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Lucy was watching the news talking about her team's achievements . The clearing of two floors in less than a week is something that grabbed the attention of countless people . Even foreign countries and secretive organizations took note of that .

Only a day passed yet their team's popularity sky-rocketed, they already became an S-class team and the report Saku made was later reviewed by Lady Sinyu and proved true when another S-class team dived to the 12th floor after bitter fights and found the monsters .

Their loots were more generous than the last run and Saku, Alin and the burly Guan became millionaires . Their revenue this time was above 50million dollars with all those skill books and items looted .

Delia took a bit of pity on those weaklings and since they were on the same team as her, the one and only Delia . She talked with Lucy and agreed to give them a decent equipment so they don't fall behind . They are now an S-class team so at least, their members should be a bit strong and not just leech off money and fame from her and Lucy without doing a thing .

If Lucy's plan goes well, she would leave the team after a short while . They may be Delia's friends but for her, she only had one thing in her mind and that is, to gain Claudia's trust and earn a good position so no one could oppose her .

It can be done easily but she had to do it the hard way for some reasons that shall not be disclosed .

As they were watching the TV at home, Lucy suddenly grinned when a woman appeared on the screen and the message 'Breaking News' was shown at the bottom of it .

All channels had this breaking news, even foreign countries . In the news, it showed Miya shaking hands with a man with long dark hair and a thick beard .

A few days earlier .

Claudia was enjoying a dinner in a high-class restaurant in her usual 5-star hotel that she was staying on these days . An expensive wine was poured for her and the gentleman in front of her who was grinning as he was enjoying the beauty of the woman in front of him . It's clear he was lusting for her body but he was definitely in love with her too .

"Ahh, it's a shame . . truly . I heard you were going back to Korea tomorrow because of what happened"

The man shook his head in sadness and gulped some wine to ease his mind .

"It's fine, darling . It's all fabricated lies to attract attention, something most likely went downhill and they wanted to create an uproar but they dragged us into it too"

"Ahhhh! My love! I'll miss you a lot . Just stay here and forget about this boring job, I can give you money if that's what you need"

The woman inclined her head and closed in on the man's lips, soon, their lips touched each other and their tongue linked . Fortunately, the restaurant was specially reserved for just both of them as what happened next is better kept unseen .

Claudia was currently in New York's airport, she was heading toward a private jet sent by the IHO . Since the event of Lucy's team happened, Korea summoned back all the S-class Heroes residing in the U . S and Claudia was one of them .

It may be surprising that she became an S-class Hero but it was definitely not because she was strong but merely due to her money and connections . Money can do anything and to please a man, you only needed to give him money, food or a beautiful woman to warm his bed and that's exactly what a clever person like Claudia did .

Sleeping with a man to gain benefits is a usual thing for her, as long as it's worth the cost, she'll do it again and again until that person could no longer be benefited from so he'll be discarded and onto the next one . . .

"Damn old fogies, they do whatever they want . I guess I'll hunt one and subdue him to not be in the similar situation as this one, it's such a bother, for fuck's sake!"

With a servant holding her bags, Claudia walked to the private jet prepared for her but when she entered, she was surprised to see 5 other people sitting .

There was a tall and muscular man with a long scar on his neck, he had a purple long sword hanging on his back . Two twins were playing chess in the corner of the jet, they were calm and had a handsome appearance, a bit feminine but the charm was there .

At the right side sat a short loli with a plump breast and blonde hair resembling a doll . The loli was humming and reading a black book, she threw a glance at Claudia but didn't greet him or even utter a word .

Last but not least is a young man who was wearing a white-suit . He had a handsome face, blue eyes, and a blonde hair . He was the perfect prince charming that every girl dreamt of . What's more is that he was the one and only 'Flame Emperor' .

Usui, the strongest man on Earth A . K . A the Flame Emperor . He always had a polite yet strange attitude, no one ever saw him angry, he would uphold a calm and respectful attitude toward everyone .

"If it isn't CEO Claudia, it's very nice to see you . "

Usui got up and performed a polite bow before sitting again . Claudia didn't know exactly why but she felt the creeps whenever she interacted with him . After greeting him back, she ignored him and selected an empty chair and minded her own business . Each person was silent and the atmosphere wasn't too friendly .

Apart from Claudia, the rest was a team but except inside the dungeon, each did their own thing and Usui was the friendly one who would try to befriend or get close to them . He was half Korean half British and was from a well off family, coupled with his current status, he was sought for by many powers .

Several assassination attempts failed as none could single-handedly kill him, he was too strong and even when he's sleeping, he always sets some kind of trap .

Claudia thought to herself when she saw him 'He's one clever bastard! The further away from him the better'

In normal cases, she would have tried to seduce him but he has her a strange feeling, she felt unease whenever she talked with him so she backed off .

On the same day .

In the Headquarters of the IHO, at the meeting room, there were was a big table with seat circling around it . Several old men were discussing the issue of Lucy and Lady Sinyu . They were the high-officials of the IHO and by the look of it, they weren't pleased by such heroic achievements done by Lucy .

"That old hag kept her mouth tightly shut! She didn't even accept meeting us! She grew some nerve!"

One of the old men with wrinkled face shouted while spitting some saliva on the table, it was disgusting but he didn't care and kept complaining . It only got worse when the rest of the old bunch joined the fray .

"That's right! She should be expelled from the organization! Being a partner is too good for her! She forgot that we are the ones who fed her and helped her!"

A woman with a curvy and voluptuous body, dressed in a furry robe and waving a fan at herself snorted when she heard about Lady Sinyu and said

"Hmpf! Why don't we just finish her off and rope her team? She's just an outdated piece of bones . . . "

Hearing her say that, some of the old men agreed by most of them glanced at a middle-aged man with black hair and a thick beard . He was Zalon, the head of the organization and one of the strongest men alive . He is second only to Usui and his sword play is unmatchedable .

With his hand on his chin and with a pondering look, Zalon sighed and spoke after the room turned silent

"We cannot offend Lady Sinyu . . . the power behind her is not something provoked this easily . . . let's put it on hold for now . "

Hearing this, the old men nodded and agreed with him, some of them started ass-kissing .

"Leader Zalon is indeed wise, your thoughts are more advanced because of your stats and your leadership is extraordinary, indeed indeed, we shouldn't offend her . She can enjoy a bit of peace for now "

As they were discussing the matter, the dark room which was illuminated by only a small spec of light suddenly turned into an incredibly bright room, almost blinding .

A purple flash of light which soon transformed into some sort of a portal appeared in the meeting room . Some of the old men stumbled and fell on their butt from fear of surprise, some only gazed at the portal with awe of astonishment .

Even the usually calm Zalon was a bit startled .

A figure appeared out of the portal, a gracious body with a short green dress that matched her long green hair . She had a soft blade sheathed on her waist and breathtaking face, if her appearance could be described with one word, it would be 'Godly' .

She resembled a Goddess, with that entrance and portal, coupled with her appearance, Zalon first thought is that she's a superior being .

