of you would've amounted to nothing! Yet, not only are you unappreciative right now, but you even want to kill me. You've got no conscience at all!"

Yannick and Yoshua remained unmoved. They continued lunging toward the man.

Livid, Hawkeye shot his leg out in a seemingly nonchalant manner. Immediately, the two brothers were sent flying. When they hit the ground, they curled up into a ball as excruciating pain racked their bodies.

"I'm giving you both another chance now. If you agree to work for me obediently, I'll let the matter of you attacking me slide. Otherwise, you must die!" Hawkeye threatened.

Yannick and Yoshua gritted their teeth. "We're going to end you no matter what!"

"How foolish." Sighing, Hawkeye said to Megahead, "Where are your subordinates? Summon them over."

Megahead snapped his fingers.

Whoosh! Whoosh! Whoosh!

Rustling noises sounded in the air as seven figures leaped down from the gigantic trees around and marched over.

Their clothes were ragged, and they were all skin and bones. They looked absolutely unkempt, worse than beggars.

Their eyes were dull and lifeless without a hint of light. It was as though they would die anytime.

Hawkeye commanded, "Guys, tie them both up and toss them into the dark cell to reflect on their mistakes."

Then, he turned to the two brothers. "Yannick, Yoshua, I'm giving you three days to reflect on your mistakes. If you want to live, let everything go and work with us. If you want to die, I can grant you your wish anytime."

The few "beggars" swiftly lifted Yannick and Yoshua up.

Yannick and Yoshua struggled in fury, making it difficult for the few "beggars" to restrain them.

Upon seeing that, Hawkeye darted over and slapped them both.

The two of them promptly passed out and went motionless.

The "beggars" tossed them into a huge pit at the side before covering it with branches and rolling a gigantic stone over it to prevent them from escaping.

That was the so-called "dark cell" Hawkeye mentioned.

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Hawkeye then regarded Zeke with a smirk. "It's your turn to make your stance, kid. Yannick and Yoshua recruited you, so are you siding with them or us?"

"I'm a bit tired. Where are the quarters you arranged for me?" Zeke uttered coldly.

That remark made his stance clear-he was willing to continue working for Hawkeye.

Megahead chuckled.

"I love candid people like you! Let me tell you something. The cheapest thing here is, firstly, human life. Secondly, it's relationships. It was a wise choice for you to have disassociated yourself from Yannick and Yoshua. You're my buddy from now on."

Similarly, Hawkeye grinned approvingly. "Hurry up and thank Megahead."

Against his conscience, Zeke muttered his thanks.

Clapping his hands, Megahead declared, "All right, it's getting dark. It's time for dinner, Assemble!"

As soon as his words rang out, the "beggars" hastily formed a crooked line.

In a whisper, Zeke queried, "They're a Contubernium? Didn't you say that a Contubernium can only be formed with ten people? But there are only eight people here, including their Decanus."

At that, Hawkeye flashed him a sinister smile. "When I last came, there were still ten members, but only seven remain today. Do you still need me to tell you where the other three went?"

"They're dead?" Zeke ventured.

"Undoubtedly," Hawkeye asserted.

"When did you last come here?" Zeke asked again.

"Ten days ago," Hawkeye answered. Within ten days, three out of ten died. That means a three-tenths mortality rate. The living environment here is even harsher than I'd thought.

Hawkeye then continued, "Kid, guess how they died."

"They were attacked?" Zeke postulated.

However, Hawkeye shook his head.

"That possibility is pretty low. My guess is they probably died of starvation. Look at them. They're all as thin as sticks, evidencing that their harvest has been dismal recently. Without spiritual water, they don't get any food. Starving to death is nothing unusual here. Oh well, spiritual water is increasingly scarce nowadays, and life on Theos Island is growing all the more difficult."

As Zeke had heard of the term "spiritual water" several times, his interest in it was truly piqued.

What exactly is it? Can it be used to cultivate?

Right then, Megahead started distributing food to the team.

The man standing right in front held out a small porcelain bottle while wearing an ingratiating expression on his face. "This is my harvest today, Megahead. Please verify it."

Megahead shook the porcelain bottle. In the next instant, a smile bloomed on his face.

"Haha, you did great to have harvested two drops of spiritual water, kid. Here, this is your food for today."

He handed the man four black buns.

The buns had all turned sour and moldy. In the outside world, even beggars wouldn't eat them.

But in the eyes of the man, the buns were priceless treasures that would keep him alive for another day.

He cradled three of the buns close to himself and stuffed the remaining one into his mouth right away. "Thank you, Megahead. Thank you," he mumbled.

Megahead shot him a glare and lambasted, "Buzz off! Look at your disgraceful appearance! You repulse me!"

"Thank you, Megahead. Thank you."

Despite being scolded, the man still wore an ingratiating smile on his face while scurrying away with the buns in his arms.

For the sake of survival and seeing another sunrise, dignity was worth nothing to them.

In no time, the second man presented his harvest that day-a drop of spiritual water.

He only received two buns.

That was the sum of the entire team's harvest.

Other than the two team members who harvested spiritual water, the others had nothing to show.

Therefore, they naturally didn't receive any food.

Although they were on the brink of starving to death, they didn't beg Megahead for scraps.

Perhaps they had long since grown accustomed to living in constant hunger and cold.

Only a pregnant woman couldn't accept it and fell to her knees before Megahead.

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"Please give me some food, Megahead. I haven't eaten in two days."

Alas, Megahead's expression remained detached.

"Buzz off. Why should I give you food when I can't even be sure I'd have enough food for myself? If you want food, exchange it with spiritual water."

Nonetheless, the pregnant woman continued pleading with tears streaming down her face, "Even if you don't pity me, Megahead, have pity on the child in my belly. Never mind if I starve to death, but I hope my child will have a chance to take a look at this world. I beg you."

"No way!"

At that, the pregnant woman cried out in desperation, "This is your child, Megahead! You can't be so callous!"

"D*mn it!"

Blowing his top, Megahead sent her toppling to the ground with a kick.

"I must have been blind back then to take an interest in a woman like you! Who knows who fathered the child when you've been bedded by thousands and millions of men?"

Unwilling to give up, the pregnant woman continued beseeching, "I've only ever been intimate with you, Megahead, so this child is really yours. If you turn a blind eye to me, you'll be killing your own child. That's a grievous sin. Please give me a bun. Just one will do."

Utterly irritated, Megahead suddenly whipped out a dagger and brandished it at the woman. "Scram. If you come close to me again, I'll stab both you and your child."

Fear struck the pregnant woman, and she glanced at him indignantly before retreating slowly.

Meanwhile, anguish washed over Zeke, and his heart clenched.

As a father, he couldn't bear to see the loss of an innocent life without doing anything.

Just as he was about to step forward, Hawkeye, who was beside him, held him back. "What are you trying to do?"

