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Chapter 2311: I am a Cat

Meow!

Wow! I actually sound like a real cat when I say that. I never thought that this new subskill from the Perfect Assimilation skill would be this useful. It is a subskill that lets me transform into one of my soulbounds indefinitely, but I would be in a chibi version of them.

The only downside is that I must not do any attacks or else the transformation would be undone. The good thing is that it will not break even if I get hit by attacks. I am just a cat that is incredibly tanky right now because I chose Kimat as the target.

I wanted to use Sirius, but High Wizard Dore said that there is a high official that hates dogs. In the end, I had to use Kima for this as cats are like the luxury pet even in ancient times or at least that is what I know. I could see Sirius being incredibly disappointed that I did not use him as a target for the transformation, but I told him that he needs to use Piggy Bank's shadow for now.

"Is that really you, Equinox?" Piggy Bank asked as he waved his hands at me which made me reflexively slap them.

"Ouch! You still have your strength it seems." Piggy Bank added.

"I just look like a cat, but I am still me." I responded via the chat as it seems speaking is not possible for now.

[You need sufficient understanding of your current form in order to speak like a normal human being.]

I did not want to cancel the skill as it has a long cooldown which is why I communicated with Piggy Bank via the message function. I told him to hold me like he is my owner that pampers me, and I cannot lie but it feels good. Does this mean that I really turned into a cat?

We do not own pets but there are some cats that sometimes wander off into our house from time to time. My mother feeds them sometimes but they never cling to her. The attachment was there but they seemed distant to her which was weird since they always gather when she brings out extra food. I can even see them stare into my soul if I form eye contact with them.

"Let's go!" I chatted in the messages which prompted Piggy Bank to go to the portals in Avalon since I cannot transfer us there.

"He said that we need to go. Are you ready? What about those three that passed out?" Piggy Bank stated as he looked towards the High Wizard Dore.

"I shall find a way to have them come with us as well." The High Wizard Dore stated as he conjured a wind spell that carried the three fainted knights with us.

I thought the transformation would not work but it seems that the guards did not suspect it. Usually, demons are perceptive when it comes to transformations, but they seem to think that I am a real cat. Piggy Bank asked the demon assisting in the portals to transfer us to the Merchant City of Mercado where the main guild is. Since Piggy Bank uses these coordinates often, they immediately created the portal for us to pass through.

There were some stares as to why there are three fainted knights being carried by the wind but that only became hot news for five minutes. After all the stares for five minutes, everyone turned back to what they were doing as is the culture in Avalon. As long as they are not dead, no one will bother to stop you as not even the Daemos Corps members are stopping us.

"The coordinates are set. You can now enter the portal." The demon stated.

"Thank you. Let us go, High Wizard Dore." Piggy Bank stated which made High Wizard Dore look incredibly excited.

It seems that High Wizard Dore has yet to enter a portal which is why he is literally flipping out in happiness. He was so excited that he told us that he will enter first to check the surroundings. Piggy Bank could only nod as he could not stop the excitement of the high wizard. After the High Wizard Dore and the passed-out knights entered the portal, we also entered as well.

The scenery changed quickly to that of the outside walls of the Merchant City of Mercado. It has incredibly high walls and a bustling line of people wanting to enter. This is the most

entertaining city in the central continent after all. All types of things are here like pastries, restaurants, jewelry shops, and many others as this city is filled with merchants and crafters of all types.

The shops here are incredibly beautiful but the renting prices are also incredibly high. Even a small shop in the side road has a rent of a thousand gold coins per month. All those that dream big and take risks are located in this city. We easily entered the guarded walls as High Wizard Dore came with us.

He dropped off the three fainted knights and told the others to bring them to the sickbay. When the guards greeted High Wizard Dore with smiles, the greetings for Piggy Bank were rather lackluster. I could already feel that word has gotten around, but it seems that the guards here at the gate do not jump to conclusion. If they did, then would have already surrounded Piggy Bank to arrest him.

I do not know if he was still under suspicion or because we have High Wizard Dore with us but the journey to the main merchant guild was smooth. It did not take long for us to arrive at a large dome looking building with numerous spires. It was the biggest and most extravagant structure in this city as all of it was gold plated. The fact that no one has scrubbed off that gold is due to a magic that detects any that dare to do so.

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"Greetings, High Wizard Dore!" The guards at the entrance of the merchant guild building greeted the high wizard but they seem to only glare at Piggy Bank.

"Are you not going to greet the Avalon Branch Leader?" High Wizard Dore stated with a reprimanding tone.

The two guards look at each other and I could see that they are torn on what they need to do. It seems that they have been briefed by whatever entity has the most control while the Grand Merchant Leader was out. Still, they cannot ignore the words of High Wizard Dore as he is one of the most powerful forces that they have in the merchant guild.

"We greet the Avalon Branch Leader Piggy Bank!" The guards stated but one could hear that the greeting for High Wizard Dore had much more energy.

"It is fine. You do not have to force yourself with this as I do not want both of you to lose your jobs." Piggy Bank stated which is why I smacked his face with my tail.

"Oh! I almost forgot. The Avalon Branch Leader Piggy Bank will be bringing his beloved pet, Gatto, with us. This is one of the rarest breeds of cats in the world and the Lord of Avalon himself caught it for Avalon Branch Leader Piggy Bank as a token of their friendship." High Wizard Dore stated as he already jumped into the statement before the guards could ask.

"We have been given the directive to not have pets inside the building, High Wizard Dore." The guards stated.

"You say that, but the bird of the Grand Merchant Leader is still in his office. There are also other high officials that have their pets in their own offices, and they have bigger pets than a cat. I can attest that the cat is not harmful at all. This breed is not fit for battle but is all for prestige which is why they were bred." High Wizard Dore stated, and the guards could only agree as they did not want to be confronted by him.

I got to agree but the old man has a way to be forceful when he needs to. He has excellent sense of what needs to be done for his own benefit. Maybe this is why he just waltz inside of the guild and demanded them to sponsor him. Anyways, we entered the gates, and I finally saw what the headquarters of the merchant guild looks like.