To be honest, since the dungeons appeared on Earth, he had a feeling that stronger beings would soon come, perhaps devils, gods or something more outrageous .

Seeing her figure landing on the room and gazing at her features, Zalon was ascertained that she's not from here . He didn't know how to react or what to say, fortunately, the Goddess was the first to speak .

Surprisingly, she spoke English, albeit not fluent, it was still English which could be understood .

Miya merely introduced herself and the room soon exploded in noise, whether it's the exclaiming old men, senseless questions or telephone rings .

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Lucy looked at the message displayed on the TV . It only said that a Goddess has descended and Zalon, the head of the IHO was ready to announce to the world that this is not a lie . Many people would protest or do not believe if you just tell them you met a God or that person is a God, but if the person in question saw with his own eyes what a God could do, then he could do nothing but believe, after all, seeing is believing .

Another uproar soon rose, websites worshiping were created in just a few hours and admirers from all over the globe cheered for her . In terms of beauty, she was almost without equal and adding her dramatic entrance and the support of Zalon, her popularity rose by leaps and bounds in the course of one day and one night .

To prove her identity as a Goddess, Miya was going to battle the strongest S-class Korean Team consisting of the Flame Emperor, The Raging Warrior, The Twins and The Loli .

The match was being held in a stadium in Séoul, right after the team arrived, they were struck with this sudden news but none of the disagreed to fight except Claudia who only wanted to watch the show as she was not a combat-type .

Zalon didn't insist as she would be a burden and at 8 AM, the stadium was full of people with countless others at its entrance, demanding to enter and view the show in person and not just by the TV .

Miya was obviously not a Goddess but Lucy instructed her to say she was one, she was a peak Immortal and to such weak mortals, they would regard her as a Goddess if she displays a bit of power so there was no problem .

Miya was smiling softly as she faced the 5 man team on the opposite side .

Usui was as always, displaying a friendly smile and wearing a red robe whilst holding a long cane with a red crystal in its tip . The tall and muscular man with a purple sword was next to him, he took his sword from his back and tightly held it .

He didn't know what's happening but all he had to do is defeat that delicate lady in front of him, it's such a pity but that's how life is .

The twins held a bow each and sharply stared at Miya and as for the last one, the Loli, she wielded a book as a weapon .

"It's such a pleasure to be able to fight a real Goddess, please go easy on us . "

Usui performed a bow to Miya and expressed his thoughts . Miya responded with a similar bow and a soft smile that would mesmerize any men, she had a special serene demeanor around her that made anyone look at her feel calm and at ease .

With the introductions done, the battle has finally started .

The Flame Emperor began with a simple yet devastating flame tornado which was followed by the Raging Warrior who leaped from the side and slashed down at Miya with his sword . Simultaneously, The twins shot an arrow each, one having the Wind attribute and the other having the Water attribute . As for the Loli, she was one of the unique people who can use a special attribute .

The Loli with plump breast can use Mana and control it freely, she needed high amounts of Intelligence and Wisdom but that didn't stop her from earning a few strong skills . She opened her books and lifted her hand, shooting a transparent blue Mana bolt at Miya .

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Seeing all the attacks coming straight at her, Miya didn't even bulge or perform any action, she just kept the smiling softly and stood there, motionless and calm .

The shiny attacks traveled the long distance in a matter of a few seconds and when it was just about 2 meters away from Miya, they all dispersed into countless light sparks that vanished soon after too .

Every spectator, including Usui and his team seen the whole process and knew that Miya certainly did not lift a finger or chant any spell . If it was not seen clearly by their eyes, none would have believed it, even a person as open-minded as Usui who had a small confidence when he cast his [Flame Tornado] .

It is but a Tornado made of flames but with his high intelligence and upgraded equipment, this simple yet deadly tornado could even damage a Lv70 monster so that's why The Flame Emperor was in disbelief for a brief moment when he saw that he supposedly strong attack was dispersed in a split second by who knows what .

Miya didn't even need to use her Lightning to win this fight, just a simple control of her reserved Nether Energy to attack and defend is more than enough, even if she chose to fight physically, the fight would still be easy . To compare an Immortal with a Mortal is a joke and not even a million of the Flame Emperor could defeat her, it's a pity that no one knew that .

When she saw the Flame Tornado, Miya remembered the terrifying flames of Lucy and Arthur and felt a cold shiver down her spines, no matter how much of a genius she was, she could never handle Lucy's flames or Ice, for Miya, Lucy was like a demon god albeit being kind to her .

Despite seeing that attacks getting blocked that easily, except some astonishment, none of the five lost their confidence .

"A tough one ain't it?"

With the purple sword on his shoulder, the Raging Warrior gave Miya a second evaluation and nodded his head continuously, seeing that he was sent stumbling from whatever barrier or wall was around Miya made him more excited to fight her and eager to unleash his powerful skills .

"Yihahahaha! I could never go all out since the brat kept telling me to follow the tactic, it's time to unleash the beast!"

The purple sword shined as the warrior leaped at Miya and twirled in the air, creating a whirlpool with his fastly spinning body and his sword in its center .

He was not the only one to attack, the others followed with their own attacks without holding back . Two arrows merged and flew in the air, aiming at Miya's head . As for Usui, he spent two seconds to chant something then he waved his weapon and several red magic circles appeared all around Miya . The loli right after and executed [Nova] which is a similar skill to Rinotsu but weaker .

A transparent sphere was decreasing in size above Miya and when it was the size of a nut, it flashed with a bright light and exploded, devastating the stadium and creating a cloud of sand .

At the same time that the sphere exploded, the arrow struck its target and the whirlpool created by Lozo successfully hit Miya's chest .

This time, to show them how truly weak they are and the true difference between their powers, she didn't even block them and simply stood there, receiving their combined attacks without flinching .

'Pew' 'Crank'

Two noises were heard after the explosion, because of the dust, the spectators couldn't see clearly but the closest one, Lozo, was able to see what happened .

The explosion only managed to make Miya's dress move by a bit because there were wind waves but except that, literally, nothing happened to the smiling Goddess .

He felt as if he hit a mountain with his sword as it couldn't dive in deeper, instead, he was pushed by it and was forced to take a couple of steps back . The arrow was split into two pieces and hit the ground .

The dust cloud soon cleared and the audience could see Miya standing there, totally unscathed and in perfect form . A broken arrow and a dumbfounded tall man were next to her . As for her, she was still smiling innocently .

"I think this fight is over . "

She didn't do this to mock them but it was the sheer truth . Each released his strongest attack yet she's still standing and she didn't even counter-attack . The tall and muscular man was standing there, dumbstruck that his attack did nothing and instead he was pushed back .

"It's not over! Disperse!"

Usui shouted in retort and ordered the team to retreat . Hearing his word, Lozo backed away, so did the loli and the twins .

The red magic circles around Miya were emanating a bit of fog and in an instant, they all connected to each other, forming a red and clear star with Miya in its center .

[Phoenix Descent]!

The Flame Emperor shouted before the small circles formed a pillar that stretched all the way to the far clouds in the sky . The star transformed into a rainbow-colored star and soon, a Phoenix-cry could be heard from above .