"Save her," Zeke admitted.

At once, Hawkeye scoffed, "Don't be foolish. Even if you can save her this once, can you save her forever? Besides, she's no decent woman. She's lazy and never does any work, merely trading her body for food. Now that the harvest is poor, the men aren't taking her up on her offer anymore. That's why, she ended up without any food. Furthermore, she'll definitely pester you if you help her this time. Don't tell me you enjoy getting cuckolded, kid. Haha!"

"The child in her belly is innocent," Zeke maintained.

After saying that, he got up and went to the man who received four buns.

"Hello, please lend me a bun. I'll return you two tomorrow."

The moment his words fell, shock deluged everyone there.

They all gaped at Zeke incredulously.

The man who received four buns was stunned as well. He studied Zeke suspiciously. "What did you just say?"

"I said to please lend me a bun. I'll return you two tomorrow," Zeke repeated.

Pfft!

The man burst out laughing and waved a bun before him. "Kid, tell me what this is."

"A bun," Zeke replied.

"Nope! You're absolutely wrong. This is life. It's my life! Do I think I'd lend you my life just because you asked me to?" the man sneered.

Frowning, Zeke countered, "I've said that I'll return two buns to you tomorrow." How preposterous!

Still, the man refused to agree. "A rookie like you is bound to have nothing to show tomorrow. Yet, you're claiming that you'll return me two buns. How are you going to do that? With your thick skin?"

Having run out of patience, Zeke simply snatched the bun out of his hand. "I'm a man of my word. If I can't return two buns to you tomorrow, my life is yours."

D*mn it!

The man flew into a rage when his bun was stolen. He shot to his feet and attacked Zeke.

However, it was impossible for him to injure the man with his mediocre capabilities.

Before his fist got anywhere near Zeke, the latter's fist had already landed on his stomach.

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Crashing to the ground heavily, the man curled into a ball and was having trouble breathing.

"Don't mess with me again! Otherwise, not only am I not returning the bun to you, but I'm also going to kill you!" Zeke thundered.

The man was panting so heavily that he couldn't utter a word in response.

Zeke then gave the bun to the pregnant woman and said, "Eat."

The woman was in shock because she didn't expect a stranger to snatch the bun for her sake.

However, she couldn't be bothered about that anymore. Fearing that Zeke would change his mind, she immediately took the bun and shoved it into her mouth.

Hawkeye was amused by Zeke's action. "Ha! Who would've thought that this young man is such a fool for love?"

Hawkeye thought Zeke was interested in that pregnant woman.

Megahead also looked at Zeke in amusement and said, "This young man is interesting."

"Hey, newcomer! Come here," Megahead ordered.

Zeke glanced at Megahead and stood rooted to the spot. "Is something the matter?"

Megahead flashed a faint smile and said, "Of course! Young man, why did you help the pregnant woman?"

"I wasn't helping her. I just think the child in her belly is innocent," Zeke answered.

"All right. I'll believe you, but aren't you afraid that Phagos might seek revenge?" Megahead asked.

Phagos? Zeke was confused.

"The man you've just snatched the bun from is known as Phagos. Everyone knows Phagos cherishes his food more than his life. Since you've snatched his bun from him, he's going to come after you," Megahead explained.

"Let's see if he's capable of seeking revenge," Zeke uttered.

Haha! Good answer! Megahead laughed. "I don't know if you're just ignorant or you're an inexperienced fool. Young man, as your Decanus, I ought to give you a piece of advice. Don't shut your eyes when you sleep tonight. Otherwise, your eyes might just stay shut forever."

Megahead was hinting at the possibility that Phagos would ambush Zeke at night.

Zeke gave Phagos the side-eye and said, "I'm sorry, but I don't think he's strong enough to make me do that."

Haha! What a response! Megahead laughed out loud. "I would like to see which one of you will have the last laugh."

At that moment, Phagos finally caught his breath.

He couldn't help but take Zeke more seriously because he felt how powerful Zeke was from that punch earlier. In fact, he thought Zeke could be stronger than him. But no matter how strong he is, I'll still kill him!

Gritting his teeth, Phagos roared, "Hey, newcomer! We're now enemies. Only one of us will come out of this alive! If you don't want to die, kneel before me!"

Zeke ignored Phagos.

After the pregnant woman finished her bun, she walked up to Zeke and fondled his back. "Thank you, young man-"

"Get lost!" Zeke roared.

His aura was so overwhelming that it startled the pregnant woman. She then quickly retracted her hand and patted her chest to calm her pounding heart. "Why are you so fierce? You've scared me, young man. I'm here to thank you."

Annoyed, Zeke said, "Say what you need to say, and don't waste my time." "All right, young man. You don't need me to say it out loud, do you? You've only helped me because you want my body, right? Do you want to come to find me, or do you want me to go look for you tonight? Don't worry, okay? I promise I'll please you," the pregnant woman uttered.

Zeke glared at her and yelled, "I'm going to say it again. Get lost!"

The pregnant woman was stunned. "What? Are you rejecting me? Think it through, young man. Pregnant women are alluring in a different way, you know?"

Zeke lost his patience. While exuding a powerful aura, he fumed, "Do you really want me to repeat myself once more?"

The pregnant woman was frightened by his intimidating demeanor.

In fact, she felt as if a mountain was weighing her down, and she was finding it difficult to breathe.

Frightened to the core, she shook her head and ran off, trembling.

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The woman only felt the weight lifted off of her shoulders after running off into the distance.

Upon escaping, she muttered under her breath, "Ha! What a headstrong brat. Let's see how long he can maintain that behavior. Since he's only just arrived, he's still adapting to the environment. In two days' time, he'll be yearning for me!"

Hawkeye and Megahead smiled mischievously and exchanged glances. What a surprise! This man helped the woman for the sake of the unborn baby in her belly instead of her body. There aren't many kind souls like him left on Theos Island because most of them are already dead. This young man surely won't last long. On Theos Island, compassion for others means being cruel to yourself.

Zeke then turned to look at Megahead. "I would like to meet Theos. What do I need to do?"

Megahead was amused. You want to see Theos? You should consider yourself lucky if you can stay alive for a month. You must be dreaming.

Despite what was going on in his mind, Megahead answered, "If you want to see Theos, you have to become a Camp Master."

"Hahaha!"

The crowd burst out laughing.

Everyone knew Megahead was making fun of Zeke.

There were only two Camp Masters on Theos Island, and no one had ever challenged their status in decades.

Needless to say, everyone thought it was a joke to suggest that Zeke could challenge those two Camp Masters.

"What's a Camp Master?" Zeke asked.

"Haven't Hawkeye filled you in on that? Theos Island is divided into two factions, namely the southern faction and the northern faction. We belong to the southern faction, and the leader of the southern faction is the Camp Master of Camp South. Meanwhile, the leader of the northern faction is the Camp Master of Camp North, Megahead explained.