The inside was adorned with numerous high-profile elements as if it was a mansion. The most intriguing thing that I learned is that there are numerous rooms that have different styles as well. They made the rooms fashioned in the decoration for each continent as some deals were made with foreign emissaries.

The other things that I learned is that the merchant guild has a system where they can know if a merchant died. It is a secret room that has small replicas of the continents, and it is like a GPS system. They can only know the coordinates based on the merchant guild ID but that is still incredibly advanced. This technology actually came from the Kingdom of Gnomes, and it is a project collaborated with the merchant guild but only the main guild has this.

"I can feel their stares and it is not subtle." Piggy Bank stated with a bit of nervousness.

"Just act like they are customers, and you will forget about it." I messaged which made Piggy Bank look more confident.

I swear that I will never think that this guy is a merchant from the first glance as he has the aura of a reliable big brother. The fact that he is a great merchant despite that aura means he has the talent to discern things and also the confidence to back it up. We immediately arrived at the front desk as no one seemed to want to bother us as we have High Wizard Dore with us.

"I will notify all of the high officials." One of the clerks stated as she vanished from my view as she entered the back room.

"So far, so good." I thought but it was too premature.

"You have the audacity to even come here in person." A young-looking man in adorned clothes stated as he pointed to Piggy Bank.

"Sir Peterson! That is not a way to greet a branch leader. Your rank is lower than Avalon Branch Leader Piggy Bank." High Wizard Dore stated loudly for all to hear, and murmurs could be heard all around.

"Why do you defend this fiend! He is the reason why grandfather is dead!" Peterson stated as I could see he is very overwhelmed by emotion.

I could see from the way the young man speaks and his emotional aura that he is not being manipulated. This is what he is genuinely feeling, and he is now lashing out because he saw the target of the accusations even if there was no evidence as of yet. I can also feel the emotion of this chunky friend of mine as his sadness washed over me the moment he saw the young man.

"I am truly sorry for your loss, Sir Peterson. I truly am but I am not the one that killed your grandfather. I have been in Avalon this entire time when I received the accusation letter. I was even there when the initial investigators arrive. I was heavily monitored the entire time this unfortunate thing happened." Piggy Bank replied.

"Heavily monitored? All of the investigators that came to gather evidence from you are now suffering from strange illnesses that can only be called described as a curse. Even priests cannot treat them as of now because they can only be alleviated from the pain." A woman that has eastern continent clothing stated as she had others behind her that looked strong. "Please keep those assumptions to yourself, Lady Goldenclaw." High Wizard Dore warned.

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This Lady Goldenclaw that suddenly arrived is suspicious from my perspective. I cannot feel her aura as if she was a corpse that felt no emotion. An undead has more emotions seeping out compared to her which I found strange. Also, the guards behind her do not look like they are native from the central continent.

"I am just merely stating my opinion on this matter, High Wizard Dore. How is he even going to prove his innocence when all of the findings tell that he is the perpetrator of the crimes? I am actually quite astounded that he even came here to try and prove his innocence when there is none." Lady Goldenclaw stated

"I am innocent, and I can prove it without even breaking a sweat. I will even reveal the one who really orchestrated this entire thing." Piggy Bank stated with a confident look.

The change in Lady Goldenclaw's face was quick but I managed to see it. She had a look of being amused before she put on the face of someone shocked. Piggy Bank might not notice it, but he unknowingly released some of his aura. The aura that is chosen by a god related to merchantry.

"I await to see your despair." Lady Goldenclaw stated as she proceeded to the main hall.

I looked at the people under Lady Goldenclaw and I can tell that they are not in the profession of being a bodyguard. They reek of blood and killing intent, but they are incredibly skilled in hiding it. They are not people that have the aura of a person that would protect others. There is also an unpleasant smell coming from one of them which had a large, bandaged case behind her.

The young merchant named Sir Peterson backed down as well and headed to the main hall. It seems that he is representing their merchant guild branch since his grandfather has been killed. That one seems innocent and is only in a state of exhaustion from a lot of factors that happened. Piggy Bank also knows this which is why he did not confront that NPC since the fewer enemies we have then the better.

We did not head to the main hall as we were sent to another adjacent room. It seems that Piggy Bank's hearing is not till later while some of the high officials discussed what they needed to do. This is fine as I can see that the High Wizard Dore is troubled. We need to cool down as well since Piggy Bank might faint at this rate.

"I think we might have stepped inside a trap." High Wizard Dore stated as he created a wind funnel that acted like a barrier that prevented sound from escaping the room.

"They summoned the entire high officials for the hearing. I learned this from one of my close colleagues when they secretly slipped in this note." Piggy Bank stated as he gave the note to High Wizard Dore.

The two of them might not have noticed but there were other things that are installed in the room that can be used to spy on us. Fortunately, I can still talk to my soulbounds, and I told Sirius to block them using his shadows. I would have opted to destroy them, but they might be very expensive magical artifacts. The merchant guild knows when to claim and how to claim reimbursements.

"You should be calm since you have the ultimate way to prove your innocence." I stated via the messenger towards Piggy Bank.

"I am not sure that will work because I have never tried it before. Do you think that this will work when we are at the center of the merchant guild?" Piggy Bank stated.

"You need to have faith that it will work or else your head will be on the line. Nevertheless, I will wreck this place if they come at you so do not worry. You will pay for the damages that I do since I cannot pay for the unfortunate collateral of me saving you." I replied.

"Please let it finish peacefully." Piggy Bank suddenly blurted out which made the High Wizard Dore ask what he is mumbling about.

While the two of them were trying to find a way to make sure that this hearing is a success without any destruction, I checked the room and found all the places where the artifacts are placed. I acted like a cat and accidentally push them over to the ground. I even poked it a few times to make sure that I am interested in it as a toy.

I continued this playful interaction until another clerk suddenly came to fetch us with a tired look. It seems that me knocking down some stuff prompted them to get us early. I happily jumped back towards the arms of Piggy Bank. I have got to say that his chunky arms are the perfect fit for tiny animals.

"Please follow me and make sure to bring your pet with you, Branch Leader Piggy Bank." The clerk stated as she hurriedly closed the room tightly with a lock and key after we went out of it.

