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Chapter 321 A Murderer

"Let's go to that theme park." Becca said pointing at a castle in the middle of the garden.

Rio, who was getting a little bored playing around, suddenly had his face lit up as he heard that, and agreed readily.

[How come you're more excited about ruining the protagonist than being with her?]

'You're just jealous of me earning points.'

[You know host, if I don't see you occasionally smiling, I'd say you're the biggest edgelord I've seen.]

[Just don't bully the poor kid too much, we still need to pass our time before killing him.]

'Of course, who do you think I am.' Rio said, looking forward to the drama that was about to be unfolded in the grand castle.

'Let's give you another title besides a genius and pervert, my dear protagonist.' Rio said in his heart and smiled.

"By the way, isn't there supposed to be a beauty pageant or something in the fresher's party for girls? I heard they put ranks for top 5 boys and top 10 girls." Becca asked while holding two sugar cones in her hands.

Amelia's influence really did turn her into a sweet tooth too.

"That'll happen tomorrow when seniors can participate too." Rio said nonchalantly.

"So do people like go on a stage and walk fashionably or perform, how do they judge?" she asked curiously.

"You can, if you want to, but it's not a necessity." Rio said and explained "Like everyone already knows you or me, so there's no need to for us to show off. But some less famous students do that to increase their votes."

"Hmm, let's do that tomorrow then." Becca said suddenly, causing Rio to halt his steps, and look at her doubtfully. "You serious?" he asked.

"Of course, I am." She replied "I don't wanna lose to anyone else. It'd be bad if the Royal princess lost to some peasant, don't you think?"

"Tell me the real reason." Rio said after hearing her proud words. No way in hell would he believe that bullshit.

"What\_ do you mean? Hehehe \_ look we're already here, let's go, from that gate." Becca said embarrassingly and then changed the topic when she couldn't find any excuse.

She couldn't just tell him that she made a bet with Amy and Ayla to win, right? Who knows, this guy might purposefully trick her somehow to make his sister win.

After all, he is quite famous and got a lot of votes on his name too.

Rio looked at her running back and shook his head and followed her. 'Everything's changing for the better.' He thought.

As he stepped in front of the grand castle, walking on the pathway made of snow, the lines from the echoed in his ears, as if he could imagine the scene described there like a vivid dream.

The backdrop of the scene was the same castle as now, but the soothing music had stopped and the cheery scene of the event had come to a halt. There in front of a white haired boy were lying bodies of three students brutally murdered, with their flowing blood covering all the magical snow gathered around.

"Did you kill them?" Rebecca asked with a sword drawn over the back of the white haired boy, whose body was trembling in cold fighting the frost spell still affecting him.

"Answer me." She shouted again, pushing the tip of her sword on his exposed neck until a drop of blood trickled down his skin.

"They tried to kill me first." The boy said calmly and turned around, his eyes empty and face emotionless as he raised his gaze to look at the crowd of students surrounding him. He raised his hand to touch his neck, only to show everyone his blood stained fingers that had just taken the lives of their fellow classmates.

"I gave them a choice to turn back and leave, they threatened to \_."

"They were just normal students, you could've knocked them out, captured them." Leon shouted in blame, causing his words to stop as other students nodded their heads and declared their views in their whispers.

"You're a murderer." Rebecca said coldly as she sheaths her sword and turned around to leave. Followed by Amelia and Kevin who gave a long look at the dead students and then left without saying anything too.

Rio looked at everyone's leaving back and sat down on the bloody snow, waiting for the instructors to come and do their investigation. Taking a potion from his ring, he raised his suit and poured it onto the sword slash at his bleeding stomach and laid back down. His empty eyes kept looking at the empty sky devoid of any stars until they slowly closed off with a tired breath.

[No one would trust you. No one would listen. You're just the devil they want you to be. Always have been, always will be. A murderer.]

The words of his goddess echoed in his ears as he slowly opened his eyes, only to find himself locked in a small dark chamber, where he would be forced to stay for the next 7 days.

"Hey, you coming or what?" Becca's words caused Rio's train of thought to stop as she pulled his hand and dragged him in.

Shaking his head with a smile, he pushed all his thoughts aside and walked in. None of those things happened yet, and they never will.

Rio had just taken two steps when his eyes inadvertently glanced at a black haired boy walking with a brunette girl, and a cold glint came to his mind.

Kevin and Levi, the brother who took his place in the , and the girl, responsible for Amelia's sad future.

He looked behind that duo and found Vanessa and Leon chatting in a corner, while a few nobles kept pointing fingers in their direction with hateful eyes.

In one corner he noticed Edward and Lincoln bullying Damon, by sending him to bring them food and drinks again and again, while laughing at his embarrassed state.

'I'm gonna enjoy this party.' he thought as memories of the kept playing in his mind reminding him of how all these guys played some role in Rio's suffering.

'Let's start with you, my dear brother.' he said, looking at Kevin, who suddenly felt a chill down his spine as he looked around carefully but found nothing suspicious.

"What happened, master?" Levi asked as she placed her hand on his shoulder.

"I told you not to call me master. You're not my shadow at the academy, we're classmates. Friends even." Kevin said as he shook his head and looked at her with a gentle smile.

"How can that be, I swore an oath for lifelong loyalty, so you're my master and I'm your shadow as long as I live." Levi returned his gesture but declared her stance in a proud tone, causing Kevin to give a helpless laugh, as he walked away.

"Well then as your master I'm giving you an order, you can't refuse me now."

"But\_"

"No buts, as long as we're in the academy you're Levi and I'm Kevin. That's it."

"As you wish." Levi said with downcasted eyes like she was in a dilemma, but finally gave up, and agreed. "Kevin.." She muttered, causing her partner to smile sweetly, as he held her hand and led her on the dance platform.

Chapter 322 Kevin And Levi

Kevin Shlok, one of the members from the Shalya clan, which is a small ancient family affiliated with the Wandering Star Sect.

<Aside from guilds, associations, nobles, elites and royals there also exists sects, schools or temples. You can name your organization whatever you want, just have to have enough strength to maintain that status.>

In the , this guy was the one Blake family adopted and gave Rio's place as an heir to once he was branded as the world killer and devil by everyone, after that one prophecy.

This guy took his place, his family and then bowed down to Leon. Giving all what his parents gave to him, to the bastard who would later come for their life.

And the girl behind him, his current shadow, who's also his future wife according to the , Levi Alden.

In the she was just a nameless orphan girl roaming the streets, who was picked up by some slave organization and sold to the maid markets in her childhood. She showed her talent and got chosen for the shadow training program at Blake family.

She later became Amelia's shadow and filled her ears with all kinds of nonsense to fulfill her own ambition and greed for more power.

Maybe Amelia didn't like Rio in the due to how he always behaved and acted, or how everyone would make fun of her and avoid her because she was his sister, but still it was the words and actions of Levi that kept fuming the flames of dislike until it turned into anger and then into hatred.

Turning the big brother in her eyes into Rio, and then Rio into the devil - it was all the doing of this pair of husband and wife.

'I'm gonna enjoy butchering you to pieces.' Rio thought, gulping down a glass of wine as his eyes found the pair happily dancing on the stage, looking into each other's eyes like none of the others existed in this party.

Even though none of those things had happened in reality, like he stopped the prophecy, buried the links that tied Kevin to his family, making sure the adoption thingy never comes up, and made sure Levi never sets foot in his house - but still there was this undeniable hatred in his eyes as he looked at them.

'Let's give you a night to remember, my pieces.' Rio said, walking down the stairs with glass of wine in his hand.

"Where did you run off to?" Becca said as she finally found him again.

"I was just getting you a drink." Rio said, showing her the glass of wine in his hands.

Rebecca looked at the half glass and scoffed "Hah, lies. I leave you for one minute and you're gone in the wind. Can't you just stand in place." She said, glaring at the guy who disappeared when she got called away by one of the girls from her neighboring room.

"Oohho, didn't know you booked my brother so much, princess." A voice broke Rebecca's lecture and her face, which was quite stern all this time, instantly turned into a blush of embarrassment as Amelia and Ayla came near her.

"Sigh, now I see why brother wasn't picking up his phone the whole day, you probably had him walk around on your orders it seems. Poor him." Amelia said and walked over to her brother, raising her hand to touch his face with a sympathetic gaze.

Rio, who saw her overacting, chuckled in response as he heard her words and saw her faking a pitiful expression.

"Don't be sad brother, you just had to bear through one day, imagine how I feel, when she's always around me like a hungry ghost all day everyday." she said, making a pitiful and tired face.

"I'm following you?" Rebecca asked, pointing at herself in disbelief.

"Or, you even used uncle Max's name to make sure to get me as a room partner, so you can ask me to help\_\_\_." Amy said, causing Rebecca's face to be covered in the haze of blush, until she finally couldn't take it anymore and just turned around and walked away, pulling Ayla with her hand too.

"Wait, where are you going, princess, stop, my brother\_ he's here." Amelia shouted slowly, masking her words with mana so only Becca and Ayla could hear them.