Zeke finally had a grasp on the situation. "How do I become a Camp Master?"

Megahead couldn't hold it in anymore. He ended up laughing out loud before saying, "Are you serious, young man? Do you really want to be a Camp Master?"

"Why can't I?" Zeke queried.

"You surely can! If you want to be a Camp Master, you need to replace me as a Decanus. After that, you'll need to become a Centurion and a Legatus before becoming a Camp Master," Megahead revealed.

"Oh. How do I rank up, then?" Zeke asked.

"What do you think? You'll need to accumulate spiritual water, of course. The more spiritual water you have, the higher your rank," Megahead answered.

"May I know how much spiritual water I need in order to replace you?" Zeke asked.

"You'll need twenty drops of spiritual water," Megahead answered.

Zeke nodded in response.

Megahead then added, "Young man, it's not easy to accumulate twenty drops of spiritual water. Some people can't even get their hands on ten drops of spiritual water after spending their whole lives on Theos Island. Do you think Phagos relied on his own capability to gather two drops of spiritual water in a day? Ha! I'm sure this fellow had murdered people and robbed their spiritual water. Isn't that right, Phagos?"

Phagos' face went pale. Although he was embarrassed, he put on a tough front and retorted, "Megahead, please stop making fun of me. I relied on my own capability."

Naturally, Megahead wasn't convinced. "Is that so? In that case, may I know why three members of my team had gone missing?"

Phagos chuckled and answered, "Who knows? Perhaps they got lost."

Zeke's heart skipped a beat when he heard those words. Based on Phagos' reaction, he must be the one who killed those three people. The people here resort to murder in order to get their hands on spiritual water! Theos Island is definitely not a place for humans!

Right then, Zeke was even more determined to wipe out Theos Island.

Megahead laughed the matter off and uttered, "All right, then. It's getting late. Go to sleep, everybody. Let's wake up early to work tomorrow."

With that, Megahead walked toward a hole in a tree and fell asleep.

The rest of the members quickly looked for a spot to sleep as well.

Those members didn't have designated places for them to sleep in. Instead, they would just simply find a tree and sleep under it.

Zeke, on the other hand, walked toward the dark cell and sat next to it.

While sitting there, Zeke contacted Yannick and Yoshua with his mind and asked, "What are you guys planning to do?"

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Yannick gritted his teeth and said, "Hawkeye must die. He killed our parents, and we must avenge them no matter what."

"Do you guys think you're strong enough to kill him? The two of you can't even protect yourselves, let alone kill him," Zeke said.

The two brothers went silent. He's right. We're in no position to seek revenge. How can we kill Hawkeye? With our hatred as a weapon? That's useless!

With that in mind, Yannick asked cautiously, "Great Marshal, c-could you kill him for us? He shouldn't be able to put up much of a fight against you."

"Sure. I can help you gain revenge, but not now. You guys need to promise me something first," Zeke replied.

Upon hearing that, Yannick and Yoshua quickly uttered, "Sure, Great Marshal! As long as you can help us take revenge, we'll heed your words."

"Okay. Apologize to Hawkeye tomorrow and tell them you guys are willing to serve them. If everything goes according to plan, I'll be able to compete for the position of Decanus in two days' time. By then, you guys have to get the other members to support me," Zeke uttered.

"Got it. No problem!" Yannick and Yoshua nodded.

After they were done discussing, Zeke shut his eyes to get some rest. Knowing that they could finally take revenge, Yannick and Yoshua felt relieved and fell asleep soon after.

At around midnight, Zeke suddenly heard someone screaming at the top of their lungs. That sounds like the pregnant woman.

The screams were so loud that they attracted everyone's attention.

It turned out that one of the members was striping the pregnant woman naked. It was obvious what he was trying to do to her.

The pregnant woman struggled and fumed, "B*stard! I can't! I'm on my period!"

The man smirked devilishly and uttered, "F*ck off. Do you take me for a fool? You're pregnant. You can't be on your period!"

Lust was taking over the man's mind, so he couldn't be bothered by the pregnant woman's pleas.

The rest of the members acted as though they didn't see anything and went back to sleep.

Left without a choice, the pregnant woman asked Megahead for help, "Megahead, please help me. He's infected. If I get it as well, you'll never be able to touch me anymore."

In response, Megahead rebuked, "Daley, stop it, will you? You're disturbing my sleep."

The man, Daley grinned salaciously and said, "Megahead, don't you think a drop of spiritual water for a night with her is a good trade?"

"Sure!" Megahead happily agreed.

The pregnant woman continued to struggle for her life. "Buzz off! Don't touch me! You're infected with sexual diseases! My baby will get infected!"

Filled with despair, the pregnant woman yelled out for help.

The pregnant woman plunged into despair immediately.

Zeke sighed and decided to lend her a helping hand.

He merely didn't want the innocent child in her belly to get harmed.

"Get lost!" Zeke thundered.

What? Daley cast Zeke a puzzled glance. "Newcomer, who were you talking to?"

"I'm talking to you. I asked you to get away from her," Zeke replied.

"F*ck!" Daley cursed. "Mind your own business, will you? Otherwise, I'll kill you!" "Once she has given birth to the child, you can do whatever you want to her. The child in her belly is innocent, so you can't harm it."

The h*ll with you! Daley was infuriated. "I'll be honest with you. I'm going to get rid of the child in her belly today! What can you do about that?"

With that, Daley clenched his fist and threw a punch at the pregnant woman's belly.

At that juncture, Zeke kicked a stone, and it flew toward Daley's arm.

Crack!

Daley's arm broke on the spot.

"Argh!" Daley screamed in agony. He then held his arm and fell to the ground. "My arm! My arm!"

Huh? The sudden turn of events once again attracted everyone's attention.

Baffled, Megahead looked at Daley's arm and asked, "Daley, is your arm broken?" Daley nodded. "Help me, Megahead! It hurts!"

Megahead turned toward Zeke with a serious look on his face. "Oh? You're quite capable, young man. Did you use to train in combat arts?"

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Zeke nodded in response.

"I didn't expect that. In that case, be my guardian from now on and protect me. I'll give you two buns every day," Megahead offered.

The other members all looked at Zeke enviously. Being the Decanus' guardian means he'll never need to worry about being hungry again!

To everyone's surprise, Zeke rejected the offer without hesitation by saying, "Thank you, but no."

Zeke was aiming to become the Decanus instead of the Decanus' guardian.

Megahead was pissed off. "You better think it through before answering me. Based on your capability, you should consider yourself lucky to stay alive for one month. If you're willing to become my guardian, I'll make sure that you live comfortably for the rest of your life here."

Again, Zeke shook his head.

Embarrassed, Megahead uttered angrily,

"Fine! Since you want to die so badly, I'll grant your wish."

With that, Megahead shot Phagos a glance.