I even saw the clerk look at me with an expression of exhaustion and disbelief. She might have been the one tasked to check on us using the observation artifacts that I accidentally toppled over. Still, I was bored for an hour which is why I did that. Being in this small and cute form could be very tiring for my mental state so I needed something to do to pass the time.

"The high officials are ready for your now, Branch Leader Piggy Bank. I hope that they rule in your favor." The clerk stated as she made an expression that seems to say that she knows of his circumstances as well.

"Thank you. Please make sure to go to a safe space as we do not know what might happen here. Maybe take a break at a nearby café." Piggy Bank whispered to the clerk as she nodded in appreciation.

Chapter 2314: Piggy Bank's Hearing I

"You have arrived, Branch Leader Piggy Bank." The man that is the Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated.

The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild is currently seated beside a large empty chair. The large empty chair could be the seat of the Grand Merchant Leader which is the head of the guild. The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild looked like a stern old uncle that wants perfection. He also radiates an aura that is at odds as he seems to not be sure if Piggy Bank is guilty.

If the Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild is not sure, then I guess Piggy Bank might have a chance to prove without using that method. Still, I can feel the piercing gazes of all the other branch leaders that came to this hearing. I can see their eyes filled with greed as those eyes are not a stranger to me.

Whenever I accompany my father to some of his events and trips, I often faced those stares. It is also the reason why I rarely have friends in that circle because they would even use their own children for their own interests. Thankfully, my father is an understanding person and saw my discomfort which is why he did not let me come to those events as often.

"I have arrived, Vice Leader." Piggy Bank replied.

"Do you know why you were summoned here?" The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild asked in a tone that hid his concern.

"Yes. I am being falsely accused of a crime that I did not even do." Piggy Bank stated.

"You dare mock us!" One of the branch leaders suddenly shouted while the others started to talk badly towards Piggy Bank. Some of the branch leaders were quiet as they seem to the ones with good heads and solid hearts.

"I am not mocking any of you. I suddenly received word that I was accused of embezzling when I delivered all the proper ledgers related to the Avalon branch. This happened two days ago but then I was suddenly accused of hiring assassins to kill a high official which also shocked me. I did not even know who accused me of embezzling, but a hit charge is suddenly added to the list of things that I did not do." Piggy Bank stated with full confidence.

This is a side that I have not fully seen of Piggy Bank as he is usually the friendly merchant player that I often talked to for things that I need. It seems that this is what really set him apart from other merchant players. He is one of few merchant players that have become branch leaders after all.

"I would like to raise all the evidence that point to his embezzling." Lady Goldenclaw suddenly stated as she raised her hand.

"Lady Goldenclaw, I did not ask for your opinion on the matter as of now." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated.

I looked at Lady Goldenclaw again and I really feel that this bi... I mean this woman is not a real human being. I heard her details from Piggy Bank and the High Wizard Dore earlier when we were in the adjacent room. She seems to be one of the children of a high official that married to a prominent family in the eastern continent. Her father basically runs the Merchant Guild Eastern Continent branch which is why she is very much influential.

"Please do not dismiss my claim, Vice Leader. I have happened to assign someone in the Avalon Branch and found out that Branch Leader Piggy Bank has a secret ledger. I do not have the secret ledger, but I do have the list of items that he procured using that. I had one of the clerks there monitor him just in case he did something like that, and I was surprised that he did." Lady Goldenclaw stated.

Piggy Bank did tell me that the clerks in each branch are regularly shifted to another branch to make sure that no biases or solid connections form. It is easier to do laundering and such if they are not rotated to different places. This rotation occurs every three months for the lowest level clerk and five months for the highest-level clerk. I admit that this system is very much good to prevent corruption, and I heard that they are even awarded if they report true corruptions.

"This is a list of very rare materials, Branch Leader Piggy Bank. What do you have to say for yourself?" Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated as he used some device to project the list that he was given.

I immediately knew the things listed on that because I was the one that told him to procure it. I did not think that he kept those transactions a secret. I did tell him to be secretive about it but not this level of secretive. I only told him to keep it a secret from my sister since she basically handles the guild's finances.

"This is a signed document from the Lord of Avalon himself as these items were not transacted as my name as the branch leader but as the individual merchant Piggy Bank. The Lord of Avalon himself has tasked me in procuring these rare items in secret since he needed it to be discreet." Piggy Bank replied.

"And why would the Lord of Avalon want it to be discreet? Is he also part of you embezzling the funds? Did you turn to his side when the merchant guild happily accepted you despite being a cursed one?" Lady Goldenclaw stated which suddenly made the room erupt in heated discussions.

"Quiet! Lady Goldenclaw, no more unnecessary words that could lead to rumors." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild shouted.

"I am merely telling what I think happened." Lady Goldenclaw retorted but she soon shut her mouth when the Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild glared at her.

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"All transactions that Lady Goldenclaw is referring to are from my personal transactions with the guild. I believe that it is written in Article 3 Section 7 and that we can in fact do these dealings as long as it is the money from our own pockets being used to procure the items. They do not need to be documented in the merchant guild ledger as they are personal transactions under our name as individuals and not branch leaders." Piggy Bank stated.

"What Branch Leader Piggy Bank said is correct. If you were to criticize him for exercising this rule under own set of laws, then maybe Lady Goldenclaw would also like to explain the ones under your name as well. If that is all the evidence that has been submitted for the embezzling accusation against Branch Leader Piggy Bank, then he is to be declared cleared of the accusations." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated.

"That does not excuse the fact that he has sent assassins to kill Branch Master Peterson. The investigation team that also came to his branch are now infected with some sort of curse that might or might not be due to his dealings with dark elves. I can even say that the dark elves themselves were the ones that killed Branch Master Peterson." One of the branch leaders suddenly shouted as if he was ready for that script.

"I did not even know why Branch Master Peterson was killed. I would like to know why he was killed, and the blame is being pinned to me." Piggy Bank stated.

"Liar! You know what you did! You knew that he was the one that accused you and you sent assassins to kill him." Another branch leader shouted.