All present people lifted their head to see the source of the sound only to be amazed by the sight . A flaming bird which had a wingspan of 3 meters was flying in the air and diving straight at Miya .

Through its beak, it kept screeching and flapping its flaming wings . It was a breathtaking sight to the point that even Miya praised Usui in her heart . The attack in itself was weak, pretty weak to injure her but for someone as weak as him to be able to perform it is amazing . He's either lucky or a genius, either way, he's worth the praise .

Lucy was also surprised that he could use such an attack . Saly was impressed and imagined herself using a similar attack but the foul mouthed Delia only snorted and thought to herself .

'Hmpf! Bunch of idiots! Being awe-stricken by a trashed copy of a Phoenix? A real one is even bigger than your trashy planet!'

'Xiaoo!!'

The Phoenix descended on Miya and used its sharp claws to rip the target into shreds but nothing of such happened . The Phoenix transformed into little specs of flames when it touched Miya, it was like a rain of flames, truly awe-inspiring .

Usui watched what happened with a smile, he knew it wouldn't work yet he still tried it . With a satisfied smile, The Flame Emperor bowed politely to Miya and expressed his thanks

"The purpose of battle is to attain the greatest heights within your own limits . That is what my mentors always told me, so I thank Goddess Miya for her kindness and for letting me unleash all my power . "

"Your thanks is unnecessary as you have provided quite the beautiful show . "

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After the battle, no one doubted Miya's powers and some even started worshipping her as the real Goddess . She didn't display any power but just by the fact that she withstood all of that without lifting a finger is proof of her power .

She was invited as a guest in the IHO and treated well, Zalon even issued several announcements saying that from now onwards, Miya will be the Vice-leader of the organization .

Zalon insisted that Miya takes his place but she wasn't willing and only accepted the vice-leader position . Many geezers with high status were against this but none dared to open his mouth . A few even had dark thoughts like assassinating Miya but they were all given up after seeing the battle .

Usui and his team decided to stay in Korea for the moment and planned to clear a few floors before heading back to the U . S .

Claudia wanted to go back immediately but Zalon was stubborn about the matter and didn't let her go back . She is considered an S-class Hero but that's only because her stats were a bit higher than average Heroes due to special items and due to her special status .

She is filthy rich and had countless connections with government officials, whether it's in Korea or the U . S .

"Aunt Delia, do you know where Mommy went?"

Saly sneaked behind Delia who was busy enjoying her wine in the absence of Lucy . When she heard Saly, she hid the bottle of wine from Saly's vision and retorted

"Lil brat! It's not because you're cute and young you can call me aunt! Call me big sister Delia I'm only 26! As for your mother . . . I don't know, she went off somewhere and she'll probably be back soon, don't worry . "

The little girl nodded and didn't bother Delia anymore, she turned to search for Randiun and happily shouted

"Randi! Where are you? Let's play!"

Although she said play, she meant going outside and riding him while he's flying around the city and sometimes even visiting other cities too but let's keep that for another time .

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In the outskirts of Séoul, there was a very big grassy land . It was a valley which had a beautiful view if you were to visit it in the sunshine which is what Lucy was doing right now .

This place was the one and only graveyard of Séoul . Amidst the countless tombs and erected pillars which had innumerable names and numbers . Lucy sat next to a specific one with a lonely look .

Arthur Bilgart

Birth: 20 March 2009

Death: 31 November 2039

So many times, Lucy wanted to destroy it, burn it, shatter it but she couldn't . She felt a bit close to him when she sat here, if she gets rid of it now, she won't have anything to ease her loneliness . She missed him a lot albeit the short amount of time they have been separated .

She wondered what he's doing right now, if he's in danger or if he's already on his way . Of course, there are dark thoughts that surged her but she would quickly cast them away and hope for the best .

"I will wait forever . . . just make sure you come back "

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Since the Flame Emperor's team came back to Korea, they managed to clear the 13th floor, heating the public and raising more fame for themselves .

Korea's dungeon is considered a bit easy compared to the one in the U . S, the loot was also lacking that's why Usui and the rest decided to travel the U . S .

Now that their record was broken by an unknown team, to preserve some of their faces, they immediately entered the dungeon the day after the stadium battle and managed to clear a floor .

The monster Level at the 13th floor is above 50 which is why it wasn't particularly easy for them . It took them a bit more than four hours but they were victorious .

As they were celebrating their achievement, Lucy's team entered the dungeon they after and cleared the 14th floor, slapping them on the face before they could enjoy the sweetness of victory .

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"Seriously, how are they doing this "

Sibon, one of the two twins complained as he was repairing his bow, the news traveled fast and in no-time, it reached their ears . Lozo was fuming with anger and kept insisting on entering the dungeon again, he was a fighting maniac and wanted to be the best, such a blow to him ignited his fighting spirit even more .

The calmest was Usui, who laid on a chair next to Zalon and seemed to be lost in thought .

"What do you think, Usui?"

Seeing Usui remain calm even after hearing the news, Zalon waited for a bit before he asked for his thoughts . Their team was one of the strongest teams on Earth if not the strongest so having another team what they couldn't do is more than enough to prove that the two teams are equal or theirs lacking a bit .

To be honest, if they pass the whole day inside the dungeon, it would be possible to clear the 14th floor but with a few difficulties . They weren't like Lucy who could clear a floor in a few minutes and that's only to not startle her teammates . She could obliterate the whole dungeon if she wanted to .

Be it the Flame Emperor or the rest, they do not have infinite Stamina . Unlike Mana or Health Pots, the loot for Stamina Pots is very very rare and after dodging and jumping around for a few hours, anyone would feel exhausted and that's not counting the mental fatigue due to repeated use of skills .

"I honestly do not know I have read the information about the team but except the two new members, all the others seem average . "

Usui spoke whilst holding a report describing Lucy and Delia but there were no pictures of them .

Seeing Usui unable to come up with anything useful, Zalon sighed and shook his head as there was nothing he could think of too, they knew nothing of Lucy and Delia, literally nothing .

"At least we have Goddess Miya, if we ask her maybe she'll help us clear a few floors . As for that team . . . we'll let them be for now, as long as they don't provoke us then it's fine . From the reports I have read, that Lucy and Delia do not care about loots or money "

Usui merely listened and remained silent, thinking about something . When Zalon was about to stand up and leave the room as the conversation was over, he was interrupted by Usui who suddenly something unbelievable .

"What if they are like Goddess Miya? It would much more sense but then again why clear one at a time and why every three days?"

Listening to Usui speculating several theories, Zalon couldn't help but laugh and sarcastically say

"Hahaha, do you think it's raining Gods or what? One Goddess came doesn't mean two mysterious ladies are Gods two they must be hidden S-class individuals that were trained by some of the secretive organizations . "

Usui completely ignored Zalon and with a final look at the papers in his hand, he stood up and left the room after telling Zalon that he's going for a stroll .

"Mommy! You said I can to the dungeon why can I go now?"