"Amy," Rio said, stopping her as she wanted to run behind her bestie and tease her a little more before asking about her day.

"Brother, let's follow her. " She smiled and said, but Rio's words came to her ears, causing her to stiffen up. "Stop."

Amy had a bad premonition in her heart, and tried to come up with excuses to leave her place, while cursing herself for being stupid and coming here to tease Becca when her brother was here too.

"Brother, I'll\_ I'll go and \_ ohh see that, Rubina is calling me, I'll be back." She stuttered like a little kid who's mistakes got caught by her parents. "Yes Rebecca, I'm coming." She said and turned around to leave.

But Rio placed his hand on her shoulder and stopped her.

"What happened today?" He asked in a serious tone, and whatever doubt Amelia had of hiding her events, went up in smokes.

"Brother, I was just \_." She tried to say something but failed to find any words.

"I think I told you not to do anything aggressive, then why?" Rio asked.

"I wasn't planning to, I just saw them yesterday and thought \_."

"That you'd lock me with Rebecca and go beat up those guys yourself." Rio interrupted her and finished her words for her. "I think I taught you better than that, didn't I?"

"You did." she replied, as she hung her head down.

"Then why? Why'd you go and pick a fight with them?" Rio said remembering the news he got from one of the staff members, regarding how Amelia sneaked into the academy library and started an unnecessary fight with a few fourth year students.

"If not for professor Ryuk interfering in this fight, you know what would've happened right? You could've gotten punished or suspended, is that what you want?" he said.

"But you're not doing anything." She said with clenched teeth "They nearly killed you, and you're just doing \_ nothing."

"It's not their time yet, Ames." Rio replied and moved closer as he opened his arms and hugged her. "I've told you before, I'll give punishments to everyone who deserves it, so do not interfere." he said in her ear and let go of her with a smile.

"Come, don't be all sad and angry now, let's enjoy the party." Rio said as he patted her head, when she just kept looking down.

"I'm not in the mood, I'll just go back to the room." She said, but stopped again as he grabbed her hand this time. "Stop acting like a brat, my bratty little sister. Come, there's going to be a big drama tonight, you don't wanna miss it."

"You did something?" Amy asked as she raised her eyebrows.

"No, but I know what someone else's planning to do. We'll just enjoy the show, I've brought popcorn too." Rio said and finally smiled as Amelia nodded her head and moved her empty hand forward, already asking for her price of staying.

Rio just threw another bunch of stuff in her storage ring and smiled as she forgot everything and ran towards Rebecca.

Rio looked at his phone, and sent a few text to his partners.

[Ryuk - Handle the situation. Make sure no proof remains or reaches the ears of the elders or the principal. Use whatever methods necessary I don't care.]

[Riley - take care of the three students I've sent you the names of. Send Yorsvik to do this job, I want it as clean as possible. Tell him, he has one month's time.]

[System, delete all data of that fight. No video, audio, crystals, projections anything. Leave nothing behind.]

Chapter 323 Dance

323 Dance

Amelia's eyes sparkled with mischief as she confronted Rebecca about her day. "So you just played around all day long?"

Rebecca responded, "Yupp."

"And you didn't think it was necessary enough to call me even once huh, what a selfish friend." Amelia said with a pouting face, complaining to Rebecca.

"I mean\_ I did try to look for you, but you weren't there." Rebecca said in her defense.

Well she didn't lie, she did look for Amy and others, but only so she could turn around and walk in the opposite direction if she noticed them.

"Where did Rio leave off to?" Ayla asked as she noticed while they were all talking and taking a tour of the castle, Rio had slipped somewhere.

Rebecca sneered as if it was expected, while Amy just smiled and said "Oh I\_ caused a little bit of ruckus outside today, so he probably wanted to see if it was too much."

Rebecca looked at her in surprise and noticing she was serious, she asked "What did you do?"

"N\_nothing, I just got into a little fight, that's all."

"And you didn't hurt them or beat them half to dead?" Rebecca asked doubtfully, she knew all well of her friend's anger. She's literally chaos incarnate when she's angry just like the goddess who chose her.

"No, they're fine. Some staff saw the commotion and stopped it." Amelia replied, not telling they were actually 3 class years above her, and she couldn't beat them even if she wanted to. Not unless she showed all her skills and used all her artifacts.

<Why did she still went to fight them, well she just saw them laughing and living happily a few days ago, and it ticked her off about how her brother had to suffer while they just enjoyed their time in this safe academy. So she found a few weaker target and a place where they couldn't use mana freely and a time when they're tired and least expect anything. But sadly just after a few fun punches, that idiot staff came and stopped the fight.>

'Now that I think, that guy is the one who told my brother probably. Stupid professor.' Amelia cursed the staff and remembered his face to pay attention next time she does something like this.

'How did he know it was me behind the mask anyway.' She thought suddenly remembering she clearly had a mask that covered her face and disrupted any identification.

"What're you zoning off about?" Rebecca asked and Amelia just shrugged her shoulder and pushed her thoughts aside for now.

"Let's go, the dance is starting now." Ayla said bringing both girl's focus at the open space in the hall below, where shinning lights illuminated everything, a soothing music was playing in the background, as one by one students walked up and started dancing on the stage, some with their friends, some with their partners. Surprisingly in just one month of academy time, there've been quite a lot of couples formed already.

"Princess Rebecca, can I have a dance with you?" Another boy came up to Becca asking her hand for a dance.

But got the same polite answer as what she gave the last dozen or so students. "I'm not feeling well."

The young man looked at Amelia for a second and she just shook her head before he even opened his mouth, and he could just turn around and leave feeling embarrassed.

"Where did that idiot run off too." Rebecca asked, looking around the hall and dancing couples with a sour mood.

"Looking for me." Someone said, tapping her shoulder.

"For the last time I don't want to dance for God\_." Rebecca said annoyingly as she turned around, only to stop midway as she realized it was him.

"Wow, well if you don't want to then I won't ask, jeez. Just look at her attitude." Rio playfully said to princess, and pulled Amelia away, before she even came back to her senses.

"Sorry princess, but brother's busy." Amelia too, playfully teased before walking along Rio towards the stage.

"Where did you go?" She asked as they both just stood close and started moving on the rhythm of the music.

"Just handling your mess." He replied, as he grabbed her hand and moved away, before pulling back in.

"Did you\_kill them?" Amelia asked with some hesitation, making sure no one heard her whisper in the loud music.

"Not for now, but it will be settled. Don't worry." Rio said. "Don't use Gauri's chaotic blessings openly in the academy again."

"You still haven't told me why?" She asked hearing the same advice he's given her multiple times now.

"Just know that it'll attract some attention that's best not suited for my plans." Rio said, not clarifying about how the church of Kali and a mid level boss villain had been looking for a suitable sacrifice to finish their plans, and Amelia is the one they ends up choosing in the .

"Is their some enemy of hers in the academy? She asked talking about her goddess.

"Not an enemy, but a blind follower who thinks he's the only one worthy to be her champion." Rio said and added "I'll handle it soon, in the meantime, you just focus on getting stronger and mastering her skills as soon as possible." Rio said leading her to the center of stage as a light fell on their dancing figurea before moving away.

"The drama you said haven't started yet, it's getting boring." Amelia said after nodding her head for his previous suggestion.

"Be patient." He said as he stopped since the music ended and a new melody started to play.

"By the way, Becca looked quite happy with the star and the gifts you got her." She said changing the topic to something else.

A small chuckle came to his lips hearing that as he replied. "Did she?"

"Of course, she wouldn't stop showing off, if I didn't threaten to steal them away." Amelia teased with a smile.

"If you're done badmouthing me, can you stop now."

A voice broke their happy conversation, but causing both of them to laugh as they realised who it belonged too.

"Woah, see brother, she followed me here like a ghost too." Amelia said looking over her shoulder as she saw Ayla and Rebecca behind her.

Poor Ayla, who didn't know anything had her face burn red in shame as the princess pulled her to a dance all of a sudden, making her the center of attention. While Rebecca just ignored her partner's failing moves and glared at the pair of siblings with her big blue eyes.

As the beat of the music shifted to a new tone, she left Ayla's hands and pushed Amy away, before taking her place in front of Rio.

Poor Amy just gave her an angry glance before taking Ayla away, to save her from more embarrassment. She was probably the one of the very few who didn't even know D of the dance.

"I think you said you didn't want a dance." Rio said, as he placed her hand on her waist and another on her shoulder.

"And\_" Rebecca said, glaring at him as if to dare him if he can finish that sentence.

"Nothing, just saying." Rio said barely controlling the urge to laugh at her antics.

Rebecca just humphed in response and pinched him on the neck, causing him to wince in the sudden pain.

"You broke your promise." She said, looking at his face.

"Which one?" he asked, not sure what this girl wanted now.

"When you said you'll follow me for all day today." She replied.

"And\_"

"I'm generous so I'll forgive you if you accompany me tomorrow too." She added as she rolled her body in a circle.