He was clearly telling Phagos to kill Zeke.

Zeke is very capable, so if I can't get him to work for me, I'll have to get rid of him. He's a threat.

Meanwhile, the pregnant woman looked at Zeke gratefully. I feel so safe with him around.

She tidied up her clothes and approached Zeke. Suddenly, she dropped to her knees and said, "Please accept my gratitude, my savior!"

Zeke rolled his eyes at the pregnant woman and replied, "Don't misunderstand my intentions. I was just saving the innocent child inside your belly. I didn't do it to help you, so don't thank me."

The pregnant woman uttered stubbornly, "My savior, I'll be at your beck and call from now on. I'll be your servant!"

"Please leave immediately. Don't disturb my sleep," Zeke replied.

The pregnant woman prostrated herself before Zeke. "My savior, I'm your servant. You can do whatever you want to me."

With that, she retreated to the side.

Zeke ignored her and shut his eyes to get some rest.

Naturally, Daley and Phagos weren't going to let Zeke off.

They exchanged glances and communicated wordlessly.

A moment later, they both nodded as they reached an agreement. We'll join forces and kill Zeke!

They waited for more than an hour before finally deciding to take action. The surroundings were in complete silence.

Zeke was lying motionlessly, and it seemed as though he was fast asleep.

Phagos picked up a stone and threw it toward Zeke.

The stone landed right beside Zeke's foot, but he remained still, seemingly oblivious to the movement.

Phagos was excited. Zeke is sleeping soundly! Our chance has arrived.

When Phagos stood up silently, Daley followed suit.

Then, they each picked up a rock as big as a human's head and tip-toed toward Zeke.

In truth, Zeke wasn't asleep. For someone of his caliber, he could go a week without sleep.

Hence, he could sense it right away the moment Phagos and Daley moved.

Once they were close enough to him, Zeke suddenly released a wave of energy that swept past their legs.

The two tripped immediately.

Coincidentally, both their heads smashed on the rocks they were carrying.

Thud! Thud!

Two muffled thuds echoed through the air. Phagos' head cracked open, and blood splattered everywhere.

Daley broke his head too, and he was yelping in pain.

"What the f*ck?" Megahead was enraged. "What's with the shouting? I want to sleep!"

The other members woke up as well.

They were slightly taken aback when they saw the gruesome scene before their eyes. Someone died!

Clearly, they were just surprised. None of them were frightened or astounded.

After all, it was common to have people dying from time to time on the island.

Still, they were curious as to how Phagos had died. Theoretically speaking, shouldn't Zeke be the one who dies?

Megahead gasped in disbelief when he saw what had happened. "What? What happened here? Why is Phagos dead? Daley, what happened?"

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Daley was in so much pain that he couldn't utter a word in response.

All he could do was wrap his head with his arms and roll around on the ground.

Therefore, Megahead turned toward Zeke and asked, "Newcomer, care to explain?"

"What's there to explain?" Zeke asked.

"Well, how did Phagos die next to you? How did Daley get hurt?"

"They wanted to kill me with rocks, but they tripped. Coincidentally, both their heads smashed into the rocks they were carrying. This is all their own doing. It has nothing to do with anyone else," Zeke answered.

"Is that so?" Megahead didn't believe Zeke.

However, he looked around and couldn't find anything else suggesting otherwise. Is The newcomer telling the truth? F*ck! Phagos and Daley are such good-fornothings! They couldn't even carry out such a simple task.

Megahead walked over to Daley and stepped on him, stopping him from rolling around.

"Tell me what happened!" Megahead ordered.

"We... I..." Daley mumbled.

Megahead bellowed, "What? Talk properly! Otherwise, I'm going to kill you!"

Megahead wanted to know if Zeke was the one who did that to them. If the newcomer is really the one behind this, he's scary, and he's a threat to my safety. If that's the case, I must kill him no matter what.

"I'll tell the truth! I'll tell the truth! Phagos and I felt cold, so we thought we could gather a few rocks and make a fire. However, we slipped and fell to the ground. Phagos knocked his head on the rock and passed out on the spot," Daley uttered. "Is that true? Could there be such a coincidence?" Megahead asked puzzledly.

Daley nodded. "It's true! It was a freak accident."

Upon hearing that, Megahead felt relieved. It was really just an accident, and the newcomer had nothing to do with it. As I expected, he's not that strong.

Zeke didn't want to kill Phagos and Daley because he didn't want Megahead to view him as an enemy.

"All right, then. Go back to sleep, everyone. I'll kill the next person who disturbs my sleep!" Megahead fumed.

The other members went back to sleep as though nothing had happened.

Daley, on the other hand, applied some herbs to his wound to stop the bleeding before going to sleep.

Meanwhile, no one gave a hoot about Phagos' corpse.

By the break of dawn, all the members woke up from their sleep.

Although a few incidents had happened the night before, it seemed as though everyone still had a good night's sleep.

Just as Megahead was about to give orders to everyone, Yannick and Yoshua's voices rang out from the dark cell. "Mr. Hawk! Help us, Mr. Hawk."

With a smirk on his face, Hawkeye arrived in front of the dark cell and asked, "What is it?"

Yannick and Yoshua pleaded, "Mr. Hawk, we've come to our senses. We'll do whatever you say from now on. You were right. You've helped us, and we're supposed to be grateful to you. If it hadn't been for you, our parents would've died long ago. Likewise, we won't be where we are today if not for your help. We'll listen to you from now on."

Hawkeye sneered, "Hmph! At least you guys are sensible. Why couldn't you guys just be like this in the beginning? Why did you guys want to suffer?"

With that, Hawkeye ordered the other members, "Hey! Get Yannick and Yoshua out of there."

The other members swiftly dragged Yannick and Yoshua out of the dark cell.

Having spent the night in the dark cell, the two of them looked so disheveled that they looked as though they had aged a few decades.

Although their gazes were still filled with hostility when they looked at Hawkeye, they tried their best to conceal it and smile instead. "Mr. Hawk, please tell us what you want us to do. We'll surely listen to you."

"Why would you listen to me? Obey Megahead's words! Megahead is your Decanus," Hawkeye instructed.

"Okay. Okay." Yannick and Yoshua turned toward Megahead.

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"Okay. Go on and start collecting spiritual water, everyone. You'll get food if you manage to collect spiritual water. Otherwise, you'll starve," Megahead uttered.

As soon as those words fell, everyone quickly left to collect spiritual water.

Spiritual water was scarce. If someone else were to get there before them, they would have to starve.

Just as Zeke, Yannick, and Yoshua were about to leave, Hawkeye stopped them and said, "The three of you, come here."

The three of them walked toward Hawkeye and asked, "What is it?"

Hawkeye threw a small bottle at them and said, "Take this. Keep the spiritual water in here if you find any."

"Okay."

Hawkeye then added, "Since I've brought you guys here, you have to give me half of whatever you find in a month. Got it?"