"If that is the case then we can all go to Avalon and have the dark elves summon his soul to hear who killed him. The Court of Death can summon the soul of a deceased loved one at least once if they were killed in a wrongful manner. This can also serve as a way for the deceased to let go of any worries they left and pass onto the afterlife." Piggy Bank calmly answered which suddenly made the crowd go silent.

"The problem is that even his spirit did not pass onto the afterlife. I have hired Spiritualist to check on his wandering spirit while we recovered his body, and they said that he has yet to be at peace. This makes sense if Branch Leader Piggy Bank hired some dark elves to kill him! There are marks of foul death magic being used on his body! It is obvious that you also did something to his soul as the churches where his body was blessed told us that his soul is not at peace!" Lady Goldenclaw stated to rile up the crowd once more.

"As I stated before, I can bring some dark elves here that are elders of the Church of Death to look at the late Branch Master Peterson's body. With them checking it, they might be able to trace back and even summon his soul back to his body for the last time." Piggy Bank reiterated his point.

"This is getting nowhere but those bodyguards that Lady Goldenclaw have are not even getting checked. They all came in with hoods that hid their faces and body while Piggy Bank and even High Wizard Dore had to be checked out and be told to always show their face. I guess even

rules will be bent for those that are higher in power." Adrian thought as he observing the people on Lady Goldenclaw's side.

Adrian could still use Inspect to check their stats and names but there was a veil that prevented him from checking their information. He tried using Inspect on other people and it worked as expected. Only Lady Goldenclaw and her bodyguards were being protected from being inspected by the skill. He knew that there are beings that have charms that prevented the use of appraisal skills but a merchant hiding their status is basically untrustworthy.

"Use the last resort as this is now going on for too long." Adrian told Piggy Bank via the chat as they were now arguing for a solid half hour.

"If no one believes me then I can prove my innocence by calling upon the God of Wealth Plutus as my witness." Piggy Bank stated as he showed them his insignia that was given by the God of Wealth Plutus himself.

The rowdy merchants suddenly had their mouths shut as they felt the powerful divine energy inside the insignia that Piggy Bank has. This was the first time that he showed off the insignia of the God of Wealth Plutus as he never wanted to use this. There are very few beings in the merchant guild that are blessed by a god. One of them is the Grand Merchant Leader himself which is why he is the leader of the merchant guild as he was blessed by the God of Merchants Hermes.

"Is that insignia true, Branch Leader Piggy Bank?!" The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild asked.

"It is true, and you can even have the priests we invited to check for divine power if you want to." Piggy Bank stated with confidence.

It did not take long for the invited priests to gather around Piggy Bank and checked the insignia. All of them could only exclaim in shock as they felt the divine energy from it. It was a powerful divine energy that blessed those that have it with wealth. It was not just wealth in terms of money but also wealth in terms of health. This is one of the reasons why Piggy Bank does not have the backlash of a merchant's body that usual players have.

"The insignia is real. He is indeed blessed by the God of Wealth Plutus according to the priests." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated in shock and also in great jubilee as another merchant has been blessed. Continue your journey on My Virtual Library Empire

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"The insignia is true!" One of the branch leaders stated in shock as they started to gossip with each other.

The appearance of an insignia to one of the members of the merchant guild is an incredible achievement. Merchants are rarely blessed by the gods that preside over wealth because they are incredibly choosy. A being blessed by a god of wealth can accumulate it faster and with lesser barriers compared to merchant that does not have the blessing.

Merchants that are also blessed by gods are beings that have good character. Gods of wealth are beings that would take away their blessing if they did something bad. Even petty theft will get your blessings revoked as the gods believe that merchants must be honest and never do anything bad. The fact that there are thousands of merchants in the merchant guild but only a handful are blessed by gods is already testament enough to this fact.

Another fact is that only people blessed by gods related to wealth or management can take the positions of the Grand Merchant Leader and the Vice Leader of the Merchant guild. This is the most basic qualifications in order to become the highest-ranking member of the merchant guild. Only those trusted by the ficklest gods can become someone that leads them. This is also the reason why most people trust the merchant guild.

"Since Branch Leader Piggy Bank has been proven to be blessed by the God of Wealth Plutus, I believe everyone can now agree that he is innocent. Further investigation will be carried out to all people here to ascertain on the real criminal that killed the late Branch Master Peterson." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated.

Just as the meeting was about to be adjourned, a dagger could be seen flying towards the head of the Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild. At the same time, one of the bodyguards of Lady Goldenclaw revealed sharp clawed weapons and aimed at Piggy Bank himself. The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild was protected by one of the knights that he had beside him from the dagger while Sirius emerged from Piggy Bank's shadow to block the one that tried to kill him.

"Lady Goldenclaw, what is the meaning of this!?" The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild suddenly shouted.

"This is what I call a hostile takeover. I did not expect all of you to be here today but that is a good thing for me. I will kill all of you here and take over the entire merchant guild in the process." Lady Goldenclaw stated as her voice suddenly had a darker echo when she spoke.

"Did you think that I will be helpless!?" Piggy Bank stated as his fist suddenly glowed in golden light as he punched the being that is currently trapped by Sirius' shadows.

The NPC that Piggy Bank killed suddenly turned into ashes when he killed it. The bodyguards around Lady Goldenclaw suddenly took off their hoods to reveal their real faces. There are currently three bodyguards that are alive near her. The other ones that had hoods were all undead being controlled by a wielder of Forbidden Arts related to Jiangshi which is the equivalent to zombies in the eastern continent. Continue your saga on My Virtual Library Empire

The one with sharp claws that attempted to kill Piggy Bank was a Jiangshi. His attack filled with divine energy dissolved the undead as it was weak to divine energy. The Jiangshi User looked like an old man, and he carried this large coffin behind him. He chanted some spells, and he created another Jiangshi on the spot, but he created one using a soul that has a face all of the merchant guild members know.

"Grandfather!" Sir Peterson shouted as he could see that the Jiangshi that came out of the coffin resembling the face that his grandfather had.

"You were the one that killed him!" Sir Peterson shouted as he now knows the truth of the matter.

"Let us escape!" The other branch leaders shouted as some tried to run towards the exit as they dreaded that they might become the next Jiangshi like Branch Master Peterson if they remain.