"Isn't that too big a punishment, I was just gone for 5 minutes." He replied.

"And I had to deal with 20 boys in that period who came up and asked for a dance." she said and added "If anything, I'm being generous. And what do you mean punishment, it's a reward half the academy would die for okay."

"Is that so?" Rio said with a smirk "Well, since it's an order from your royal highness, this noble heir shall oblige."

Rebecca gave a charming smile as she heard his response, causing the students around her to forget their partners and just look at her momentarily.

"You look pretty when you smile." Rio said as he raised his hand to fix her hair behind her ear.

She really did look perfect, especially as the light from the party illuminated her face even more.

Hearing the sudden compliment and feeling the heat near her ear, Rebecca froze for a second, missing her step and bumping into the girl behind her.

Giving Rio a glaring eye, she turned back to apologize, but found it was another princess, the elven one to be precise.

"Sorry, it's his fault." She said and turned back to grab his hand and walking away, not in the mood for any more dance, lest this guy says something like that again, causing her to make a fool of herself.

While Saisha, who just came to the party some time ago and was dancing with Jaesin who asked for her hand, halted her movements and kept looking at their leaving back, feeling a little uncomfortable.

She was wondering what she was feeling or why, when a sudden loud shout broke her thoughts, and everyone else's too.

"Ahhhhhhh"

"You \_ what are you doing!!!! Let go of me. Let go... .."

The screaming voice belonged to a girl, and it sounded like she was\_being forced.

The music had just stopped all of a sudden as if on cue and everyone could hear it too now, 'Is this what he meant, when he said a big drama.' Amelia wandered and looked at her brother's direction, and noticed his face with a smirk.

Chapter 324 Make me proud, my dear Kevin

324 Make me proud, my dear Kevin

In the dimly lit locked room at the second floor of the castle, the pleas of a girl echoed through the walls as she pleaded for mercy.

"You...what're you doing? S.. Stop it. Please." Levi begged, her voice laced with surprise and shock as she looked at the boy in front of him who seemed to not hear her pleas at all.

"Please, it's me. Levi, your friend." She said, struggling as the man tried to force herself on him.

Tears streamed down her eyes looking at the once-familiar face of her master twisted into an unfamiliar, predatory expression that she never thought possible.

The man, once gentle, now acted like a beast, tearing at her clothes with ferocity. His body pressed over hers, as she screamed and squirmed in vein struggles. While his hot, calloused hands roamed mercilessly on her skin, leaving her heart pounding in terror.

"Control yourself! Let me go!" she cried, struggling in vain against the overpowering force that held her down. Each touch burned like fire, and her pleas were met with a cold, unresponsive gaze from the man she thought she knew.

His mouth constantly tried to close in on her, to mark her, to taste her, eat her, yet was blocked every time as she raised both her arms in hope to keep him away.

She felt her heart jolt in a shock as one of his hands made its way through her clothes and groped her chest ruthlessly, causing her to wince in pain.

One of his hands had grabbed her neck and was slowly choking her, while the other constantly moved between both her mounds, pressing them hard, molding them in a shape his fists moved. His actions were far from the gentle personality she was accustomed to, leaving her bewildered and broken.

And it hurt.

"Why are you doing this,... Please.. Stop it." She begged again in between her sobs, her breath getting heavy and body exhausted as he grabbed her shoulder and turned her over. Sitting on her back before she could move and slip away from the bed, his nails dug deep into her skin when he tried to get her free from those bounds of clothes.

"Arghh.. please God no, don't do it." She pleaded in her broken voice and teary tone hoping for a stop to all this madness.

When Kevin had called her to this room alone, she never thought this is what it would lead to.

She knew he liked her, and wanted her, she could see it in his gaze when he looked at her. When he'd sneak a few glances when she walked ahead, or touch her slowly when she tried to help him dress or get ready.

And every time he'd blush hard and become embarrassed over those simple gestures. She thought he'd fall for her, even propose to her, but never did she think that this gentle boy whom she thought she had wrapped around her finger, would actually turn out to be a beast who'd want to ravage her at first opportunity he found.

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"Please \_ don't..." She muttered, losing strength in her body and feeling limp. The dark room felt oppressive, and hope dwindled with each passing moment.

But just then a voice sounded in her ears, breaking her chain of thoughts looking for a compromise and igniting her spirit again.

"Leave her alone."

Levi's eyes fluttered open, and hope flickered as a figure materialized in front of her walking through the solid door. His form was shining bright and ethereal to eyes, looking just like a holy spirit of light.

For a second she even had an illusion like she was staring at an angel or a God. Until the light disappeared and the ethereal form started taking physical form of a young man.

It was someone she knew, not particularly, but someone she saw in the academy and on her social network - the first ranker, and the femboy pervert, Leon Heartwell.

Looking at the timely rescue before Kevin could rip her clothes from the back and ruin her chastity, Levi breathed a sigh of relief.

"Help..." She wanted to ask for help as Kevin was still sitting over her thighs, when she felt some movement on her back, and the weight automatically disappeared.

Kevin, who was like a blind horny beast all this time seemed to have finally come back to his senses at this moment. Confusion and disorientation clouded his expression.

Seeing someone pressed below him battered and bruised, he gave it no thought and moved his body to the side on instinct.

Getting off the bed he looked around at the unfamiliar surroundings and frowned. He held his head, as he tried to recollect his memories, while suppressing the worst hangover-like headache he was feeling.

"Wh... what happened? Where am I?!!!" He muttered to himself as he failed to remember anything about how he got here or what he was doing.

The last thing he knew was drinking a glass of wine in the hallway by the stairs, but what's next? It was all so blurry to him, like shadows moving in a dense fog. He could see it here and there, but couldn't make sense of anything.

How did he end up here? Did he get drunk, or did someone drug him? And who was this girl? Was he about to ... ?

As his thoughts reached to that point he himself shook his head in disbelief, he would never do such a thing.

But then looking at the crying girl huddled into a ball, with her head held between her knees as she kept sobbing and shaking, it was clear. He did do her wrong.

He looked at his hands and then at the girl's torn clothes and felt ashamed of himself.

Why? Why would he do that? What happened to him? Couldn't he control himself? Shame on him. ..

Anger, guilt, shame gripped his heart as the headache he felt intensified even more.

Yet all these emotions and questions had to be pushed aside as a new feeling rose in his heart and took over everything when he heard the sound of footsteps rushing outside.

'My clothes \_ the party..' It took a moment for him to look out the window and realize he was still at the academy.

'I can't get caught?' He thought as he realized what kind of hell level scenario he was stuck in. Panic scared his soul as he imagined the repercussions of his actions.

"Umm ... hello." He said with much hesitation, as he raised his hand to touch the girl, to see if he could somehow get out of this situation, but before his hands touched her, someone grabbed his wrist and punched him in the face.

Only now did the pain make him realize that the ethereal ghost he considered nothing but his hallucination, had become a living person who could punch him.

Leon, who saw this rapist still trying to get his dirty hands on that pitiful girl clenched his fist and stopped him.

"Keep your dirty hands off her." He said righteously. Giving another glance at the crying girl who after hearing the commotion moved back further, and grabbed whatever her hands could find to cover her exposed body.

Kevin looked at the cornered girl on bed, her black mascara mixed with lines of tears staining her face, with surprise and shock. His guilt increased by another degree as he recognized her.

'Levi...'

His words stopped in his throat. Leaving him with a wide mouth but no voice.

He could literally hear the sound of his heart breaking as he looked at her and then realized what he tried to do with her.

But it all needed to be pushed aside as someone started banging the door of their room. Kevin looked at Levi who was still shaking in fear, while Leon, who ignored him and moved towards the bed to help her.

With the urgency of the situation pressing in, Kevin grappled with the need to address the impending threat.

'I need to handle this.' He thought, while flipping through his storage ring in a hurry trying to find something that could help him. Until his eyes finally found the one thing he was looking for.

[Momento Matrix] - An old book with an hourglass pattern on the cover. When looking at it closely one can always have the illusion that the sand was falling down slowly.

[Slave's Silence] - A small iron chain used to ensure a slave's obedience.

Grabbing the two artifacts he gritted his teeth and rushed towards the duo. Cutting his hand with a blade he pressed it onto the cover and breathed a sigh of relief.

'I did it.' He thought with a small smile on his lips.

Just outside the door,

[The idiot took the bait, host.]

[Congratulations on avoiding another future trap flag.]

'Just show me a nice show, my dear brother. Make me proud.' Rio said with a cruel smile in his mind. Getting ready to break down this door and lift the cover from the stage he prepared.

Chapter 325 You're The Rapist? No, You Are?

"The voice came from here, right?"

"Yeah, I can still hear some crying sounds."

"Is it some idiot, don't they know it's the academy? How dare they try and do this here? That too when everyone is just outside."

"Maybe someone got too drunk. The seniors did get some quality booze for the party."

"Are you insane? Even if you're drunk don't you see what time and place it is? And that too forcing a girl?"