While fidgeting, Saly pleaded Lucy so she can immediately to the dungeon, she was bored and wanted to fight but Lucy kept refusing ever since yesterday so she could only persist until she accepts .

Seeing that it wasn't working, Saly pointed at the snoring Randiun and added

"Look, even Randi is excited to fight and he's getting rusty from all the sleeping he did . . . come on come on pleaseas-"

Before she could finish, there was a knocking on the door, Saly was happy because only Miya could knock before entering, she dashed to the door and happily opened it hoping that Miya could able to persuade Lucy .

Unfortunately, to her disappointment, Miya was not the one who knocked, instead, it was a young man with blonde hair and dark tuxedo . Saly had special ears and a tail but Delia had cast a small illusion her unless it's a strong individual, normal mortals can't see through it, they'll just see a cute brown-haired girl with round eyes and a lovely face .

"Hello little girl . "

Usui stretched his hand to greet Saly but the latter disappeared from his view and dashed back to Lucy . She was surprised as it's the first time a stranger knocks on their door, the only solution she could come up with is run back to Lucy and tell her .

Such thing was obviously unnecessary, Lucy detected when he knocked on the door and knew he was the Flame Emperor but why would he come here?

She walked to the door to talk him but Usui was momentarily mesmerized by her beauty . Miya was beautiful too but it's the first time he felt like this . He was not like any other men, he kept a calm attitude and snapped out of it in a split second .

Lucy coldly stared at him for second before speaking with her usual tone

"You are?"

"A-ah please excuse my rudeness . My name is Usui Airborn, I'm a Hero from the International Hero Organization . "

Lucy frowned and remained silent, expecting him to continue talking or at least state the reason he came but it didn't appear he'll say anything besides that . Without bothering with him too much, she closed the door straight on his face .

Seeing the door closing, Usui stretched his hand and hurriedly said

"Aren't you going to invite a guest in?"

Unfortunately for him, his hopes were crushed by Lucy's immediate reply

"Guests are not welcome . . . neither are men . "

'Bang!'

The door closed and Lucy went back to the living room and sat cross-legged, completely forgetting about what happened just now . Flame Emperor or whatnot, none of that attracted, in fact, Arthur would be fuming with jealousy if he saw her talk to such a handsome and successful young man . Just as she easily gets jealous, so is Arthur but since Lucy naturally despises men, situations like these never happened before .

"Who was that man?"

Saly was curious about Usui but Lucy did not provide her with an honest answer, she just said

"No one . "

Unfortunately for the mother, Saly was quite intrigued so she pondered for a moment then added

"Is he one of those children in TV who asks for a candy or trick?"

" . . . No, he's the security guy . "

Delia came in with a haughty air and a cup of Tea, she sat on the couch, one thigh on another and spread her arms, taking more space than needed . She looked at the ceiling and mumbled

"Seriously . . . such advanced technology yet weak residents . . . why would they cast this world so far . . . "

'Ring Ring!'

The day after, Saly did the same thing and ran to open the door only to be welcomed by the same security guy from yesterday . Usui was wearing a different suit but he still had the usual friendly smile and polite etiquette .

Before he could utter a word, the little girl disappeared and ran back to Lucy . Unlike last time, Lucy didn't waste time to speak with him and Delia went in her place .

Delia much more annoyed by clingy people . She didn't even give Usui the time to greet her or bow before she snapped at him

"We did not call for a plumber!"

'Bang!'

Poor Usui was left dumbfounded and confused, he did not have the chance to talk before he was cast out and treated for a 'plumber'

'I'm a plumber? a plumber . . . plumber . . '

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On the third day that Usui came to visit, Lucy and Delia went to the dungeon to clear an extra floor and only Saly and Randiun were left in the apartment .

Usui came at the perfect time because he wanted to build a good relationship and possibly learn more about these mysterious people, his goal, for now, is to become the little girl's friend then he'll try befriending the two others, although becoming buddies with Delia is something impossible, it's unfortunate that he didn't know that yet .

Opening the door for the third time and seeing the same face she was curious about, Saly was in a dilemma on whether to let him in or do the same as Delia .

She couldn't speak Korean and only one or two English words like 'Hello' or 'Thanks' . After standing there for half a minute, not knowing what to do, Saly decided to invite him as she could feel he is weak and the stranger danger rule doesn't apply if she can beat him, what's more, is that Randiun is here .

Seeing that he was welcomed after trying for several days, Usui was overjoyed . He just wished it doesn't go wrong when Lucy comes back and finds him, judging by her character, it'll be a miracle if he's not trashed by Delia and Lucy or even killed as Lucy loathes men .

Just when Usui entered the living room, he suddenly stopped and stared with astonishment and wide eyes at a creature sitting near the TV .

It was a large two-headed lizard made of bones, its tail had a burning black flame on its tip and it doesn't seem to be a temporary fire .

Usui couldn't see its level or if it was even a monster but he was scared the hell out by it and couldn't keep advancing . Saly noticed Usui's face turned white as paper and sweat on his forehead, she waved her hands innocently and crouched next to Randiun, stroking his bony head .

The creature waved his tail around and kept snoring without minding Usui as he didn't feel he was a threat . As for the Flame Emperor, he was almost about to cast his spells at the lizard but once he saw it didn't attack him, he breathed a small sigh of relief .

He was still cautious and afraid of it, nonetheless, he sat on the couch and smiled at Saly while glancing at Randiun every now and then .

Two people sitting silently on the couch and both of them couldn't speak the language of the other, quite a tricky situation but Usui came prepared, he took an exclusive and unique candy from his pocket and gave it to the curious Saly who sniffed it .

The 15th floor was full of evolved versions of the lizards on the first floor, they could spit fire and had several parties with warriors and defenders, nevertheless, these monsters were still easily obliterated by Lucy who finished all of them in a few seconds .

An hour later, the team left the dungeon with a hopping Saku and a laughing Guan Gi, their loot was extraordinary, to the point of not having enough space to stock all of them . Guan Gi had to drag them on the ground which made him tired but he ignored that fatigue and happily did the job .

Lucy was not going to bother helping them in this, she gave them decent equipment which allows them to solo few high floors on their own and that was more than enough, in fact, she did that only because Delia kept pestering her .

Once they left the dungeon and separated, Lucy glared at Delia, who kept drinking again and again to the point that it became annoying .

"You can't check the whole area around Earth but go check the Moon, it is rather close . "

"Arghh! I told you it's useless to do that! There is NO ONE AROUND!"

Cold air circled around Lucy as her Yin power was slowly being unleashed, she coldly stared back at the complaining Delia and seriously said

"Go now! Or when Arthur comes back, I'll have him lock you again, never to see the light of day again or taste whatever you're drinking . "

Being locked wasn't a problem for Delia but having no wine? That's a catastrophe . Delia harrumphed and turned into a flash of light before disappearing .

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"Why do I have to follow her orders? I can still hide away and wait until he comes back . . . but what if he never comes back?"