"All of you will not be going anywhere! This place is now isolated by me. This will be the place where all of you will die." Lady Goldenclaw stated with a hysterical laugh as one of her guards is a Barrier Master.

All of the exits have been sealed off by charms created by the Barrier Master. All of the charms have also been activated as soon as Piggy Bank entered the room. Only Adrian noticed this as he felt the shift in space since he is still very sensitive despite having the form of a cat. He did not tell Piggy Bank this information in case he suddenly panics.

[You have gained sufficient understanding of your current form.]

"Finally, I can now speak. You, there, what are you!" Adrian suddenly stated which made all of the people in the room pause as they did not expect a cat to suddenly speak in the tongue of man.

"Amusing. A cat that can speak. I want to have it for my collection. Get it for me!" Lady Goldenclaw shouted as she pointed for the Jiangshi User to get the Adrian Cat.

"This fur is very difficult to maintain. Charon, deal with them for me." Adrian stated as an undead suddenly rose from the ground and used numerous chains to lock down the Jiangshi that were commanded to catch him.

"Master, this undead before us is a Lord. My Jiangshi will not be able to easily stop it." The Jiangshi User told Lady Goldenclaw.

"As expected of your uselessness! Murai, get me that cat and you shall be rewarded handsomely with women and alcohol until you drown." Lady Goldenclaw shouted as the last bodyguard she had is a bulky and sturdy man with a large sword hanging on his back.

"As long as I get what I desire then you will get what you desire." Murai stated as he suddenly appeared a few meters away from the Adrian Cat.

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Adrian did not flinch or rather he did not do anything at all because High Wizard Dore already casted protections spells for him. The large sword hit numerous barriers before being bounced off. Adrian did not need to unleash his transformation, but he is actually quite fast even in his current cat form. He would have been able to dodge easily just by utilizing his own innate speed since his stats are not reduced.

"The old fogey is here. Release the thing." Murai stated as he looked at the Barrier Master within their group.

The Barrier Master nodded and changed the seals of the barrier that isolated them as the space they are in is now independent from the world. The Barrier Master can now rewrite some of the laws of the space since he is the owner of it, but he is not yet proficient. The large load of changing the laws of the space is being lessened by the pure quality mana stones that is carried by the Barrier Master. Pure quality mana stones cost an incredible amount of mana and this can only be supplied by Lady Goldenclaw's family.

[The laws of the space around you have shifted. All elemental magic will now use more mana than before.]

"Kill all of the others first so I can have more material!" The Jiangshi master shouted to Murai as Charon was blocking most of the Jiangshi from moving just from his aura alone.

"Uhm... Equinox. Is this not a good time for you to enter the battle?" Piggy Bank stated.

"You are right! I will supervise everything that you need to do. Go against that warrior for me." Adrian stated as Piggy Bank looked at him with judging eyes.

"Why not you?!" Piggy Bank asked.

"I cannot undo the transformation hehe." Adrian stated with a playful tone.

"Maybe High Wizard Dore could do it." Piggy Bank stated as he saw the high wizard having difficulty creating spells as the mana and the burden increased by almost twofold.

"He is also busy trying to create barriers for everyone. If they get breached, then all of them will die as the undead are still being created by that Jiangshi user. You could just reimburse the money that you burnt from saving all of them." Adrian pointed out and suddenly Piggy Bank is fired up to charge at Murai.

Adrian could only shake his head as Piggy Bank was more worried about the amount of money he will burn than the lives of the other merchants. Then again, even he will not care most about them as he was scorned and practically bullied without any justification. Adrian even heard their pitiful cries towards Lady Goldenclaw as some of them were her accomplices but now they are also in the chopping block.

"Lady Goldenclaw! What is the meaning of this! You told us that we will not be harmed!" One of the branch leaders shouted as a demand and the others of his flock soon followed but they were all ignored by Lady Goldenclaw.

"So much buzzing flies that I can no longer tolerate. Murai, kill those buzzing flies first as I really hate flies." Lady Goldenclaw stated which made all of the merchants that tried to curry favor with her shrink down and huddle up with the others. Discover hidden stories at My Virtual Library Empire

"You are not a living being. How are you moving that corpse when it has no soul." Adrian stated as he walked a little bit closer to Lady Goldenclaw, but he was far enough not to get harmed as Sirius and Charon are looking out for him.

Adrian found it strange that a soulless corpse is able to move because even undead controlled by necromancers need a soul to function. Even undead have souls and this is the fundamental nature of a being in order to move their body, but Lady Goldenclaw was different. She was a dead corpse filled with something that acts like a soul but is not one.

"If you join me then I will gladly tell you." Lady Goldenclaw stated as she shot out needles hidden in her dress.

Adrian easily evaded all the needles with his catlike reflexes, and he must say that his flexibility has been enhanced. Adrian was just bluffing to Piggy Bank that he cannot undo his transformation. He just wanted Piggy Bank to be remembered as a hero by the other members of the merchant guild to increase his influence. Adrian needed Piggy Bank to have a solid position in the merchant guild in order to help him from future troubles.

"What are you cat?! This is getting really frustrating! Kill all of them now or else I will kill all of you along with them." Lady Goldenclaw shouted as she once again released needles towards Adrian.

Lady Goldenclaw was getting pretty impatient as no one has yet to die. All the Jiangshi are being held back by Charon and High Wizard Dore. Sirius and Piggy Bank are fighting against Murai which proved to be a good matchup as they are locked in a stalemate. The barrier master and the jiangshi user are both unable to do much as one is maintaining the isolation while the other is trying to create more of his undead.

"You will need to pay me with fifty pure women for this, Lady Goldenclaw." The Jiangshi user stated as he suddenly used a knife to cut his palm.

The Jiangshi user then placed the coffin on his back to the ground and slammed his bleeding palm onto it. Almost all of the Jiangshi that are active suddenly turned to mist and gathered towards the coffin. After a few seconds, the coffin that the Jiangshi user has suddenly burst open to reveal a female Jiangshi with weird features.