"Why is that?" Zeke asked.

Hawkeye laughed in response. "What do you think? That's the rule."

Zeke didn't bother speaking further. After all, he's going to die in two days' time. I'll just ignore whatever he says.

Zeke then left with Yannick and Yoshua.

Shortly after they left, a few members returned, and they were approaching Phagos' corpse suspiciously.

Megahead glanced at them. "Stop right there! Why are you all back?"

The members smiled awkwardly and answered, "Megahead, we were close to Phagos when he was alive. We can't bear to see his body being left unattended, so we want to bury him."

In response, Megahead questioned coldly, "Do you think I don't know what you all are up to?"

Those members felt even more embarrassed, and they stared at Megahead with pleading expressions on their faces.

"Fine. Bring it away. Remember this, though. The three of you owe me a drop of spiritual water," Megahead uttered.

"Understood!" Those members quickly lunged forward to take Phagos' corpse away.

Meanwhile, Hawkeye saw one of the men salivating while looking at Phagos' corpse.

At that moment, he couldn't help but feel a shiver run down his spine. Those men are going to eat Phagos' corpse! Is the living environment on Theos Island so tough that the people here had resorted to cannibalism? Sh*t! It seems like I have to bring a few more people to Theos Island to serve me. If I were to collect spiritual water all by myself, I'll eventually starve to death.

In the meantime, a while after Zeke and the other two left, Yannick suddenly asked, "Mr. Williams, when are you going to kill Hawkeye and help us get revenge?"

"Hawkeye is still useful to me, so I can't kill him for the time being. Once he serves me no purpose, I'll take his life," Zeke answered.

"Okay. We'll listen to you, Mr. Williams," Yoshua said.

Zeke then suddenly halted in his tracks and uttered coldly, "Stop hiding. Come out at this instant."

Hearing that, Yannick and Yoshua grew anxious. Are we being followed?

The two of them quickly turned around. "Who's there? Come out now. Stop hiding. We know you're there."

A figure appeared from the bush, and it was the pregnant woman.

Confused, Yannick asked, "It's you? Why are you following us?"

The pregnant woman hurriedly trotted toward Zeke. "Master, I'm your servant. It's only right that I follow you."

"Give up, will you? I'm not your master. Stop following us around," Zeke uttered.

With that, he turned toward Yannick and Yoshua. "Let's go."

However, the pregnant woman continued following Zeke.

Zeke glared at her and asked, "Are you testing my patience?"

The pregnant woman was frightened by Zeke's gaze.

Yet, she pretended to be calm and said, "Master, I've made up my mind. No matter how hard you try to get rid of me, I'll still follow you. It's okay if you don't acknowledge me as your servant, but I'll still follow you around. I'm willing to do anything for you. I would even die for you."

When Zeke helped her fend off Phagos and Daley earlier, she felt an unprecedented sense of security from the man.

In fact, her gut feeling told her that as long as she was around Zeke, she would be safe.

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That was why she insisted on following Zeke.

Yannick and Yoshua stared at Zeke, waiting to hear his thoughts.

With a cold voice, Zeke uttered, "Fine, I'll give you a chance. Since we just got here, we still aren't that familiar with the place. We can use your help to understand this island better."

The pregnant woman thanked them excitedly, "Thank you for taking me in, Master! I'll do my best to serve you all."

That was the best news she heard after arriving at Theos Island.

Zeke asked, "What's your name?"

"My name's Minerva Fernandez, but you can call me Minny."

"How did you come to Theos Island, Minerva?"

With a sigh, Minerva explained, "It's a long story. Back when I was still in Eurasia, I was part of an ordinary family. My parents are retired employees of state-owned enterprises, and I run a supermarket. Life was good. However, one day, my mom got cancer. I spent all my life savings and went looking for famous doctors inside and outside of the country, but no one could save her. Just as I was about to lose hope, Mr. Hawk appeared. He said he could treat my mother's cancer on one condition. He wants me to become a member of Theos Sect with him. At the time, I was on the verge of going insane for trying to save my mother. As long as he could treat her condition, I was willing to do anything. So, without much consideration, I agreed. He really did save my mother afterward, which made me trust him completely. When he said he was taking me to meet Theos, I agreed and followed him to Theos Island. At first, I thought this place was heaven. But I quickly realized this place is worse than hell!"

Yannick and Yoshua exchanged an emotional glance, as their experience was similar to hers.

The others probably also got tricked into coming to the island the same way.

Zeke's original plan was to tour Theos Island to study the geography and layout of the buildings in hopes of locating where Lacey was kept.

However, soon after they started walking around, Minerva stopped Zeke from stepping forward. "We can't go any further, Mr. Williams."

"Why?" he asked curiously.

"Ahead is Centuria's territory. Low ranking members of Contubernium like us. don't have the right to enter."

"Centuria? So it's a team led by the Centurion?"

Minerva nodded.

"What'll happen if we go in?"

"Theos Island is split into four territories. There's Contubernium's territory, Centuria's territory, Legion's territory, and Camp North and Camp South's territory. Each territory has a leader guarding it. Unless someone has reached a certain level of achievement, they won't be allowed entry to the next area. Otherwise, the leader will attack those who try to enter. If you're lucky, you'll get severely injured. If not, you'll be dead on the spot."

"Do you know how powerful each territory's leader is?"

"No. However, I do know that they are very skilled. In the past, someone very powerful attempted to breach a high-level area, but he was killed by the leader there in a single move. If you're wondering how powerful he was, he could send a person flying away with just a wave of his hand without even getting close."

Based on that description alone, Zeke was able to determine the "very powerful person" that Minerva mentioned was likely more powerful than an Archduke.

That was because only those who achieved the level of Archduke could unleash energy.

Truth be told, Zeke thought that with his capability, it wouldn't be that difficult for him to breach Camp South.

However, he still knew very little about Theos Island. If he acted recklessly, he would alert his enemies.

That would be unhelpful to his goal of rescuing Lacey.

For the sake of Lacey, he had to be patient.

"Why are you hanging out with them, Minerva?" A sharp, loud voice was suddenly heard from behind them.

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All of them promptly turned back and saw Daley, the person who had tried to sexually assault Minerva last night.

Minerva glared at him. "Why do you care?"

Daley smiled wretchedly. "Don't tell me you're working with those people, Minerva. Are you brain-dead? They just got here. There's no way they know anything. I bet they can't even tell the difference between spiritual water and dew. You'll starve to death if you hang out with them."

"Get lost! I don't need you to tell me what to do."

"Why are you doing this, Minerva? It's much better for you to follow me than to follow them. Think about it carefully. Whatever you collected, you'll have to split it with the three of them. In the end, you'll be the one suffering. Things will be different if you follow me. I just got here, and

I've already collected a drop of spiritual water. If you follow me now, at least you won't go hungry today."