"Maybe it's a kink, and they're roleplaying. Who knows?"

"Are you serious? Can't you hear the screams of struggle all this while?"

"Don't look at me, there are all kinds of people out there."

"Yeah, I once saw a girl getting whipped through my window. When I went there to check and help, I heard her moaning louder than the DJ playing outside."

"Seriously you two... Don't talk to me."

"What's the punishment, you know, if he really is raping someone?"

"Who knows, depends on who it is, if you ask me?"

"Yeah, if it's some commoner they'd be crippled or killed, but if it's some noble or elite family's child then it gets complicated, they'd just expel him in that case."

"Shut your mouth, you commoner. No noble son would do something like this. Open your mouth to trash talk us again, and I'll shove my shoes inside that shithole of yours."

Outside the room a crowd had gathered and everyone was trying to push each other away and walk closer to see who was this daring to try something like this on a social occasion.

Hardly a few were worried about the girl, while most people were just curious about the idiot who's this blind and brazen to create a drama like this so early on his stay in the academy.

The door was locked from the inside and breaking it was gonna take a little while as every wall, window or any entrance was inscribed with runes and magical patterns to secure the academy.

Rio, who knew and planned every step of this drama, had secured himself a front row seat of this stage as he stood at the front, watching as Amaya used her skill to guide a few students to bypass the formations and break the door.

But just before she gave her final instruction to Valtor, the door crashed open as someone flew right outside the door.

Some students fell down in a puzzle as they saw someone crashing into the front, while others moved closer to take a look at this sudden change.

"Who's that?"

"He came from the inside right?"

"He's not from any noble family!!!" A commoner student said with some disappointment, as he was sure in his heart only those arrogant nobles could be this degenerate.

"But he looks injured? Was there a fight? Why didn't I hear any sounds of that?"

Ignoring the chatter of those around him Rio just took a glance at the fallen student and smirked.

'So this is how you want to play huh Kevin' He thought, already aware of what changes transcribed in the few moments time had been frozen without anyone's notice.

Kevin stood up slowly and coughed a mouthful of blood on the ground as he felt the burning pain on his chest. His clothes on the upper body were still leaving smoke signs as a few burn marks were visible on his chest.

But before he could stand up someone grabbed his collar and lifted him up. He raised his face to see who it was when a punch landed on his face, knocking him down again.

"What did you say to me, you bastard? Say that again?" Leon said as he bent down and grabbed his hair to make Kevin look him in the eyes, before giving him another solid punch that broke his nose.

"Why aren't you speaking so haughtily now huh.(punch) I'll teach you a lesson so hard you'll never forget your place." He said, raising his fist for another punch when someone grabbed his hand.

Leon tried to exert some strength but found it was futile, so he turned to look at the one who stopped him.

"Get your hands off me." He said angrily, as he jolted his hand with mana and tried to free himself, but noticing his movement, Valtor also used his mana and pulled him away.

Leon's body crashed into the broken door and he fell down.

"Stop." Valtor said, pointing his sword at Leon who instantly stood up after the fall and tried to fight again.

Ignoring his warning, Leon had his eyes fixed on Kevin and rushed forward again. But this time, Amaya blocked his path instead.

"He said stop." She said in a stern tone as her eyes glowed silver for a second, warning him of the consequences he would face if he took another step.

The heroine's words finally seemed to fall into Leon's ears as he woke up from his angry state and looked around at the gathered crowd, all staring at him and Kevin with perplexed eyes.

Taking a long breath to calm down he gave a final glance at Kevin, who slowly stood up and held his broken nose and bleeding mouth while staring at him with hateful eyes, Leon just scoffed and turned back to leave.

But his steps came to halt as still shocked students refused to give way to him. "Move," He said, pushing the student at front with his hands, when someone grabbed his shoulder and turned him back.

"What were you doing in that room?" Valtor said, looking at Leon.

"What does it matter to you?" Leon said in annoyance before turning back to leave. "Just do your job."

Leon took just one step and stopped as he felt the cold iron of a sword touch his neck. "I'll ask again, what were you doing in that room?"

The surrounding students, who also got out of their surprised states, pointed at Leon and started asking questions. Obviously his halo of protagonist made sure everyone thought badly of him and accused him as the culprit even without any proof.

"Were you the one forcing yourself on some girl?"

"Trying to rape someone at the academy, you cheater." <cheater is the nickname some jealous students gave him cuz they say he won his rank by cheating.>

"I knew he was no good after I saw that video on Whisper."

"Yeah, first a pervert and now a rapist."

"Just look at his face(pointing at kevin), that poor guy must've tried to stop this beast, that's why he's so angry."

"I knew nobles were no good thing. Arrogant villains."

One by one everyone started blaming Leon and the voices only grew louder, causing Leon who wanted to silently leave after saving someone without taking any credit, and avoid any big drama to save the girl's reputation, to stop and say his answer. "Shut up, speaking without any proof and judging people without even knowing anything, you all are really good."

"None of you even asked about that girl or went to check up on her, just standing here like statues, watching drama from the sidelines, how dare you call me the villain." He said righteously, shaming everyone around him in vigorous words.

He looked at Kevin and continued his words "He was the one who tried to force himself on the girl, and I was the one who saved her."

He looked at Valtor still pointing his sword at him and said "And you, instead of punishing the one responsible for the crime, you point your sword at her savior just to settle your personal anger which clouds your judgment."

Valtor too hesitated for a second hearing his sharp words, he obviously chose to ignore the part where this idiot said personal anger, cause if anything he was just suspicious of him for hiding his God, nothing else.

But that aside, Valtor turned his face at Kevin who was also glaring at Leon with clear signs of anger in his eyes.

"You ... don't you have any shame." Kevin said as he limped and walked in front of Leon, until Valtor turned his sword on his face to keep them distanced. "You tried to... .. Tried to do that to her and now you're blaming me, you fucking rapist."

"What did you say??" Leon asked, feeling perplexed over this stupid allegation.

"I don't care if you're a noble or a top ranker, I'd kill you, even if I get expelled." Kevin said, flaring his mana as he brought a sword from his ring too, "How dare you lay your hand on her. She's my friend, my shadow, you damn bastard."

'hahahaha bravo performance my dear brother.' Rio said in his heart as he heard the choking tone of Kevin with all those emotions he showed on his face and anger he expressed through his actions.

'If there was an Oscar in Arcadia, I'd be sure to give you one.'

[How about a standing ovation hahaha]

'Sounds nice. A slap for a clap it is.'

Chapter 326 Idiots Falling Into Trap One By One

The crowd of students just kept exchanging glances between Kevin and Leon wondering which one of them was the villain and which one is the victim. They both had started an argument over who's the rapist and the drama was just getting bigger.

The commotion had attracted even the students who at first didn't care and just focused on their eating and drinking for the party. And it was clear that soon enough someone from the student council or staff would be here too.

'Wonder what Lisa's reaction would be when she hears her brother being called a rapist? Her whole reputation would be ruined.' A sudden thought came into Rio's mind as he looked at a camera crystal blinking bright in the corner and looked away as what happens in her life didn't matter to him anymore.

Rio looked at Vanessa, who was staring at Leon with frowning eyes lost in her thoughts, while Amaya as always was looking at everyone else closely trying to get a read on what's going on in their mind.

To her all this bs was her survival guide for the future. The knowledge that'll help her in using, manipulating and controlling all these people if ever a need arises.

Katherine and Rubina, the two heroines advocating strength, stood there with a plate of food in their head. Both probably thinking the same thing as to beat the one responsible instead of lecturing and wasting time.

Saisha, along with her entourage of elves was staring at all this scene from a far corner, while the pure and kind hearted Ayla just stood near him, with her fist clenched in anger.

To her rape was the most vile act of crime anyone could commit, as she had heard the screams and seen the consequences of such actions in the colony she grew up in her childhood. Despite her years of relish life with the Blake family, a shadow of that trauma and those incidents still lingered in her mind.

"It's okay. He'll be punished." Rio said, placing his hand over her shoulder, as she nodded her head with a deep breath.

Valtor, who was calmly trying to assess the situation before judging anyone, was pushed aside, as a few nobles and rankers who were jealous and angry at Leon came forward to teach him a lesson.

After all, Leon not only showed off that he's better than them every time in spar battles, but also stopped them from bullying other commoners quite a few times too.

Edward and Lincoln, who had a long standing feud with him, wanted to take this chance and cripple this bastard again, while Hermann, his childhood enemy was just throwing snarky remarks onto the ears of those around him, fuming their feelings to lash out at Leon.

He hated the guy, but he was no fool. He knew Leon's character best, and knew he was innocent, that's why if he wanted to harm Leon he could only do it in the secrecy of a high crowd. Cause if he openly moved forward alone like those two idiot nobles, he'd be blamed or punished by the staff later on too.

"Are you insane? Trying to put the blame on me when I was the one who caught you and threw you out." Leon said as he tried to grab Kevin, but was held back by some students.