The female Jiangshi that came out looked like it had emotions in its eyes. It is also dressed in a warrior's attire but there was something different about it. There were two large monstrous clawed hands that is attached to its back which made it have four arms.

Chapter 2318 Greed Overtakes III

"Oh! This is bad. It has the same power level as that of Charon." Adrian thought as this undead was the real deal and it even rivaled Charon's strength.

Charon is mainly a supporter class of undead but the undead that the Jiangshi master created is for pure offense. The two large, clawed arms is something that can tear apart any being that dares go against it. Adrian could also see that the Jiangshi master sacrificed some of his life source in order to create such a powerful undead.

"Shi Shi! Kill all of them to make yourself stronger!" The Jiangshi master shouted.

"En en!" Shi Shi, the female Jiangshi, shouted with enthusiasm and charged towards High Wizard Dore.

Shi Shi easily passed through the chains that Charon created as if it has foresight. It would then use the large monstrous claws behind it to attack the barriers that the High Wizard Dore created. The fear and panic in the eyes of the merchants could be seen as they could see the barriers cracking with each attack of the undead.

"Since it has come to this then I shall also have my fun!" Murai shouted as he suddenly erupted in a red aura that smelled like blood.

The sword on Murai's hands suddenly changed as well as if it reacted to his change in aura. The blade that was sharp and clean suddenly transformed to have teeth. Each slice from his large sword would not only cut off the other party but also mutilate them in return. Piggy Bank noticed this aura change as well and he could feel that the NPC before him is not your normal bodyguard.

"Why are you doing this Lady Goldenclaw!?" The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild asked but Lady Goldenclaw could be seen having a crazed look on her face.

"Yes! Kill all of them as I absorb all of their greed! The Merchant Guild is the best! All the food that I need to become strong enough to return to full power is here. When I take over this place, I will relish in all of the greed. When I kill all of you, the greed of the other merchants

will stir up and want to covet your positions while I eat everything up!" Lady Goldenclaw stated with an intoxicated look on her face.

"What if we surrender?" One of the merchants asked.

"Are you idiots or has fear made all of your brains unable to think properly? She wants all of us dead because she does not want any witnesses." Piggy Bank shouted as he got knocked back a few meters by Murai and overheard what the merchants planned.

"Oh! Am I actually speaking to the Primordial Beast of Greed?" Adrian's words suddenly burst the bubble of Lady Goldenclaw as her jovial expression turned into pure disgust and anger.

"Who are you and how do you know me?!" Lady Goldenclaw or rather the entity that is controlling her body stated as the voice of a woman changed to raspy old man's voice.

"That body is not your vessel which means you are controlling it via some way. It is not using soul linking as this vessel does not have a soul. Is it perhaps the special ability of the Primordial Beast of Greed? If you are controlling her dead body, then that means you are probably hiding in the eastern continent. Most likely in the merchant guild branch there as you do need to feed on greed just like the others of your ilk." Adrian casually stated as if he was reporting normally in front of a lot of people.

"Kill that cat as a priority! Kill the others later! I want that cat dead!" Lady Goldenclaw or rather the Primordial Beast of Greed commanded Murai and the Jiangshi master.

A powerful compelling force acted on the bodies of Murai and the Jiangshi master. It was a powerful compulsion that changed even their way of thinking. Murai and Shi Shi suddenly flew towards Adrian in an incredible speed, but the latter did not panic. In fact, Adrian was smiling because he now has a lead on one of the primordial beasts of sin.

Adrian's devious cat smile could be seen by all as his small body suddenly started to morph back to its original size. The look of disbelief on the faces of all the beings in that isolated room could be clearly seen. Some merchants that badmouthed him even fainted on the spot because they learned that the Lord of Avalon heard what all of them said.

"Let us start with an introduction then. Asmodian Prowess!" Adrian stated as a large dark throne materialized behind him as he sat down.

A powerful wave of energy swept across the entire room which dulled all their senses. The merchants, the bodyguards and even Lady Goldenclaw were affected by Adrian's increased presence. All of them bowed down or kneeled in front of the demon that transformed from a cat. Adrian casually sat down the throne without a care in the world as he introduced himself.

"Nice to meet all of you. I am Equinox. Mediator of Death and the Lord of Avalon." Adrian stated in a tone so imposing that even the Vice Leader of the Merchant guild that has is blessed by a god had his knees become weak.

"A demon!" Lady Goldenclaw stated in shock.

From the looks of things, the Primordial Beasts of Sin were not told of what happened in the western continent. If they were then the Primordial Beast of Greed would have relinquished control over Lady Goldenclaw's body. She was merely shocked by Adrian's sudden appearance, and it seems she only knows of him via the details given by the merchant guild.

"We greet the Lord of Avalon! It is impertinent to ask but please save us from the enemies of the guild." The Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild stated as he was the first to recover from the shock which is a testament to his willpower.

"Oh? I thought I heard someone call me an enemy of the merchant guild earlier from you side though." Adrian casually stated and the man that said that fainted on the spot with his mouth foaming. Find exclusive stories on My Virtual Library Empire

Chapter 2319 Presence of an Arch Demon

They have always said that cats are demon spawns because of the way they react to certain things, but this is the first time that I have ever seen an actual cat turn into a demon. It was not just an ordinary demon but an Arch Demon because he was none other than the Lord of Avalon Equinox. A demon that has been blessed by both the Twin Gods to be their champion when it comes dealing with their enemies.

The Arch Demon that appeared in front of me is undoubtedly powerful as his mere presence made everyone in the room shudder. His overall presence is incredibly overwhelming that my legs started to become weak. Fortunately, all merchants have strong willpower which is why only their legs gave out when he appeared.

"Let us start with an introduction then. Asmodian Prowess!" The Lord of Avalon Equinox stated with a calm but confident voice.

I did not know how it happened, but a throne adorned with the most beautiful jewels that shined in deep colors appeared behind the Lord of Avalon Equinox. I thought that I was seeing things but the other merchants around me also muttered the same thing which means I have not yet lost my mind. I have been told that the Lord of Avalon Equinox is a summoner, but can normal summoners suddenly summon a throne they can sit on?