Honestly, she wanted to say that to Lucy but she knew if she said it, Lucy would not hesitate on attacking her and seriously try to kill her . Lucy was quite sensitive about Arthur's topic . If she really said that, she would have to face a bitter fight against that cold witch .

As she left Earth's atmosphere and felt the Dark Matter around her, Delia felt her body weakening . It was a bit suffocating and uncomfortable to move around as if imprisoned in a dark room devoid of air .

Fortunately, the Moon wasn't far so in just a few minutes, she arrived near the small planet . It was only a sphere covered by gray dirt and nothing else, what else could she search in here?

If the surroundings did not have any Dark Matter, teleporting next to the Moon was easy but her powers are limited here, moreover, she lost one of her wings which made things even worse .

A few minutes were spent circling around the Moon but nothing was found . When it was finally time to go back, Delia happened to catch a glimpse of a humanoid figure .

To have a clear view, she floated a bit closer only to be surprised by the sight . If she saw this on Earth, it would have been normal but not on the Moon, where no mortal could survive without air or special life-saving treasure .

There, laid on the gray dirt of the Moon was an old man with a long white beard . What's more surprising is that he was hugging a pillow and a pink blanket was covering him .

"What the- . . "

With cautious, Delia drew closer to him but no matter how much she probed him, she couldn't guess his Realm so the only reason is

'Flash!'

The remaining wing of Delia appeared and a long Holy Spear materialized in her hand . To be like this in a place devoid of air and with the presence of such thick quantities of Dark Matter, this cannot be a normal person, if it is a person that is .

'At least a Sovereign, at least '

When Delia was only a hundred meters away from him, the old man woke up and looked at her with sleepy eyes . He seemed to be on the verge of falling asleep and if left alone, he'll really sleep .

"Ah . . . you . . . I think . . . think you are one of the Gods down there?"

His tone was slow and he would doze off for a second before continuing to talk, it was a weird sight to witness, even Delia was left speechless .

"Who are you?"

For a Sovereign to be leisurely sleeping in here, it's not a good sign, Delia could already foresee the trouble that'll come . Fighting in a disadvantageous place with half of her wings lost, it'll be impossible to beat a peak God, much less a Sovereign!

"Me? I'm Snory but I should be the one asking you that . . . not you *snore*"

Seeing the old man hug his pillow again and resume sleeping, a vein appeared from Delia's forehead and her anger meter was rising like crazy . Despite knowing he's stronger, being treated like air is not an everyday thing for her .

Her Holy Spear was suddenly thrown at him, you could only see a flash of light charging at the sleeping old man with unfathomable speed .

Delia was expecting a movement from his at least but he didn't even lift a finger . The Holy Spear struck a small thing that suddenly appeared in the air . When the Holy Spear dispersed and vanished, all that could be seen as a pillow . Yes, it was a pillow .

A pink pillow with two eyes, a wide mouth, and 4 very short limbs .

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"I-I'm seeing things right? Too much wine is a bad thing after all "

Delia rubbed her eyes as she stared at the jumping pillow . Her Holy Spear was just stopped by a living pillow, how is that possible?

Again and again, Delia looked back and forth between her hands and the pillow but the thing didn't disappear, it merely chuckled and stuck its tongue to her, clearly mocking her .

Delia's wing flapped and created countless Holy Spears that charged at the pillow, willing to finish it once and for all . Delia thought she was hallucinating but after some reasoning, it didn't appear to be the case, it's certainly that old man's ability .

What was seen next left her speechless yet again, the pink pillow started jumping at an incredible speed and when the spear was going to hit it, it would open its mouth and gulp the whole spear, like it was a just a snack .

It was supposed to be a devastating and deadly attack not just food for the living pillow . More than a hundred Holy Spear was eaten by it and when nothing was left, the pillow burped and faced Delia again .

"This is not possible even a Sovereign cannot be this strong "

The difference between the Sovereign Realm and the God Realm is big, but not to the point that a peak God like her cannot even make the other party lift a finger and rely on a pillow .

Her wing started flapping rapidly, she retrieved a special Holy Spear with golden runes and symbols around it . She tightly held the shaft and rushed at the pillow .

'To think I would be struggling against a pillow '

Even her confidence was a bit hurt when she imagined herself going all out against a small pillow that could move . Delia was a Holy Goddess that was very good at using Holy Magic but she was the strongest in wielding spears .

As she appeared in front of the pillow, she mercilessly stabbed the pillow and said

"Die you annoying little shit!"

The white spear stabbed right through the pillow, creating a hole in its center, the mouth and one of the eyes disappeared and before Delia could celebrate, the pillow turned blurry and appeared a few meters to the right, without any wound . It's as if it was not struck .

When she saw this process, Delia backed down and stared at old man whilst angrily yelling

"Stop messing around! I know you're using an advanced illusion, come and fight me like a man!"

Illusion, that's the thing that was happening right now . A very advanced illusion, this Sovereign must be good at using illusions . It is not just about making the target hallucinating, if the user is good enough, he can easily kill his opponents with illusions . Whether making them relive an endless cycle and killing them in reality or make them be tortured endlessly until their mind and soul are broken .

There are countless types of illusions and Delia was stuck in a simple but deadly one . If he wants it, she can be imprisoned in here and have to fight a living pillow for the rest of her life unless she can unleash a stronger power than the laid illusion or have a special item to get out of here .

The most effective way to get rid of illusions is either lightning or spatial magic . Those two are very effective and can easily dispell it .

"Shuush . . . let me take a short nap . "

A voice entered Delia's ears, the figure of the sleeping old man disappeared and only the pillow was still there, to make it even worse, it multiplied to three pillows moving around and dancing .

"WHAT? FIGHT ME, YOU OLD DIRTY DRUNKARD!"

"You are so loud let me sleep in peace "

"Then let me out of your sick illusion! Fucking old man!"

Delia, enraged by the pillows, swept with her spears, blowing them away and making them disappear, every time they appeared, she would jump at them and stab again and again .

As if he could not handle her loud and annoying voice, the old man stopped whatever he was casting and finally, Delia was out of the illusion and the countless little spawn devils vanished .

Seeing the old man still sleeping in the middle of nowhere and not minding here, she stored back her spear and seriously said

"What's a Sovereign doing here?"

It was apparent he wasn't going to hurt her for some odd reason so she started her interrogation . Hearing her speak again, the old man covered his head with his pillow and complained

"Come on I let you out so quit being noisy . "

"I'm not stopping until you answer me! Not stopping Not stopping Not stopping Not stopping!"

The old man couldn't handle it anymore, he got up and stared at her with his usual sleepy eyes and replied with a lazy tone

"Look . . . just go back to Earth and mind your own business "

'What an annoying woman! It's as if I'm dealing with a noisy baby . . . '

"You said I was one of the Gods previously, what does that mean?"

"It means . . . that . . . too lazy to explain so let me sleep now . "

Snory didn't mind Delia anymore and continued sleeping, even after Delia kept making noise, he still didn't wake up so she could only go back to Earth with all her question unanswered .

Lucy sensed the presence of an extra person in the apartment . When she probed that person, she found out it was Usui, the person who kept coming, again and again, every day despite being ditched .