"Shut the fuck up, you cheating noble. If I don't cripple you today, I won't sleep peacefully. Let me go." Kevin too, following the same ferocity and viciousness acted his part, giving his all to show his righteousness about how angry he was for his shadow.

'And\_ he slipped.' Rio said to himself as he noticed Amaya frowning as she glanced at Kevin. His perfect acting may fool others, but to her it started to look sloppy the moment she started seeing teeny tiny hints through his clothes, through his speech and how he tried to sell his emotions by shouting MY shadow again and again.

[She'll turn this stupid into her slave if she ever found any proof.] System spoke, confirming his hypothesis about Amaya's hidden grin behind her worried face. [You better hurry up if you want to take advantage of him.]

'That aside, is it just me or does Leon look extra angry to you?' Rio asked, noticing something wrong with the protagonist's over anger behavior.

[Loki chuckles seeing the drama unfold. Saying the seeds of chaos are always flourishing when you sprinkle a little lie in the mix.]

"...."

'Hela, what did your father do?' Rio said as he heard Loki laughing through his connection with Hela. This pair of father-daughter duo was sure bonding better every day now.

[Hela sighs and shakes her head, saying it's his usual tactics, nothing new.]

??? Rio, not understanding anything, didn't think anymore. Loki probably told some lies in Kevin's mind causing him to confuse something. Or maybe he tricked Leon somehow.

While Rio was busy in his thoughts, Edward and Lincoln were in front of Leon, ready to teach him a lesson while other students kept hold of Leon's and Kevin's hands.

But just when Edward was ready to give a kick to Leon's manhood after finishing his righteous speech about what should be done to rapists like them, who can't control their sticks, - Vanessa came forward and pushed them away.

"Stop shouting." She said while shouting herself.

"Don't start a fight if you don't know the truth. Leon was with me, all this time. And only left after the sound of screams came to the hall. He couldn't have done anything." Vanessa finished her words, causing the students to go silent over this sudden reveal.

Color drained a bit from Kevin's face hearing this, and Amaya smiled more, becoming more and more sure of her doubts.

Vanessa was right, Leon was with her just before Levi started screaming. But with this statement she just jumped into the hole Rio dug for her.

'Since you want to protect him so much, let's see you fall too.' He thought as he walked in front of her and started speaking with a smile that seemed gentle on the surface and mocking in the eyes of Vanessa.

"Miss Belmont, I get that this guy is your new 'friend' these days, but you don't need to cover up his crime." Rio said, "Especially when the truth is out for everyone to see."

"What lies? He was with me ... "

"For a while, but then he left and never returned."

Vanessa wanted to speak something, but Rio interrupted her and finished her sentence.

"I wasn't feeling well with the noise so he went to get me something to drink." Vanessa said honestly.

"Drinks are on the opposite side of where we are, miss Vanessa. Or are you saying that he was not only faster than everyone else to rush here after hearing the screams, but also broke and bypassed the academy doors, locked from inside in a few seconds time."

"Yeah, I bet he was already inside."

"See, even my angel said so, he's the culprit for real."

"Let's just drag him to the staff office and get him expelled. I don't want to be in the same class as a rapist. Who knows who'll be his next target."

"Fuck, just seeing his face disgusts me."

"Hey wait, I saw him staring at Rio a few times, do you think he's into boys too."

"What? We need to get him expelled ASAP."

Curses had started echoing like a chant as Rio stepped forward and talked against Leon.

"He was inside the room too. Do you think he can do those things?" Vanessa coldly said looking at Kevin, who as if already prepared for this question, brought out a black and white disc with a yin-yang pattern.

"It's a treasure that can help me bypass lower grade runes and class 3 arrays and below." Kevin said, showing the artifact to everyone. Quelling their doubts about him even before they rose into words.

"You see that Miss Vanessa, what now? Any other lie you want to speak for your friend, or maybe if he's right, you can convince him to show us what he was doing in that room Or how he got inside." Rio said, smirking in his heart as he noticed Vanessa looking at Leon hopefully thinking he probably has a similar treasure which helped him bypass those things, but Leon, instead of answering or meeting his gaze, turned his eyes away.

'Was I wrong about him?' Vanessa couldn't help but think, seeing Leon's hesitation. While Rio, who saw both their reactions, just smiled silently.

'How can a protagonist show his Trump card out in the open over little things like this.'

Leon looked at Rio angrily for a few seconds before turning to look at the broken door of that room, through which he could hear the footsteps coming out.

"Who's right and who's wrong, why don't you ask her instead. She's the victim, she can surely identify her assailant." Leon said, walking towards Levi with slow steps, whom Rebecca and Amelia brought out after calming down.

[Hahahaha poor idiot. He doesn't know how he got played.] System laughed as it enjoyed the naivety of Leon who failed to understand if his truth could so easily be ousted, then why would Kevin even lie for so much time.

Chapter 327 Leon, The Pervert And The Rapist

'Brother, did you know about this?' Amelia sent a telepathic message to Rio as she entered the room following Rebecca and saw the condition of everything.

The broken stuff, burning candles, tattered clothes thrown around and the crying girl wrapped in a boy's jacket - painted a grim picture of a sad reality in front of Amelia, and her anger was rising every second.

Rio, who heard her words could already feel the emotions she might be feeling at this moment.

Being the avatar of a goddess, who had a hard time controlling her anger, the rage was something that's been passed down to Amy with all the blessings and support she received. That's why she always tries to mask her persona with a happy, cheerful girl to better learn to control or suppress her anger.

She's done quite a good job of handling those blessings and mastering them without losing control, much better than how she did in the . Yet there are times when even her perfect persona cracks up and her rage takes over her thinking, like when seeing the enemies of her brother being happy and enjoying their life, or when seeing a girl going through something like this.

To Rio, who had lost his sanity and care for the world lives before, this was just another crime and just another victim.

He had seen the newspapers and victims of rapes and molestations back on earth, and he had seen it happening in Arcadia too. It was simply the nature of some people to be that twisted and no matter how many you kill or how cruel a punishment you announce, there'll always be some insane idiots who'd still do it. So he simply stopped caring.

Not to mention the bitch who was crying deserved all that came to her.

Maybe she didn't do anything in reality, but just imagining a scene where she could drive a wedge between him and his sister, causing them to fight against each other, and even going as far as to be hungry for each others lives, he couldn't let her live.

He wanted to kill her to make sure those plotlines never ever happen by any chance, but then there was still his idiot brother left, who also needed to be dealt with. That's why he made some drastic changes in his plans.

'Brother...' the voice of Amelia came to his ears again, but he let it be and didn't reply. [You're being hard on her, you know. She's a girl too, so what you can shrugg off saying 'It happens' she can't. Not in the cases like this.] System said taking the side of Amelia and complaining to it's host for being selfish and never thinking about others.

Rio, who heard the complaining tone in his mind, just shook his head and replied 'She needs to learn system, not just controlling her anger after seeing the cruelty of this world. But also to make her own decisions, about what to choose between what's right and what's necessary.'

[But she has time. And she has you. Then why pressure her.]

'Cause Fate is moving fast, extremely so, as all the plotlines and scenarios are getting pulled ahead.' Rio said and continued 'Sooner or later, her events would start too. Those mad cultists would find her, and they would come after her. And I don't want to worry myself to death everyday if I get trapped somewhere and have to be away from her. She grew strong in magic, she just needs to steel her resolve over time too.'

[Murder and rape are completely different crimes, host. One is a mortal kill and other a moral scar.] System said and explained [Just take you for an example, you'd kill anyone and everyone without batting an eye, yet hesitate and back off if it's raping someone.]

'Don't try to drag me in the mud system. It's not that I can't do it, more like I don't do it. And besides would Amy be cruel enough to use these tactics to win, you know how many battles would begin in the future and how many enemies would pop out with all kinds of ways and plans to kill her.'

[And you think she can't survive if she has a moral compass.]

'Morality is good to have as long as she's not foolish enough to choose it over her life. Now shut up and let me watch.' Rio said and silenced the system, which was getting annoying to be answered.

Like bitch could read his mind and see his thoughts, but it has to come out and ask these stupid stuff just to annoy him.

Shaking his head Rio turned his attention back to the scene where everyone was looking at Leon who was trying to convince Levi that he was the one who saved her, and after she just came out and slapped him.

"Y\_you monster." Levi said and walked towards Kevin and hugged him.

Leon looked at this scene in disbelief, not sure to what was happening. How proud he was when he saw her coming out, thinking the truth will be out and he'll be a hero, but who knows she just walked up to him and slapped him.

"You\_ did he threaten you? You don't have to be scared, just speak that it was him and the academy would kick him out."

Leon said and without waiting for her response further added. "That has to be it, he's the same as that Nishkal family's bastard, he must've threatened your family right. But you don't have to worry, I'll protect ..."

"I think you should worry about protecting yourself." Valtor said and looked at Leon with some disappointment. Not in him, but at himself for thinking this guy was a nice challenge or a rival to surpass.