When the throne was summoned, all of us suddenly felt a powerful oppressive force sweep across the entire isolated room. Even the undead and the ones attacking us were hit by this oppressive force as all of them looked towards the Lord of Avalon Equinox. A few of the merchants already fainted at this point when he summoned the throne while the rest had gotten weak on the knees.

It might look like all of them are kneeling in front of the mighty demon that summoned a majestic throne for himself, but it is actually due to his presence that suddenly doubled. Even my own knees are about to give out as I can barely stand. I had to rely on the blessing given to me by my patron goddess. Not many know of my goddess in the central continent, but she is a very venerated goddess in the southern continent as she is the main goddess of wealth.

"Nice to meet all of you. I am Equinox. Mediator of Death and the Lord of Avalon." The Lord of Avalon Equinox stated as he sat on the throne that he summoned.

I already knew who he was as does the other merchants as his face is incredibly famous. He is not only a great target to become a business partner for the merchant guild but also famous in the black market. It seems that even the top bosses of the black market would want to strike deals with him because he is said to be the most negotiable amongst the demons.

Oh! I am suddenly kneeling... how did that happen? I thought that my legs were still strong, but it actually gave in earlier and I did not even notice it. Even with the power of my blessing, the presence of Lord of Avalon Equinox is tremendous as soon as he sat on the throne. All the other merchants already passed out as I and Piggy Bank are the only ones that are still awake.

Can the Lord of Avalon Equinox control his aura that Piggy Bank is not affected? This should be impossible as he is basically using all of his presence to pressure all of the beings in this room. Even I can see that Piggy Bank is already a bit tired as he must also be trying to maintain his sanity. The low level undead that the undead sorcerer from the east already shattered into

dust when the room got flooded with the Lord of Avalon Equinox's presence, so I think I am safe.

"We greet the Lord of Avalon! It is impertinent to ask but please save us from the enemies of the guild."

I mustered up the courage to speak up as this is the only way for us to survive. I cannot rely on the others as most passed out while some are regaining their consciousness, but they are still weakened. Also, most of us are merchants that have weak fighting abilities. Even if I am blessed by a goddess, I do not have the same fighting capabilities as a warrior of my level. Oh! One of the merchants that can fight finally woke up.

"Oh? I thought I heard someone call me an enemy of the merchant guild earlier from your side though." The Lord of Avalon Equinox stated as he looked at the merchant that just woke up as he was the one that said that very sentence.

I thought that I just needed to nudge him to apologize but the idiot suddenly fainted once more. To make it even more embarrassing, he started foaming at the mouth as if he got infected by rabies. Did his willpower get broken just because of a few words? There was not even killing intent behind the words of the Lord of Avalon Equinox.

If he had killing intent, then even I would definitely pass out in my spot. I can feel my insignia telling me that the Lord of Avalon Equinox is incredibly powerful. The warning is coming directly from my patron goddess, so this means that he is the real deal. The fact that my own patron goddess is sending me these powerful warnings meant that he can even deal with demigods.

"I would like to apologize for the rudeness of the other merchants but please help us. The dark forces before us are not part of the merchant guild. We will definitely reward you greatly for helping us."

I bravely stood my ground or rather kneeled on the ground as I mustered all my energy to speak those words. I wanted to talk more about the reward, but I can barely breathe because of the pressure he is emitting. Even the horrifying undead sorcerer from the east cannot withstand the pressure that the Lord of Avalon Equinox can produce. All of them are just like me that is now kneeling on the floor as we cannot stand up.

(End of Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild POV)

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"Demon! I will kill you." Lady Goldenclaw stated as she could barely move her body.

"I know what you are because it has been obvious now. A normal corpse would not be able to withstand my pressure which means you are the Primordial Beast of Greed. All the clues have already been present as you feed off people's greed which is also strengthening that corpse even though only an imposed will is attached on it." The Lord of Avalon Equinox stated as he looked directly at Lady Goldenclaw.

"So, you managed to deduce what I did to this body." Lady Goldenclaw stated.

"What did you do to its soul? Usually, a soul would have been attached to you and continuously haunting you if one were to defile their corpse, but you do not have such presence. That can only mean that her soul is being kept by that Jiangshi master over there. The main ingredient for that powerful female undead should be the soul of that poor girl." Adrian stated as he used his eyes to look at Shi Shi.

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The Jiangshi Shi Shi did not have just one soul but an amalgamation of numerous ones including beasts. The core of the soul is still that of a woman which is why the primary shape of the Jiangshi is that of a woman. Adrian peered deeply and saw the soul of the true Lady Goldenclaw bound by numerous forbidden magic seals.

"You know too much demon! Kill him!" The fake Lady Goldenclaw, which is a will imprinted by the Primordial Beast of Greed, commanded.

Murai forcefully stood up even if his body could be heard creaking. The Jiangshi master also used some hand seals as well to forcefully control Shi Shi. The sounds of bones and flesh tearing apart could be heard as the bodyguards that the fake Lady Goldenclaw brought is also heavily controlled by the Primordial Beast of Greed.

Adrian could only pity those two as they are people that have been overtaken by a primordial beast. There must have been a lot of greed in their hearts for them to succumb to ultimate mind control. The fake Lady Goldenclaw only has a remnant will of the Primordial Beast of Greed,

but they are being commanded by said remnant will. This can only mean that even the souls of these two are completely owned by the Primordial Beast of Greed.

"I can only offer my condolences for all of you here. I will keep the Barrier Master alive though as I do not want this isolated space to get destroyed yet. Sirius, Realm Ender!" Adrian commanded.

Chapter 2320 I Can Feel Your Greed

Sirius had already released his domain earlier upon Adrian's command. The command was to have him release it the moment he appears before the enemies. He also instructed Sirius to create the illusion where the merchants were located. In fact, almost all of the merchants were still passed out and those that could see them being afraid are actually all illusions created by Sirius.

This illusion even affected the perception of the Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild despite his divine blessing which is why his goddess was giving signals to him that Adrian is indeed dangerous. The only ones that are not affected by the illusion is Adrian himself and Piggy Bank since the former told Sirius to take care of the latter. Since the domain has been activated already in a secretive manner, using the most powerful spell in his arsenal was quick and easy.