Usui kept a close look at Randiun, fortunately, the lizard was sleeping since the moment he came . If the lizard woke up, he didn't know how to react, he really couldn't get used to sitting next to such a monster .

The good thing is that his relationship with Saly improved by a bit, the candy trick worked and Saly seemed to enjoy eating them . They couldn't communicate freely but despite that, they still became friends due to his character .

"Mommy!"

Seeing that Lucy just came in, Saly rushed to her and leaped into her arms . She would do this everytime Lucy came in and it has already become a habit of hers .

"Didn't I warn you not to open the door to strangers?"

Lucy pulled her cheeks and reprimanded but she wasn't particularly angry with Lucy as she was still a kid and she must have felt that Usui is not dangerous .

"B-But mister security is not a bad person . . . he gave me candy and didn't steal anything!"

Saly tried to persuade Lucy that Usui was not a bad person, which he wasn't obviously but Lucy didn't like persistent people, much less if they are men .

With Saly walking behind her, Lucy headed toward Usui who was smiling back at her .

"I see that you invited yourself in . "

"I would never! It's this little girl who welcomed me in . "

As he said that Usui waved his hand to Saly, who waved back at him . Lucy ignored both of them and glared at Randiun, who instinctively felt her stare and was jolted awake from his sweet nap . It took him a few seconds to comprehend that he did something wrong . Being glared at by Lucy was the thing he hated the most, the poor lizard didn't even know why she was angry so when his lifeless eyes landed on Usui, he found a perfect target to vent his frustration on .

With his mouth opening wide and showing those long fangs, the sight was scary to behold and Usui couldn't help but back away, even his smile stiffened and face turned pale like earlier .

"Grrrrr"

Randiun, with his tail waving around and the black flame burning on its tip, began closing in on Usui only to be suddenly jumped at by Saly, who rode him like a horse and said

"Stop it, Randi! Uncle security is a guest! Let's play . . . "

Randiun could only obey and dash to the other room with Saly to avoid Lucy's stare and get some rest from her piercing cold eyes .

Now that the kid is not around, Usui had no one to rely upon, he could only smile back at Lucy and wait for her to talk .

"You have stayed long enough, get out now . "

With the front door open, Lucy coldly said that . She didn't even wait for Usui to do that before turning around and ignoring him .

"Wait wait! Please wait a moment Miss Lucy!"

Despite him telling her to wait, Lucy did not pay him any heed . Usui was depressed when he saw that even begging didn't help so he could only cough and resume speaking

"Miss Lucy . . . the reason I came in is to propose something to you I want you and Miss Delia to join our team but that's not the main reason . To be honest, my wish is to become the strongest but since Goddess Miya appeared, all I want is to surpass her, seeing that you and your team cleared floor after floor, I came to the conclusion that you too have powers equal to Goddess Miya so I became interested in you two, just like any other person .

That's what I thought before I meet you but I'm an honest man and I repeatedly came here not to just say propose that offer, that's only a secondary reason . The main one is to confess my love to you, it was love at first thought and I really think I'm the perfect man for you . Me, the strongest man and you, the strongest female, we'll be the best couple . "

Lucy stopped walking for a second but hearing the second part, she smirked and thought to herself

'Hehehe, if Arthur heard you right now, you'll be crippled . '

Usui's eyes glowed as he confessed his honest love but Lucy walked to her room and ignored him so he could only go back with a dejected face and dropped shoulders . Before leaving he said 'I'm not giving up yet!' then he closed the door and left .

Delia, who arrived just in time to hear the confession, grinned and followed Lucy whilst saying

"Isn't that an honest and honorable man? It's so manly ahh, your heart must have been moved by what you heard, right?"

"If it's so manly, then why don't you take him as your man?"

Hearing Lucy saying that with an emotionless face, she knew that despite what Usui said, Lucy considered it as air, it's a pity for him but he really doesn't have a chance . The Holy Goddess hugged herself and retorted

"I can't date him, he's too young for me "

"Tch! Noisy old hag . "

Delia was immersed in imagining her golden age and the time where people would worship the Overgod Delia but these dreams were crushed by what Lucy said

"What?! I dare you to say tha-"

'Bang!'

The door was slammed at her face, Lucy left her talking alone and joined Saly in the room . Delia couldn't find the courage to destroy the door and barge in despite being angry so she stomped her feet and went to the balcony .

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In a desolate black castle, devoid of any light and emitting an ominous aura, there were two figures inside its biggest hall, one was sitting on a throne made of bones and the other was bending the knee to the one in front of him .

The one sitting on the throne had a blurry figure and no facial features, he strangely wore a black suit and was angrily tapping his finger on the throne's edge .

As for the servant, it was a humanoid figure with two dark and wide feathery wings and a horn sticking out of his forehead, he was Belos, 'X's most trusted subordinate .

"Argh! This is getting more and more troublesome . "

Bad news came one after another, he didn't even have enough time to deal with one, much less two or three . Belos was annoyed as always, for his master is complaining here instead of taking the necessary measures for the upcoming catastrophe .

"Master! Please take this seriously . The other parties have already announced their truce and even the Overgod of Light has stepped down, the only one remaining is you . "

"I know I know . . . what about Earth, is there any good news?"

Remembering the small planet he visited to get Arthur, 'X' became angrier and he couldn't help but cough mouthfuls of black blood . His mouth couldn't be seen, neither his face but black blood still came out of his unclear face .

"Nothing . The God we sent didn't spot Arthur and the only strange this is the appearance of the dungeons . They were most likely put there by the System . "

"Ah! The System and its weird plotting! Last time I sneaked in their property, that lazy old bastard almost killed me, I didn't even disturb anyone yet they are so aggressive . Talk about strict! *Cough* "

Belos didn't know why his master was so persistent on getting Arthur, sure, the orb was a priceless treasure but it's not worth provoking the System, not worth at all!

He kept his thoughts to himself and waited for his master to give orders .

"Go and announce that we'll be stepping down too . We're abandoning this place too, I can't fight 'them' with my current state, we better hide and wait for it to pass . "

"As you command!"

Belos vanished from the hall and left 'X' alone in the vast and gloomy hall . You could only hear the angry tapping of 'X' as he thought about the rising problems and how his luck is getting worse after he met Arthur .

'If I had that orb . . . no calamity or person would be able to stop me '

Just thinking about the precious orb that he spent countless years creating it and now it inside a mere mortal made him feel bitter and depressed, maybe it was foolish to put it inside a subject in the first place?!

In the Underworld, the strong factions had suddenly united and the leaders are currently facing each other and are discussing an important matter .

Granny Shishu and Jizung in a side and facing them were Kilan and Aborak . Jizung dropped in Grade but he was barely able to join this meeting, his position dropped and his influence decreased by a lot, his clan has already become a second-grade Clan as most of his elders were obliterated by Arthur and Lissandra is still missing .

"Are you sure about this, Lich King?"