Leon just stood there hearing curses and taunts from all the students surrounding him, labeling him as a pervert and a rapist. Simply a beast in human's clothing. The word of cripple that he hated echoing again as their pointing fingers reminded him of all his past bullying and trauma too.

The mark of sun on his forehead brightened for a small second along with his anger, but then disappeared again. Obviously somehow his halo and luck made sure no one could notice this abnormality, everyone except Rio, who just furrowed his brows in response.

'It still isn't enough huh.' He thought.

Edward amd Lincoln, who wanted to take this chance to punish Leon, ignored Vanessa who was also surprised by this kind of reveal and stood there frozen, and tried to finish the job this time.

But Leon, seemed to be out of his trance and trauma at this moment and before their kicks and punches could land on him he pushed both of them away and walked in front of Levi.

"Get back." Valtor said as he pointed his sword at Leon's neck until it left a shallow cut, but the protagonist ignored it and just kept looking at Kevin and Levi.

"This is a truth seeker gu, when you hold it in your hand and bathe it in a drop of your blood, you won't be able to lie for five minutes." Leon said, bringing a small round worm from his pocket.

"So now you even want the poor girl to take this gu and torture her further." Rio, who saw this scene and knew Leon wanted to give this Gu to Kevin, directly interfered to change the course of events. "Is the fact that she came to slap you and then went to him seeking comfort not enough, or the fact that she's still wearing his clothes to cover herself, a joke in your eyes."

Kevin, who was also surprised and scared a little after seeing Leon passing him the Gu, breathed a sigh of relief hearing Rio's words. The crowd started clamoring at Leon calling him a true evil bastard and a sadistic psycho, who lacked even a pinch of sympathy for anyone. While his performance of still adamant on not accepting that he was at fault also gave voice to some people who started taking his side. Yet all this was just a backdrop..

Kevin turned his face to Levi, and held her shoulders "You don't have to do it, if you don't want to. I trust you, and that's enough."

Hearing the genuine words of her master Levi took a deep breath and took the Gu from Leon's hands before he could even come back to his senses.

After dropping a drop of blood on the worm, the white gu worm shone brighter for a second, showing the connection was completed.

"I'm here for you." Kevin said and grabbed her other hand, trying to calm her and himself down.

Everyone waited to see what Levi was gonna say next, especially Vanessa and Leon, who had their eyes glued to prove something. Leon had full confidence in the worm as he had used it before, but Levi's next words stunned him into silence.

She looked at Leon with a tearful expression and gritted her teeth, as she announced "He's the one who tried to..to force himself on me. And master was the one who saved me." As her words finished she crushed her fists, and killed the worm directly.

Throwing whatever remains of it on Leon's face.

"Wha...???" Leon was too stunned over what she said that he didn't even have time to be sad over the treasure he lost.

He couldn't understand what was happening, it was clear he saved her, but why did she blame him instead. Why did she lie and how, when she was sworn to tell the truth. So many questions but no time to think of an answer.

Cause that one sentence from Levi tilted the public opinion whole , and pushed Leon to the rapist category.

Rio was gloating on success, thinking what would Apollo do now to save Leon.

Since the God's main goal was to get Leon famous and earn reputation and followers through his help, but somehow this guy kept getting titles that were too shameful to speak for.

[She's here , host.]

The system's sudden notification stopped Rio's thoughts. Looking up he saw a figure of an old friend standing there with a frown on her face, and a cold look in her eyes..

[Looks like she'll save him from being crippled by this crowd.] System said, watching as all of a sudden dozens of students followed Edward and Lincoln into attacking him.

'Not necessarily.' Rio gave a smirk and looked up. 'Loki, isn't it about time you do something.'.

[Hehehe as you wish.] A chuckle came to his ears as the God of trickster chose to play another trick.

Chapter 328 The girl who lost her all

Kevin finally breathed a sigh of relief as his plan was successful and he was saved.

Just when the crowd started beating the door he pulled out his two artifacts, one which froze everything momentarily, giving him enough time to use his second artifact Slave's Silence, one which can be used to control their slaves perfectly.

The clan of Kevin had the habit of marking their chosen maids by slave mark to make sure none betray their masters. This mark and control is then handed over to the person they're assigned to.

Though the naive fool Kevin had already freed Levi from slave duties and made her a shadow by his side, he couldn't erase the mark applied on her soul. Atleast not completely.

That's why by using the artifact that could control a bound slave perfectly, he altered a few things in Levi's mind. Replacing roles of his own and Leon's. Leading to the current scene.

"I'm sorry Levi. I didn't want to do this either, but I had no choice' He said in his heart knowing what kind of effects that artifact could have on her. He turned his eyes and kept watching Leon struggling against the mad crowd of students, as he kept hugging the beauty.

[Loki laughs at your foolishness.]

A sudden message on the world system broke his thoughts and got him thinking about why a God was paying attention to him here.

[The little trick of yours would only last for about 12 hours before she gains back her memories, and then she'll have you caught.]

'What? That's impossible.'

[Hehehe, blame your naivety for removing the original slave mark. You idiot mortal.]

'Whattt?'

As Kevin heard the words of Loki a shiver ran down his spine as he realized he really was a fool. He should've realized it when he felt the rejection during the memory spell.

'No, no, no, it can't be. I can't get caught. I still have to win my place at the sect. Prove myself in the academy. Wait, do I need to... kill her to... No, what am I thinking, she's mine..'

While Kevin started spiraling down his own thoughts the laughter of Loki kept echoing in his ears laughing at his coming misery.

[Don't worry about the punishments, mortal. The genius will kill you first before the academy does. Hehehe]

Loki's next word brought his focus back to Leon, who was glaring daggers at him in hatred and anger, as he blamed him for all these insults and loss of reputation.

As for blaming Levi, well, how can a protagonist ever blame a pretty girl.

[Oh his sister is here to save him. Ahhhahaha you're dead kid. Dead, done and dusted. Unless of course, you kill him first.....] Loki's playful words came to his ears, as Kevin remembered who Leon's sister was.

'No, I\_I can't let him live.' A sudden thought was planted in his brain and the more he heard of Loki's words and laughter, the more sure he became that he needed to kill Leon to ensure his safety.

'Not just him, maybe I should kill her too.' This thought also started growing in his mind as he glanced at Levi. The hand holding her tightening its grip, until he heard her groan in pain and woke up again.

'No, no, no, what am I thinking, I can't kill her. I love her. Yes, I'll just talk to her and explain that someone drugged me and she'll understand. She likes me too, right. She has to be.' Surprised by his own thinking, Kevin hurriedly tried to push that thought away, as Loki silently whisked away as his job was done.

[Loki, you know I've seen my fate right. These two guys are supposed to be best friends and that girl, his future wife.]

That's what Rio told Loki this morning, and it certainly felt exhilarating for Loki to break the plans of fate. .c(o)m

He loved this feeling. To show a middle finger to high heavens and say fuck you fate. To be a rebel and feel free of anyone's constraints. It was almost addicting. Not to mention the free drama he gets to watch.

'I was right to choose him as my puppet.' Loki thought in his mind while giggling to himself, over his decision to let Hela choose Rio years ago. 'I bet even the old man Odin and the arrogant Luci, won't see him coming, hahaha it's going to be so much fun.'

Rio, who closely watched all of Kevin's changing expressions, was already aware that the idea of enmity between the hero and this idiot brother of his was planted successfully, so he just turned back and prepared to leave. freeweb .co m

Already aware of what might happen next.

"You're leaving?" Rebecca asked as she followed him too.

"Well, the council president is here, and I know from personal experience that she's righteous and moral, so I'm sure she'll be impartial and do the right thing." Rio said as he walked by Lisa who was moving ahead to save her brother from the angry mob. "Even though it ends up hurting those close to her."

Lisa halted in her tracks as the words of Rio reached her ears, causing a distant memory to resurface again.

The red sky spreading waves of corrosion mana, a seemingly infinite hordes of undeads surrounding them from all sides, while mages of Warzy kept showering them with spells to block their path and kill them. The echoing screams of wounded students, and the howling cries of the monsters calling more of their brethren to take their place, while the heavy earthquakes that signaled the end of that dungeon and their last chance to escape safely was about to crash- all the scenes painted a grim picture of a gruesome battle that some inexperienced first year students were forced to fight.

"We don't have any time. We should go while he's holding them off." Alfred said, looking at Rio, who was fighting against Virgil and two other Warzy minions.

Kendrick, who couldn't even stand straight as black marks of poison covered half his body and face, result of his battle against Rio whom he tried to kill, leaned on Alfred and spoke up too. "It already looks like they're after him anyway, we should just take this chance and run towards the exit."

"More than half the students have been killed, I don't wanna die in this dungeon."

"You're the leader, aren't you? Make a choice already."

"Fuck leadership, I'm leaving. Prince Alfred let's go. If she wants to die then let her die."