How is that possible? Minerva refused to believe he had already collected a drop of spiritual water.

"Don't believe me? Well, listen to this carefully. As Daley spoke, he pulled out a porcelain bottle and shook it.

Everyone could hear a faint water tinkling sound coming from the bottle. That was undoubtedly the sound of spiritual water.

He continued. "Join me. Minerva. If you work with me. I promise that I won't let you suffer."

Minerva was clearly moved, for a complicated expression appeared on her face.

However, moments later, she gritted her teeth. "Even if I starve to death, I still won't choose to join you!"

That enraged Daley. "Fine! I'll just wait until you starve to death before eating your corpse, b*tch! Oh, I guess I'll also eat the baby inside you too!"

Subsequently, he left while cackling crazily.

"We don't have much time left, Minerva.

Let's search for spiritual water quickly," Yannick said. "Tell us how to collect them."

Turning to him, Minerva explained, "Spiritual water usually only appears on the leaves of a branch during the morning. There is only an extremely limited amount of them, and they vaporize easily. Once the sun comes up, we won't be able to collect any spiritual water. We should hurry."

"If it appears on leaves during the morning and evaporates when the sun rises, isn't that just dew?"

"No. There's a huge difference between dews and spiritual water. Dews are brighter and more transparent while spiritual water is darker and heavier. Because of the weight, they'll cause the leaves they sit on to droop."

"How do we find spiritual water if it's mixed with dews?"

"We'll have to search through each and every single leaf."

What did she just say? Yannick and Yoshua thought their ears were playing tricks on them. "There are at least hundreds if not thousands of leaves within a meter range of us. You're saying we have to find spiritual water by checking these leaves one by one?"

"There's no other choice. Right now, there's no easier way to find spiritual water than this. That is why spiritual water is so precious."

Yannick and Yoshua were stumped. "This'll take forever!"

"All right, that's enough. Let's not waste any more time. The sun's about to rise. We need to hurry."

"Okay!" The two stopped talking and started searching.

Even Zeke was slightly troubled as he stared at the densely packed flora around him. It seems kind of impossible to collect twenty drops of spiritual water and become a team leader. Spiritual water is going to be much harder to find than I imagined.

Minerva comforted, "No need to worry, Mr. Williams. Let me look for spiritual water. Honestly, I have quite a lot of experience looking for spiritual water. In fact, I can do it pretty fast. Usually, I'm able to find two or three drops of spiritual water per day. That alone will be enough for us to survive a day."

Curiously, he asked, "If you have no problem surviving here, then why do you want me to be your master? Also, it doesn't seem like you found a single drop of spiritual water yesterday."

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Minerva sighed. "It's easy to find spiritual water but difficult to keep it. I'm a woman, so I don't have any advantages here. Whenever I found spiritual water, it would be taken away by someone else, especially Daley! He's usually the one who steals my spiritual water! I believe you're powerful, Mr. Williams, which is why I wanted to follow you. More specifically, I want to cooperate with you. I'll search for spiritual water while you protect it from other people's hands."

Zeke nodded.

"Look at me, Minerva! I found yet another drop of spiritual water," Daley shouted in excitement.

The four of them turned their heads and saw that Daley had returned.

Disbelief filled Minerva's eyes as she stared at Daley. "Impossible! There's no way you could've found two drops of spiritual water that quickly!"

Daley replied giddily, "I got lucky today! Even though I had just started looking, I already found two drops! Come and listen if you don't believe me."

Then, he shook his container.

The tinkling sound inside the container did sound much louder and clearer compared. to before.

Minerva frowned. It seems like he did collect two drops of spiritual water.

"Come on, Minerva. Join me. I promise I can take care of you," Daley said.

She looked at Zeke and back at Daley before deciding that she wanted to stick with Zeke. "You shouldn't say that out loud, you know. Otherwise, someone may come and take it from you."

Daley's expression darkened. "You still refuse to join me, Minerva? I don't understand what's so good about the newcomers that compels you to follow them."

Glaring at him, Minerva replied, "Scram! If you don't leave right now, we'll take your spiritual water away. It's only fair that I take it from you once since you used to snatch mine away so many times in the past."

Furiously, he shot her a vicious glare and exclaimed, "Fine! If you want to starve to death so badly, I'll fulfill your wish! Hmph, I bet you'll come and beg for my help. tonight."

After that, he shot daggers at them before turning to leave in a huff.

Minerva lowered her head and continued looking for more spiritual water.

Of course, Zeke was also hard at work. At the same time, he was thinking about better ways to find spiritual water.

There was no way he was going to use the most primitive method to find spiritual water because it was simply too inefficient.

Closing his eyes, he zoned in and tried to sense the spiritual water's presence.

While he didn't know what kind of existence spiritual water was, he bet it would feel different from anything else around since it was so rare.

However, despite his powerful mental energy, he couldn't sense anything abnormal.

Thus, he released his energy to search for it.

Alas, it still didn't work.

Just as he was wondering what he should do, the Ossa Dei in his arm suddenly communicated with him through telepathy. "I'm feeling a special affinity with. something on your right. Go and check out what it is."

Zeke frowned. "A special affinity? Why am I not feeling anything?"

"That's because I'm the bones of a god. Only something truly special can make me feel a sense of affinity. You, on the other hand, are but a mortal with flesh with blood. It's only natural that you can't sense anything."

That ticked Zeke off. "So what if you're Ossa Dei? In the end, you still became a part of my body."

That made Ossa Dei feel a little despondent. I suppose what he said is true. I'm already halfway integrated into Zeke's body. It won't take long before I truly become a part of his arm. His bloodline must be extraordinary. It's possible he's a descendant of the Gods.

"Oh yeah, do you think Theos may also be feel a sense of affinity. You, on the other hand, are but a mortal with flesh with blood. It's only natural that you can't sense anything."

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"Oh yeah, do you think Theos may also be something left by the Gods? Like the Gods' will or bones?"

"That possibility isn't out of the question, though I can't confirm nor deny that. After all, we only met Theos once."

After Zeke nodded, he stopped talking and followed Ossa Dei's instruction to find what was giving Ossa Dei a sense of affinity.

In the end, he found an unfamiliar plant that was about as tall as a person.

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Zeke observed the strange plant in detail, but he couldn't find anything special about it. "Did you make a mistake, Ossa Dei? I'm not seeing anything special about this plant."

Upon detailed inspection, Ossa Dei said, "Look at the last leaf on the third branch from the top. See if there's anything odd there."

Without delay, he did as he was told and stared at that leaf.

When he did, he noticed something odd.

There was a "dew" on the leaf. However, it was different from ordinary dew.

It was darker and didn't reflect any light. Additionally, it was heavier than normal dew, so much so that it was bending the entire branch.

All those characteristics fit with Minerva's description of "spiritual water."

That was very likely a drop of spiritual water.