Granny Shishu had sent several elders to search for Miya but to no avail, she wanted to personally search but this sudden matter popped out of nowhere and she had to halt the search for now . She didn't totally believe in legends as she was not an original citizen of the Underworld so she doubted Aborak's words .

"You may not know this but the last time the Behemoth woke up is ten thousand years ago and it was only to defeat the calamities . Since then, it has been slumbering and didn't bother with the disputes in the Underworld . You heard its howl a week ago and if it woke up then something is coming, there is no doubt . "

With his two lifeless eyes pulsing with purple light and his cold tone, Aborak explained the situation as he gazed at the South where the Abyss Valley . Kilan also had a grim face and a furrowed brows instead of his usual creepy smile, it was apparent that he was in a bad mood and the matter was not just a joke .

"But isn't it the Underworld a "

Before Jizung could finish, Granny Shishu glared at him indicating that he should shut up and refrain from saying unnecessary things .

Far to the South, in the secluded palace, where the meditating middle-aged usually stayed, there was currently a large purple beast, the beast was so big to the point that you could see it from hundreds of miles away . It had one missing leg and a huge burn mark on its belly all the way to its neck .

The middle-aged man from before was standing on the beast's head and staring at the starry sky with a complicated look .

"One strange thing after another . . . it has only been ten thousand years yet you're so impatient to act . . . it's not going to work . . . it's not enough, not in the slightest . . . "

The beast roared loudly, shaking the ground and creating a thunderstorm which raged and spread around all the Abyss Valley .

It has been a few days since Delia came back and recounted what happened to Lucy, who only nodded and didn't comment, she didn't even ask her what the old man looked like which confused Delia .

But less work meant more relaxing time for her, she completely forgot about Snory and resumed drinking and enjoying the high-end life .

Usui kept visiting every day but he would be rejected at the front door, he thought that his honest confession would allow him to enter the house at least but Lucy became even colder toward him, with a sigh, he could only turn back and leave every time the door was slammed in his face .

A week passed yet Lucy didn't go to the dungeon, Saku contacted her but Lucy only said that she's taking a break and they are free to enter the dungeon if they want . They earned enough money to live their lifetimes in happiness so why would they enter the dungeon on their own? They earned fame, good items, and money so unless Lucy comes with them, they aren't courageous enough to deal with higher floors .

Today too, Usui came in but was told to leave by Delia who mercilessly threw him out using her Holy Magic . The poor young man didn't even resist, with dirtied clothes and a sad expression, he bowed at Delia who was smirking when she saw his trashed attire and then he left dejectedly .

Delia just slammed the door and was going to the balcony when the ringing sound was heard again, her first and only guess was that Usui came back again .

The door was opened abruptly and just as Delia was going to throw him out of the balcony, she was met with an old man with a pajama .

It was Snory, unlike his usual sleepy and lazy expression, his face had a serious expression and he didn't seem to be here just to joke around .

Since he knocked and didn't barge in, Delia was not bold enough to kick him and be stuck fighting living pillows so she coughed and forced smile as she let him .

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Five years passed since Lucy and co arrived on Earth . On a deserted island in the Pacific Ocean, a black whirlpool materialized slowly until it was the size of a small bus . The black whirlpool didn't spin for a long time, only for a couple of minutes and it only vanished when a couple of figures appeared .

The most noticeable one was Arthur, with long gray hair . His appearance was a bit different as he had only one eye opened, the left one had a sword-scar . He was holding Makaze, the dark katana but it was half its original size and it seemed to be broken .

Taking a breath of fresh air, Arthur looked at his surroundings and commanded with a cold and domineering tone

"Disperse, search for it . "

The first who acted was Astrith, who was way bigger and was no longer a blue wolf but was jet black with two red eyes .

"This one obeys . "

The wolf transformed into a black shadow that disappeared into the horizon .

"As you wish . "

"Hai Hai! I'm on it . "

Several other figures followed after Astrith and went on ahead . The only ones left are Arthur and a short Loli girl who resembled a Doll, she had long black hair that reached the ground and was holding a white teddy bear .

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Not even a second passed after Arthur was separated from Lucy, and here he was, standing in the same deserted room that he used to travel to the Underworld .

Only the Golem was transferred with him to Astria, as for Lucy and the rest, he didn't know where they were sent to which infuriated Arthur .

"Fuck!"

From anger, Arthur started furiously slamming the wall with his fists until there was nothing left yet he continued doing it until for a couple of minutes . It was helpful as releasing some of his frustration was the only thing he could do .

Not only was he not able to teleport with them, he doesn't even know where they are . Maybe a dangerous world? Maybe his wife and daughter are fighting while putting their life on the line? So many things could happen and it was partially the mysterious man's fault . Zodiak should not have interfered too but Arthur couldn't blame him as Zodiak probably did so before they went to the Underworld so he could assure that Arthur comes back .

After Arthur managed to calm down and think things through, he left the room and found himself in the old territory of the Ma Clan which was destroyed by the fight between Lissandra and Anastassia .

With no one around, Arthur didn't linger around for long, he turned around and headed West . The only place he could go to right now is the Western Continent, where he officially founded his and Lucy's clan . Every time he thought of Lucy, his heart would ache and his feeling would storm, leaving him stressed and anxious about her and Saly's safety .

Delia and Randiun were with them, nonetheless, there is the small chance that they too, were separated and that is a possibility Arthur would rather not think about .

With his speed, Arthur arrived on the Western Continent in no time, his destination was the place where he talked to Jakob for the last time .

Time flows differently on Astria and the Underworld . Arthur and Lucy stayed a couple of months in the Underworld but On Astria, it has already been one year and a half, almost double the time spent in the Underworld .

The MoonStar sect had spread in almost the whole continent and its influence is on par with the Human Empire and The Demons . Unlike other clans and sect, per Arthur's orders, the sect didn't remain reclusive . It announced itself to the world and despite a lot of forces joining to eradicate it, they weren't able to .

One because the clan had an incredibly strong leader, second because there were three bones dragons with one being unbeatable . There was also a Lv800 Red Minotaur which is permanently guarding the sect's territory and roaming it every day . Surprisingly, the Minotaur was not aggressive against the sect members but any intruder was brutally killed by it .

The Human Emperor expressed his neutrality and didn't act against the sect knowing that it belonged to Arthur, moreover, Arthur was his benefactor as he gave him an army of skeletons which are constantly staying on the border and defending the humans from any sudden attack from the Demons .

Currently, Anastassia was temporarily taking the position of the Patriarch until Arthur and Lucy came back . Jakob trained hard in the past year and a half and raised his Level all the way to 674 . It was an infinite grind but he took care of the miscellaneous stuff related to the Sect . It recruited strong warrior and countless arrogant ones were kicked from the sect . They belonged to the old tribe of Jakob but it was cleaned when he and Anastassia took over .

Although the sect was situated in a desert, there were countless buildings created and with the presence of some Oasis, it wasn't too shallow . Anastassia brought all her remaining clan members to the sect . She managed to breakthrough to the Heavenly Realm and her little sister, Sonia, finally reached the Spirit Realm .

"What's the situation?"