One by one all the students started saying the same words, blocking Lisa who wanted to lead a team to help Rio, who already looked like he was about to fall down any moment now with how injured he got after protecting her, Bernhardt and half these people few hours ago.

"We trusted you and followed you everywhere. Say something damn it. Don't just stand there." Another student came up to her and grabbed her shoulders and shook her body to bring her focus back.

"Lisa, they're right. All of us have lost our mana and most of the weapons or potions we brought. We've been fighting nonstop for three days now, any more of it and we'll all die. Save whoever we can, that's what he would want too." Ethan, another classmate of her came forward and spoke his point.

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"We can't\_ leave him to die. He just saved all your lives yesterday, why don't you understand that." she said in almost a pleading tone, hoping atleast someone would still have their humanity and support her. Yet none did.

Bernhardt was already in a coma, his life and death hanging by a thread. And Dahlia, she was dead - and now no one left here wanted to help her at all.

"You can't save him, you idiot. Don't you see. He's already dead." Alfred said, pointing at Rio who got stabbed near his heart as Virgil plunged a sword on his back, pushing it all the way until it passed right through his chest.

"What about the other villains, who'll handle them, they're still blocking the view." Kendrick said looking at the flying figures keeping their eyes on their group.

"Don't worry, I already have a plan." Alfred said and looked at Lisa, a cold glint passing his eyes. 'Just one more push, and he'll be dead. As for burnhard, I'll handle him too. I can't disappoint Zeus at any cost.'

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"Lisa, let's go." The girl following behind her said and brought Lisa back to her senses in present.

Lisa looked at Rio's leaving back, joking with Rebecca, who seemed not so happy with his words. Her eyes landed on the shining star etched on Becca's golden hair and she furrowed her brows as a complicated look passed through her eyes.

Pushing the memories of their past aside, she just closed her eyes and gave a self deprecating smile to herself. Shaking her head to her friends she stomped her feet on the ground and flared her mana, sending waves of air to pass through the crowd of students blocking her path. Directly sending few of the mob to fly and crash to the nearby walls.

"Move" She said, as she grabbed the hand of Kevin who was about to give a solid mana coated punch to Leon's chest, hoping to blast his heart in one go and kill him.

"The student council will do the justice. Now back off." She coldly said and just one look at her angry expression chilled Kevin's heart, as he hurriedly backed away.

Chapter 329 End Of Day One

"So, the council president, you hate her?" Becca asked, as they both just walked by the garden.

They had finished their games, the dance, the meals everything there was to do on the first day of this party (except socializing), so now it was just a simple casual walk under the moonlight.

Rio, who heard her question thought for a second before shaking his head and replied "I hate that I failed to understand her. That's all."

"Angry..." (at what happened?)

"I am."

"Would you..." (kill her?)

"Maybe, haven't thought about her yet."

"What about..." (my brother?)

"You don't wanna know."

"..." (b\_ but \_ he's \_ )

"Please don't say anything."

"Umm" (nods head)

Rebecca wanted to ask if he wanted to kill Lisa or her brother for what happened back then, but due to her hesitation in whose side to pick she ended up starting her sentences openly but never finishing them through her words. But Rio knew her enough to guess these things and give her those answers.

Though not clear enough, she was glad he was at least being honest, instead of lying to her, like he did in front of her mom and dad. Saying Alfred made a wise decision to leave when he could, and blah blah blah.

Everyone knew he was lying, but the fact that HE WAS LYING, proved it enough that he won't go against Alfred, and that was enough for now.

"So how close were you two, there are rumors you were secretly dating each other?" Rebecca asked trying to change the topic, only to end up saying something even more stupid.

'She really needs to learn some serious lying game and fake socializing skills.' Rio thought hearing her question.

"You don't have to answer if you don't want to." She added, trying to salvage what she can.

But Rio just shook his head and smiled at her thinking brain which probably started cooking up another weird question. So he just chose to answer this question and then take the charge for this drowning conversation..

"We weren't dating or anything else of that sorts." He said and Rebecca looked at him in surprise for a second before giving a subtle smile that she tried to hide but failed as her expression betrayed her.

Acting as if he didn't notice, Rio just kept speaking. "Those were all just rumors students started as a gossip and that stuck around since we both were at the top of the tournament and in a team as well."

"She was just grateful that I saved her mother, and I was just happy to meet someone talented, that's all."

Rebecca nodded her head hearing his words, now back to her serious expression again. She wanted to speak something, but Rio interrupted her.

"What about you? I heard you joined a sect and became a saintess candidate? Wasn't the title of Princess not enough?" Rio jokingly asked, remembering the details of the sect Becca joined while he was in the dungeon.

"I wasn't planning on joining them. My goddess gave it to me as a task of sorts." Rebecca said and started explaining, ignoring the little warning Selene sent through the world system. "The sectmaster of Aqua Spring Sect has a technique suitable for me, she said."

"And he said he'll only teach you if you become the saintess, or his disciple?" Rio guessed.

"Yeah, something like that."

"You know you can just ask your father and he'll have the sect master begging on his knees with that skill written on his forehead the very next day." Rio joked, but spoke the honest truth regarding king Maximus's capabilities.

That guy had some serious skills. Well that was to be expected from a king and avatar of a God king.

"Very funny, but I want to finish these tests on my own." Rebecca said proudly "And besides you were gone, and then Amy pushed herself into her mad training regimes, and I basically had nothing else to do. So I just thought "why not?"

Hearing her words Rio smiled and shook his head, remembering the words from a plotline of the which would make Rebecca regret this very decision for the rest of her life, but now wasn't the time to tell her that yet.

"What happened? Why'd you get all serious?" She asked, noticing his silence.

"Nothing, was just thinking that some sects have a rule that their saintess has to marry into the sect, mostly to the next sect leader." Rio joked.

"Well, they can't force me to do anything I don't want to. Or as you said Father would kill them otherwise." Rebecca said in a joking tone too, yet her words caused Rio's smile to stiffen as he heard the trust she had in her father.

'I wish I could kill that bastard.' Rio thought in his heart, trying to suppress the raging anger in his mind the more he remembered about the future and the king.

[You can't. Killing Leon is much easier than killing him if you ask me.] System refused and said so, before going on to explaining why. [The man practically has an army of Gods at his beck and call. While Leon only got Apollo and a handful of other supporters.]

"Are you feeling tired?" Rebecca asked, bringing him back to his senses.

"What, why?" He asked.

"Then why are you so silent all of a sudden?" Rebecca said and added. "You always go silent either before a serious fight or when you go to sleep." She said pointing out her understanding of his personality. "And since you aren't going to any war now, that only means you wanna sleep."

"Well, now that you mention it. I do need sleep." Rio said while yawning inadvertently after hearing about sleep.

He wasn't sleepy, he was just lazy.

"Well, maybe this will jog you up then?" She said before bringing her hands to hold his face, and standing in front of him.

Rio didn't know what she wanted to do but he could see her face burned in a crimson blush and hear her heartbeat jumping wildly, before she broke into a big smile and covered his head into a water bubble, and ran away, muttering some nonsense he couldn't make out of with water's interference. "Idiot, idiot, Becca. What were you thinking? Did he notice? Would he care? No, I missed the chance again, it was such a perfect environment too. No noise, no crowd, a full moon and bright stars - fuck I wasted it all with that stupid spell. No, no, no it's good I didn't do it, it'd be so bad to ruin this perfect day with me doing something stupid. Amy would kill me. Should I just leave... .?" One by one all kinds of thoughts, questions and doubts kept moving across the mind of our sweet royal heroine, unaware of the shadow growing in the darkness, until it covered her whole and froze her in place.

(The same spell he used in day one of the academy in Miss Freya's training class on the stage.)

"Trying to drown me, Princess?" Rio said as he evaporated the water bubble over his head and walked towards Rebecca, who in turn also looked pleadingly at him. Already aware of what was gonna happen next.

"I made a new spell, why don't I try it out on you, for old times sake, and new ones." Rio said, bringing a book from his bag out and showing it to the princess, who in turn shivered in horrible nostalgia. That diary of his where he experimented with magic was simply a nightmare recipe on whom he tried those spells.

She flared her mana as the silver ring on her finger shone and the shadow magic beneath her disappeared and got trapped into the crystal. Once the spell was broken and she was free, she directly started running away.

"You'll have to catch me first, you lazy idiot." She said, poking her tongue out, making fun of him after running a safe distance..

Rio chased after her half heartedly, enjoying the peaceful banter and her melodic laughter, unaware that a shadow in the darkness was eyeing their figures with cold eyes.

"She's mine. She's mine. She's mine." The shadow muttered under it's breath looking at Rebecca, before turning towards Rio and clenching its fist. "Kill you, kill you, will kill you soon."

As if sensing something off Rio stopped and looked behind him yet found nothing strange. Just to be sure he even spread his mana and did a whole scan of the garden they were playing around in, yet found nothing.

'Was I wrong?' He thought, but before he could ask his system, Rebecca threw him another ball of water, making all his skin and suit to get wet.