Zeke asked, "This is definitely the legendary spiritual water. Is this useful to you, Ossa Dei?"

Ossa Dei replied, "No idea. This is the first time I've come across this kind of water. Although, I'm not just going to touch random stuff. Let me take my time researching it first. It'll be troublesome if it's deadly to me."

"All right, then." Thus, Zeke pulled out his porcelain bottle and collected the spiritual water.

"There's another drop at five o'clock. Go and check it out."

"Okay!"

With the guidance of Ossa Dei, it only took Zeke an hour to find five drops of spiritual water.

It was their first day looking for spiritual water, so they didn't have enough experience yet. After amassing enough experience, they would no doubt be able to collect even more spiritual water.

At that moment, the sun rose from the horizon. Even if there was more spiritual water around, it had probably evaporated.

Everyone had stopped collecting spiritual water.

Yannick, Yoshua, and Minerva quickly met with Zeke.

Judging from the listless look on their faces, he could tell their efforts weren't fruitful.

As expected, Minerva said, "I'm the only one among the three of us who found spiritual water, Master, and I only collected a drop. I'm sorry for being so incompetent. Please punish me."

He replied, "It's fine. Let's go back."

"Okay."

On the road back, Yannick grumbled, "Spiritual water is too hard to collect! My legs are on the verge of giving way after running around in search of spiritual water, but I couldn't find even a drop in the end! This place really is hell. I really regretted coming here."

Yoshua said to his brother, "Let's stop thinking about that. Right now, we need to eat something. Since a drop of spiritual water can only get us two buns, we'll have to split it between the four of us."

Minerva interjected, "No need to include me. I'm not going to take a portion."

"Then what are you going to eat?" Yannick asked.

She looked around and casually stripped a piece of bark off of a big tree next to her and stuffed it into her pocket. "I'll just chew the bark. That's enough for me to fill my stomach."

Zeke asked, "Do people here eat this often?"

With a nod, Minerva replied, "We have no other choice. There's a lack of food on the island. If we don't eat these, we'll starve to death."

"Don't worry. None of you will need to eat tree bark in the future. Throw it away."

"I know you don't want me to suffer, Master, but our food isn't enough-"

"This is an order. Throw away the tree bark. I'll come up with a way to obtain food."

Minerva sighed and reluctantly threw the bark away. Master is new here, so he hasn't experienced the cruelty of reality yet. That's why he doesn't appreciate the tree bark. Once he sees how cruel this place can be, he'll know how valuable the bark is.

They soon returned to the base.

Daley was already there, and he was humming a tune while resting under a big tree. He was apparently in a good mood.

When he saw Minerva, he couldn't help but tease, "Based on the look on your faces, I'd say you lot didn't get many drops of spiritual water. It looks like you all will be going hungry today, haha!"

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Minerva rolled her eyes at Daley and did not reply to him.

Daley continued, "Minerva, I'll give you one last chance to come to my arms. You won't get another opportunity like this."

Minerva clenched her teeth. "Daley, another word of nonsense from you, and I'll get them to kill you."

Daley grimaced when he heard that. "Hmph! Ungrateful wretch. Starvation awaits you!"

Not long after, the other members returned one by one.

Some were delighted, and some were devastated.

The happy ones were naturally the ones who had gotten something.

The devastated ones were the ones who had either not found the spiritual water or had their spiritual water stolen by others.

Right then, Zeke noticed that three of the members had traces of Phagos' scent on them.

Their skin was positively glowing, and they seemed full of energy. After they returned, they curled up in a spot they found and went to sleep—they did not even wait to get their meals.

When Zeke surveyed the area, he could not find Phagos' body anywhere around.

It was then he realized something.

These three shared Phagos' body and ate it! Theos Island, an island of god? It's more like Hell Island.

Right then, Megahead came out from the tree hollow and stretched. After a glance at the people there, he said, "You're all here, right? Take out everything you've gotten now. Line up and present it one by one."

Daley was the first in line. "Megahead, I'll do it first. This is what I've gotten today. I hope you'll like it."

Megahead picked up the porcelain bottle and studied it. "Hmm, not bad. Two drops of spiritual water. Here. This is your reward for today."

Megahead then gave Daley four buns.

The buns were fresher than the ones from the day before. At the very least, the current buns had yet to spoil.

Of course, that was all it was-unspoiled. No ordinary people that were not living on the island would be able to eat buns like that.

The other members then handed Megahead their findings.

In general, they had a pretty good harvest. Most had found a drop or two of spiritual water.

Only one person could not find even a drop of spiritual water. Naturally, he would not get any food.

That person was an old man in his eighties. Walking was already an issue for him, let alone climbing mountains and wading through water to collect spiritual water.

It had been days since he had eaten, and he was already half-starved to death.

He pleaded, "Megahead, please take pity on me. I'm old. If I don't eat anything soon, I'm going to die!"

Megahead sneered. "Old men like you should be thrown into the stray dogs' area to feed them. I'm already kind enough to keep you around. If you ask for food from me again, I'll kick you out of here."

The old man was frightened by his words. Worried that Megahead would really kick him out to the stray dogs' region, he quickly moved away from Megahead.

However, he was far too weak. Unable to maintain his balance, he fell onto the ground and passed out.

Zeke's turn was after all of the members.

Megahead gave Zeke an amused look and said, "Tsk, from your expressions, it looks like you didn't get a good harvest today. Ha! You're all men, but you're relying on a woman to survive. Aren't you ashamed?"

Zeke retorted, "Who told you that we're relying on a woman to survive?"

Megahead chuckled. "Someone told me that Minerva has only collected a drop of spiritual water today. The three of you found nothing at all. Aren't you relying on a woman to provide for you then?"

As it turned out, other members had overheard their conversation when they were on their way back. That was how Megahead eventually learned about it.

Daley began mocking again, "Ha, what a b*tch Minerva is! She's selling her body and her hard work to provide for three men. What a wench!"

Yannick and Yoshua lowered their heads. They could not refute Megahead and Daley's words at all, and they were ashamed.

In contrast, Zeke smiled and tossed the porcelain bottle at Megahead. "This is what we've gotten today."

The moment Megahead grabbed the bottle, his hands shook. "Wait. Wait!"

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Daley burst out laughing. "Is it not spiritual water? Hahaha! You're making me laugh so hard! I can't believe you've mixed up spiritual water and dew! You're all clowns!"

Then, Megahead muttered, "This isn't just drop. It's... six?"

Zeke nodded. "That's right."

"What?"

Daley was not the only one astounded by Megahead's words. The others were equally shocked as they whipped their heads in Zeke and Megahead's direction.

Even the three people who had eaten Phagos' body and were napping shot upright and stared at the scene in astonishment.

Six drops? That's impossible, isn't it? They're a small team situated in the outermost ring. There's no way that much spiritual water will appear in a limited space.