Murai and the Jiangshi Shi Shi are suddenly torn apart by Sirius' full attack power. Murai is the most pitiful one as the immortal could not even process that he was torn apart before he died. He was not able to react against Sirius' attack which is why he still had that confident look on his face when his upper body dropped to the floor.

The Jiangshi Shi Shi was able to react in time as it had the instincts of monsters embedded on parts of her soul, but she is not powerful enough to completely block Sirius' attack. Unlike Murai that died by being torn in half, Sirius paid more attention to Shi Shi as she was undead. Sirius destroyed her body into more pieces that one can count. This also led to a backlash to the Jiangshi master as he spat out blood since his life force was used to create Shi Shi.

"Let us save that tormented soul from those cursed seals, Charon." Adrian commanded.

Charon nodded as his chains suddenly looked like it was gripping something invisible in the air, but the image of the souls could be seen by all when it clung to them. The sight of numerous souls with the soul of Lady Goldenclaw could be seen silently screaming in agony as they are being held by the cursed seals. Charon's chains ripped apart the cursed seals and released them from never ending torment.

The released souls looked relieved when they were freed, but they soon became vengeful spirits a few seconds after. These vengeful spirits charged towards the weakened Jiangshi Master and started ripping him apart. The vengeful spirits even destroyed the large coffin that created the undead using their souls.

"I am your master! You cannot do this to me!" The Jiangshi Master shouted as he tried protecting himself, but he is far too weakened to even do so. The sight of him being torn piece by piece made the merchants that woke up suddenly pass out again.

"Create a way for us to escape!" The fake Lady Goldenclaw shouted at the Barrier Master, but she did not receive any reply.

"What are you doing?! Do you want me to die!" The fake Lady Goldenclaw shouted again but there was still no reply from the Barrier Master.

The fake Lady Goldenclaw turned around to see the Barrier Master held by shadows and chains. The shadows made sure that the barrier master will have the same hand seal positions which made him unable to move his body the way he wants to. The chains were just there for extra measure to make sure that he is completely rooted on the ground.

"This was easier than I thought. Maybe I should have interfered much earlier than anticipated. Then again, I did not know how strong the others were." Adrian stated as he finally stood up from the throne as it vanished.

"You could have done that earlier so that I did not need to fight!" Piggy Bank grumbled but Adrian only returned a smile.

Adrian walked slowly towards the fake Lady Goldenclaw as there was no longer any danger that he perceived. He looked at her using his evil eye to check if there was no way to return the soul of the real Lady Goldenclaw to her body. Adrian called the body a corpse because there was no soul attached to it, but he could see that the body is still functioning.

"Such advanced way of making a corpse move should not be possible for that one over there. This means that there is another necromancy expert on your beck and call." Adrian stated as this living corpse is not something that can be done by just a normal necromancer that has been torn to death on the side.

"I can tell you if you let me go." The fake Lady Goldenclaw stated.

"I am not that delusional to have an extension of a being like you wander about. Given that you hold this body dear might mean that it is difficult to create, or it is just your greed at play. Nevertheless, I just need to extract as much information as I need from your remnant will. A remnant will should still have memories of the one that attached it after all." Adrian stated as he started to move his hands towards the location of the remnant will which is the heart.

"Do you really think that you can extract my will from this body!? You are foolish to think that there is no safety measures embedded in this body despite being well preserved." The fake Lady Goldenclaw stated as she laughed.

"Master, this body has far more cursed seals inside of it than the Jiangshi earlier." Charon stated which prompted Adrian to stop his hands from piercing the heart of the fake Lady Goldenclaw. Experience more tales on [My Virtual Library Empire](#)

"Your undead lord is correct! This body is the perfection of the Living Dead! It is even maintained warm as if it was still alive despite having no soul. Such a perfect piece that can only suit my taste and is perfect in my collection!" The fake Lady Goldenclaw stated as it was no longer playing the part of the daughter of the branch master of the eastern continent merchant guild.

"Should I just destroy you then?" Adrian stated with a bit of confusion as he really wanted some information from the enemy.

"I can feel your greed! Why not just team up with me? With my influence over greed itself, you will have the world at your fingertips. I can see that desire in your soul that you have buried deep down! If you want, I can make the Daemos the ruler of the worlds with you as the Demon King!" The fake Lady Goldenclaw stated which made the Vice Leader of the Merchant Guild tremble with fear as he thought Adrian might take the offer.

"That is not the greed that I possess though. I do not care about ruling the world. Heck, I do not even care much about saving it, but it is the sworn duty of the Daemos to protect it. If the Daemos were not bound by the sacred duty, then this world would have been destroyed already.

I would rather just have the freedom and manage the territory that I already own. Do you know how stressful running such a small territory already is? Forget about the world, I am already tired just managing my own." Adrian stated as he suddenly forgot that he was supposed to be serious.

"Impossible! What is that greed then?! I am never wrong!" The fake Lady Goldenclaw stated as she thought that she could use Adrian's greed to control him, but it did not work.

"I guess even a remnant will cannot control others easily. Come with your real body next time so that I will not have to worry about you. Maybe torture would be good to get you to answer? I already observed that you could feel pain." Adrian casually mentioned.

"You can torture this body all you want but I will never talk! I am just a remnant will that is taking control of this body's motor functions. Even a being like yourself cannot extract information from me! Only gods can do so!" The fake Lady Goldenclaw stated as she laughed like a madman.

"Gods... you say?! I have the perfect place we can go to." Adrian stated as he smiled.

Adrian then looked at Sirius and then his gaze shifted to the barrier master. Sirius understood immediately and tore apart the arms of the barrier master. Without his hands that can create seals, the barrier master could no longer sustain the isolated.

"High Wizard Dore, can you get information from that one? I have a place that I need to carry this one to." Adrian stated as he grabbed the fake Lady Goldenclaw by the neck.

"We can deal with that one as you wish. We will get information from him. Where are you going though?" High Wizard Dore asked.

"Where are you taking me?!" The fake Lady Goldenclaw shouted.

"I am taking her to Hell." Adrian stated as he easily created a portal that led to Hell.