"Did that wake you up, panda? Or do you need one more? Hehehe" Rebecca said, throwing another ball of water at his face. Turning their entire game into a waterball battle.

Rio too shook his head and turned his attention back at this girl who couldn't take a hint. And decided to teach her a lesson.

His feet moving past the walls of windows where a shadowy figure stood behind a blocked curtain and watched their actions through the staff lodging, with gritted teeth. "Rio Blake, you should die." The mysterious shadow said and walked away.

Chapter 330 Whispering villain and Hero's sidekick

"Where is he?" Kevin said anxiously, while walking back and forth on the rooftop waiting for the guy whom Loki promised could help him out of this situation.

He had nearly managed to seriously hurt Leon, but the cripple was saved by his sister, who came in between all of a sudden. The glaring look of anger she gave him when she realized his intention was enough proof how much she loved her brother, and that only made Kevin more worried that she'd somehow save him.

After all, although the proof he had of witnesses and Levi using the truth gu, they were all inconsistent, and Leon could make similar proofs in his defense too. Swear a godly oath, sign a honest heart contract or use any karmic or past projection blessing to say he never did anything wrong for Levi.

Not to mention even Levi would get her memories back in couple more hours and then there was even a chance she might spill the beans on him too. Feeling angry over not just for what he tried to do to her, but also at what he did later to cover it up -

Though he was overthinking a lot as half these methods he cooked were too expensive and could only be used by elders or level 3 or above staff, who clearly don't have time for things like this. But well, who can blame him. Loki's been whispering whispers all this time and Kevin was already head deep in a shitstorm.

'Should I call my master, he could solve things easily.' Kevin thought remembering his old white beared teacher, but then shook his head. 'No, I can't let master know all this, or he might... Fuck.'

"Fuck. Who the hell drugged me?" He said, stomping his feet heavily on the ground in anger. After such a long time he was sure that someone must've drugged him and that's how he lost his consciousness and control, but he couldn't understand who would do this to him.

Coming from a sect and belonging to a hidden family, he didn't even know anyone here before the academy, or provoked anyone after coming here, so the fact that someone tried to frame him was really gnawing at his heart.

[You'll be caught. You'll be punished, kicked out.]

[Maybe the crippled Leon would kill you first to vent his anger and wipe his humiliation of today.]

[You're totally fucked, unless....]

And that's why in that situation when he heard the words of Loki, who said he has a way to save him, Kevin readily agreed.

"He said someone would be here by now, where is he?"

"Quite anxious, Kevin."

The sudden words broke Kevin's focus as he turned around and noticed someone sitting on the edge of the rooftop, watching him intently.

"Who are you?" Kevin asked, seeing that the darkness of night made it harder for him to recognize the man looking down on him.

"Me, does it matter?" The figure said, jumping down from the height and landing in front of Kevin, smiling as he saw Kevin starting to channel his mana in defense. "Who I am doesn't matter, just know that I owed the trickster a favor and he asked me to save your ass."

"Quite the horny boy, aren't you? Couldn't even keep it in your pants till you were alone eh."

Kevin watched as the masked figure stood in front of him and mocked him.

Kevin tried to look through the masked man's clothes, expressions or eyes to see if he could get any hint regarding the identity of the man in front of him, since it was clear that he was one of the students at Zenith too, as no one else could come here from outside - but he couldn't find anything.

All he saw was just a black robe that covered the man's upper body and a black mask that hid his face, with nothing but a pair of black eyes leaving open.

Giving up on guessing any clues and not waste his time, Kevin looked at him and spoke up. "How can you help me?"

"Well, the simplest method would be to kill her and call it suicide, but I doubt your horny ass has that much courage." The masked man said and smiled as he watched Kevin's face twisting in anger.

"You cannot kill her." Ignoring the jest, Kevin said in a firm tone.

Despite all that happened, Kevin still didn't want to kill Levi. If anything, after this fiasco he seemed to be more determined to get Levi as his own.

"If that's all you can do then you can leave." He said.

"What's the rush, don't tell me, you plan to go back to the infirmary and finish what you started earlier." The masked man said in a joking tone pointing at his pants, while reminding Kevin of the sleeping Levi resting below. "I would never \_ I was drugged." Kevin said with gritted teeth, trying to explain or calm himself that whatever he did wasn't his fault. He would never do something so wrong if not for the drug's effects.

"Like I care." The masked man said scoffing at his explainations, "The second best thing would be to kill Leon, but even that is hard considering he's in an isolated cell protected by the student council and his president sister."

"So the final choice would be \_ if we just temper a little with your mind, and hers." The masked man said with a smile like it was no big deal.

But hearing his words, Kevin immediately shouted "Impossible."

But the masked man ignored him and continued his speech. "Nothing much, just alter the memories of this night, so none of you remember it the way it happened, and can happily swear, speak and shout anything you want believing it is the truth. I love this loophole." The masked man said ignoring Kevin's dumbfounded expressions and fuming face.

"A perfect lie is the only lie where liar himself is convinced that he's not lying." The masked man said in a serious tone and circled Kevin, placing his hands on Kevin's shoulders he continued- "That's what I'm offering. A chance to leave your sins, your guilt behind. Maybe I can turn you into a hero in her memories who saved her, and then she'll be deep in love with you. All your happiness, just a nod away. Say yes, and I'll do it right now."

[He's right. Agree to it and I'll take care of everything. Might even help you find who was responsible for drugging you. Say yes, and be free.]

[Do it for her. Think of how much she cried tonight, girls take their reputation seriously these days. She might not even let you touch her again for raping her.]

"Do you think your shadow will forgive you when the whole academy is talking about her and half the academy already saw her half naked in that condition. She would hate you. Say yes, and I can change everything for the better."

The whispers of Loki and the words of the masked man in his ears echoed again and again, breaking past his walls of defenses and morals Kevin had set for himself. The more he listened the more he fell into the illusion that this was the only way.

Behind the mask, seeing the expressions of Kevin, Rio smiled to himself and stopped using his modified mixed blessing called 'Whispering Villain'.

A blessing he made after combining three separate blessings he got from different gods. Eris, the Greek goddess of strife and discord, Apate, the goddess of deceit and the daughter of Nyx, and Kali, the hindu mythos Asura King prophesied to end the era of creation.

After he got the system he had merged the blessings given by these gods into one and made Whispering Villain. A blessing that has the same effects as Loki's magic called master of manipulation. It makes fooling others quite easy depending on their situation and mental state.

Far away from the realms of mortal's reach, Loki chuckled happily, enjoying the tricks that always work perfectly with just a few words, even without any mana or magic, while feeling even more happy with Rio, who could match his tone and tricks even without his guidance.

'What a useful mortal.' Loki thought, his brain already cooking up various situations and events he could let Rio partake in and enjoy the drama while sitting in backseat.

[Hela scoffs at her shameless father, who's trying to snatch her avatar.] Rio read the notification and ignored it as always and focused back on his hesitating target.

"What do you say, Kevin? I can help you. Save your image, make you a hero for the academy and even solve any and all the troubles & cover loopholes. Just trust me. It'll only take a moment." He said.

[Apollo scoffs at people's tricks. Says only a fool would believe the words of a trickster.]

[Dqire says not to trust the man in front of you.]

[Kiuran says it's not a big deal even if anyone learns what you did. Just tell them you were drugged.]

[Hela scoffs saying the poisons are untraceable even by her. So stop fooling the poor mortal.]

[Asura king Kali laughs at you saying fucker failed to fuck and still has the face to cry about it.]

[Aphrodite says drugs only brings out the best of sex. Ohhhh yeah.]

[Apollo thinks of helping you if you become his follower.]

[Skuld says your fate seems bleak and dark no matter what you choose.]

[Cassandra pities you after seeing the visions of your future.]

Reading the various notifications from gods and their reasons and excuses, Kevin only felt even more confused and angry at his assailant who drugged him, but he had to make a choice.

"It'll soon be the morning, Kevin. And that's when the staff would call you and your little victim for your confessions, you don't have much time. Choose fast, or regret in your home, since zenith would surely kick you out." Rio said again, as his system informed him of Apollo and other God's interference. Fate was at its tricks again, trying to save this minion, sadly he also had his own gods and crowd to help him.

"Fine. Do it."

Finally under all the peer pressure and tension, the naive fool broke down and agreed to a situation he would soon come to regret all his short life waiting for in the future.

"But not me, I can handle myself. Just change the mind of Levi." Kevin said, thinking this was the best of the option.

Unaware that from the beginning to end he was just in the palm of Rio's hands, who knew all his tricks, hole cards and abilities even better than him.

[Congratulations on avoiding another trap flag host.]

[Keep doing it, and we'll be fine.]

In the , Kevin and his master in their plans to control and overthrow Blake family, had used the time freezing artifact to frame Rio for killing his grandfather, forcing him to run and hide for months while hunting squads trained by his father kept tracking him down every day.

But now everything was different. His grandfather's safe and sound, and Kevin's on a speeding train with a ticket to hell on his back.