Not even Megahead had ever seen someone who had found six drops of spiritual water.

Daley quickly said, "Megahead, you must have made a mistake. How could they possibly have collected six drops of spiritual water? Please check it again."

Frankly, Megahead was starting to wonder if he had made a mistake. Thus, he quickly opened the bottle to check its content. carefully.

The results stunned him.

Indeed, there were six drops of spiritual water in the bottle, and they were even better quality than usual.

Megahead beamed. "Good job, young man. I underestimated you all. You've really gotten six drops of spiritual water. Congratulations, you've broken the record."

The rest were even more flabbergasted after hearing Megahead's confirmation.

Yannick and Yannick were staring at Zeke in confusion.

Zeke had not been putting in much effort in searching earlier. All he did was mindlessly run around a few spots.

Could it be that he found a drop of spiritual water in every spot he went to? What nonsense is that? But how would you explain these six drops of spiritual water? One drop was found by Minerva, and Zeke found the rest.

Nevertheless, Daley refused to believe it. "They must be fake. They must be! Megahead, check it again..."

Megahead shot Daley a glare. "Are you doubting my ability to identify spiritual water?"

"I wouldn't dare to!" Daley quickly shook his head. "I know! They must have stolen them from the others. Spill! How many people did you kill today?"

Zeke told him, "We collected these ourselves; we didn't steal them."

"Bullsh*t!" Daley swore. "Even experienced people like us can never collect six drops of spiritual water, so how can rookies like you do it? You must have killed others to get these."

Just then, Megahead uttered, "Even if they killed others to get the spiritual water, they did it with their own ability. What's the matter, Daley? Are you going to stand up for the victims?"

"I..."

Daley was rendered speechless.

Megahead's right. So what if they killed someone to get these? It's a lawless land here. Spiritual water is everything. Moreover, it's not as if I haven't killed people for this.

At that moment, Daley felt humiliated.

He had just been laughing at how Minerva was providing for three men, but they soon proved him wrong. Alas, Daley realized he was the one who brought this upon himself.

Hence, he quickly scurried off to avoid hearing Minerva mock him.

In the meantime, Megahead gave the entire box of food to Zeke. "I don't have much, but they're all yours. I'll exchange more food for you next time."

Zeke said nothing much to that as he had Yannick and Yoshua move the food to their territory.

When Zeke opened the box, he found that there were only ten buns left inside.

He then said to Minerva and the others, "You all can eat first."

Yannick and Yoshua were starving, so they immediately began shoving the buns into their mouths.

On the other hand, Minerva bowed respectfully at Zeke and uttered, "Master, eat first. I'll eat your leftovers."

All of a sudden, Minerva recalled how Zeke had told her to throw the tree bark away and reassured her that she would not need to worry about food from then on. Back then, she had mocked him in her head for his ignorance of Theos Island's cruelty.

Now, she realized that she might have been too shallow and judged him wrongly.

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Zeke shook his head. "I'm not hungry. You guys go ahead."

"But..." Minerva started.

Zeke ignored her as he grabbed a bun and threw it to the starving old man from earlier. "Mister, eat this."

Huh?

The old man watched Zeke suspiciously, shocked by Zeke's action.

He could not believe the newcomer had given him a bun without asking for anything in return.

After all, on Theos Island, food was everything-it was a symbol of life.

Is he giving me a chance to live?

Zeke urged, "Mister, are you going to eat it or not? If you're not, I'm going to take it back."

The old man hesitantly queried, "Are you.. really going to give it to me for free?"

Zeke bobbed his head. "Of course."

"Thank you! Thank you so much!"

Tears promptly welled up in the old man's eyes. Like a famished dog, he lunged at the bun and began scarfing it down.

In the blink of an eye, the old man finished the bun.

Tears were still blurring his vision. He could not recall the last time people were concerned about him, let alone spared him a bun.

He, who had been in despair for what seemed like eons, finally saw a glimmer of hope in Zeke.

After finishing the bun, he walked over to Zeke and stopped two meters before the latter. Then, he went down on his knees and said, "Thank you for saving my life, sir!"

It would not be an exaggeration to say that the bun had saved his life.

"Okay."

Zeke only nodded, indifferent to the old man's expression of gratitude.

The old man then begged, "Mr. Williams, please help me! Please take me in. I, Murphy Chappell, will be your slave from now on. I'll do anything you ask of me."

After a moment of contemplation, Zeke finally answered, "Okay."

His current goal was to become a Decanus. Having the support of another person would do nothing but benefit him.

"Thank you! Thank you!"

The old man prostrated himself before Zeke once more.

Meanwhile, Minerva was sighing at the side

as she shook her head. Master doesn't have any bad points other than the fact that he's too kind. He's actually taking in random people. Murphy's not going to be able to do any laborious work soon. He has not been able to find a drop of spiritual water for days. It wouldn't be too much of me if I were to label him as a useless man. We'll only be wasting food if Master takes him in.

Hawkeye, who was at the side the entire time, was thrilled.

The people he had brought with him were impressive, having found six drops of spiritual water. As their superior, he would be able to get three drops of spiritual water in return.

Soon, he would be able to earn plenty.

With that thought in mind, Hawkeye walked over and reached out his hand to grab a bun.

However, Zeke swiftly stopped him. "Stand right there."

"What are you doing?" Hawkeye hissed, glaring daggers at Zeke. "I should be asking that. What are you doing?" Zeke questioned.

"Isn't it obvious? I'm your superior, and according to the rules, half of your harvest is mine."

"Why? This is the result of our harvest, so we should be the ones to decide who should get what. You weren't involved in the labor, so you deserve to starve. Get lost."

Hawkeye turned livid. "You're challenging Theos Island's rules! Are you trying to start a revolution? Aren't you afraid that the territory leader will put you on trial?"

Zeke retorted, "What's the matter? Is profiting from other people's toil the rule of Theos Island? If that's the case, then that rule is ridiculous."

Hawkeye snapped, "Cease this nonsense! No matter what happens, you have to hand half your harvest over today."

With that, Hawkeye reached out to snatch the buns.

Zeke shot a glance at the Lewis brothers. "Are the two of you willing to let the murderer of your father reap the reward of your hard work?"

By then, Yannick and Yannick already had red eyes from the wrath boiling in them.

The brothers immediately understood what Zeke meant the Great Marshal was giving them the opportunity to take revenge.

"F*ck you, Hawkeye! We were the ones who earned this. You have no right to touch the buns!"

"How dare you lay a finger on our food? We're going to kill you!"

With that, the two brothers lunged at Hawkeye.

"You two useless pieces of trash!" Hawkeye cursed before lifting his leg to kick Yannick.

That kick caused Yannick's stomach to roil, and he nearly passed out. However, he forced himself to stay awake as he hugged Hawkeye's leg.

Yoshua then rushed to the side and rammed into Hawkeye's stomach.