With her usual expressionless face, Anastassia asked Jakob who was busy writing on some scrolls . He paused for a second to reply then he resumed writing

"Nothing . The Yan Clan made an alliance with the Demons and are pressuring us but nothing too dangerous . If we launch a serious attack with the three dragons, we'll annihilate them in two days at most . "

"Remember, we yearn for coexistence not wage war against any enemy that pops against us . "

"Yeah yeah, I know, that's all you have been saying for the past year . "

Jakob didn't seem to be scared of Anastassia despite her strength and cold attitude, in a funny way, the two of them got along pretty well . After the short talk, Anastassia went into a corner and sat cross-legged, she would do this all day and it was a good way to practice and increase her strength .

She is at the middle-stages of the Heavenly Realm, if it went well, she would break through to the next Realm in the next 6 months . It's a strange occurrence but the amount of Mana and Qi on Astria thickened and became denser once Arthur left .

Just as Anastassia was going to enter meditation, her eyes suddenly opened and her daggers were unsheathed with lightning speed, she was looking sharply at a certain corner of the room, where a black shadow appeared .

After gazing at the shadow for a second, Anastasia put her daggers down but she her eyes were still glued on Arthur .

"It's been a while . "

Jackob was focused on writing and by the look of it, he was immersed in it, only when Arthur's sound rang in his ears did he freak out, almost falling from the chair . With a dumbfounded look, he looked at Arthur, appeared out of nowhere, but it isn't a strange thing since it's Arthur, the reason Jackob was surprised was due to how suddenly Arthur appeared .

"A,ah Ar--*cough* Patriach Arthur hahaha, it's nice to see you are back . "

Contrary to Jackob, Anastassia remained silent for some time, it's not that she hated Arthur, but she was feeling a bit guilty after what happened . From her point of view, it was totally her fault that Saly got abducted since she couldn't properly protect her, so basically, she didn't know how to face Arthur .

"Why the long face? Is that how you greet an old friend?"

Arthur walked to Anastassia and stretched his hand to shake her hands . He had a positive impression of her, she helped him and provided shelter for him and Lucy back in the days . She wasn't a bad person, she was just bad at communicating with people to the point of making it awkward most of the time .

After a moment of awkward silence, the slim white hand of Anastassia was lifted and soon, both parties shook hands . Anastassia was feeling a bit strange, she truly didn't know what to do, fortunately, Jackob was here to liven up the gloomy atmosphere that SHE created .

As if they are old best friends, Jackob walked up to Arthur and patted his shoulders whilst saying

"Did you forget about me? I sacrificed so much for you and worked hard for the task you entrusted me to do"

His attitude changed a lot but it's a good thing at least that he was not fearful of Arthur . Moreover, Arthur didn't dislike such attitude, Jackob was an honest man, albeit he did nothing for him in the past, from the look of it, he worked hard as he noticed that his Level rose by a lot!

"I didn't . I remember you quite well, I see that you worked hard in my absence but I'm sure I don't need to reward you since we're friends, right?"

Poor Jackob who was expecting to receive a dragon as a mount became dejected as his smile stiffened for a second . He patted Arthur's shoulder a second time before bitterly saying

"Urgh . . . it's fine, being the vice-patriarch is more than enough for me . "

. . .

After finishing the short reunion, Arthur, Anastassia, and Jackob sat around a table to discuss the serious stuff . Arthur was about to speak when the ever-so silent Anastassia finally uttered her first words

"Where is Lucy? . . . And Saly?"

Her relationship with Saly has always been good, she even trained her sometimes and showed her some special techniques, she deeply cared for her that's why she was feeling guilty about what happened .

For a second, Arthur's eyes gleamed with a cold light and turned gray just like his hair but it disappeared by the next second .

"A lot of stuff happened . . . we got separated on the way here . "

Jakob didn't know what exactly happened, Anastassia only told him that Arthur went to far away place to search for Saly, hearing that they got separated on the way, he pitied Arthur and said

"Patriarch, I'll dispatch a few groups to search around the continents, we can also send the drag-"

Jakob was interrupted as Arthur waved his hand to stop him from doing something foolish and useless

"No need, they are not in any of the continents . . . if it was that easy, I would be able to find them in a day . . . *sigh*"

This time, it was Anastassia who talked, her tone had a hint of anxiousness in it .

"D-Do you know where were they teleported to?"

With another sigh, Arthur shook his head and answered

"No . . . but I have a few guesses "

Arthur didn't even know a way to search for them . When they were in that spatial tunnel, he saw a car shadow so they are most probably on Earth but he wasn't too sure of that guess as he might be hallucinating . Maybe the end of the tunnel only showed his past memories, past life so many possibilities .

The atmosphere turned dead silent as no one talked . Jakob knew that it was not his place to interfere so he just remained silent, as for Anastassia, she seemed to be lost in thought, pondering about something .

Arthur waved his hand, retrieving a blue orb from his storage which quickly transformed into Lissandra, who wore tattered and torn clothes and wasn't in the best condition . Being locked in that orb and to top it off, whilst being a mortal, it was surely not pleasant .

"You!"

Anastassia appeared in front of Lissandra, crouching and holding the two daggers on her throat .

"Don't kill her, she's but a mere Mortal now, no need to bother . Plus, I need her . "

Seeing the figure of the person she mocked and trashed a few months ago, Lissandra face paled and she couldn't help but shiver . It's fortunate that she didn't slaughter the whole clan and focused on finding Saly and fighting Anastassia or else the clan master would not have shown mercy despite what Arthur said .

Anastassia begrudgingly lowered her daggers and backed away from Lissandra but she was still looking at her with cold eyes, emanating thick killing intent . She was like a tiger that would leap at its target in any given second .

"W-What's h... happening?"

Lissandra was petrified when she looked at Anastassia but she managed to calm down just a bit after hearing Arthur . This didn't stop the fact that Anastassia was furious and wanted to vent her anger . Knowing her attitude, Arthur could only sigh and add

"She destroyed your clan, she suffered enough . . . at least for now . "

He walked behind Anastassia and whispered into her ears with a low voice

"When I'm done with her, you're free to do whatever you want . "

With killing intent still lingering in her eyes, Anastassia could only step back and hold back her anger . As for Arthur, he crouched in front of Lissandra and smiled while saying

"It's interrogation time . "

Lissandra forgot about her origins, past strength and everything that has a connection with what she did, her only thought is not dying, if it meant replying to him honestly, then that's what she'll do .

"Y, Yes, I'll answer!"

A Dark dagger appeared on the tip of Arthur's finger, who played with it and smirked .

"I don't have to repeat the rules . . . or do I?"

Heavily shaking her head, Lissandra unconsciously backed away when she saw the dagger and tried her best not to infuriate him .

Jackob, who was sitting at the back, felt his heartache when he saw such a beauty was the enemy . It appears that Anastassia and Arthur didn't like her .

'Well . . . I have Anastassia, I just need to take it slowly . . . yes . . slowly . '

"Do you know who to access Earth?"

"E-Earth?"

Lissandra was confused as it's the first time she heard about that . For her or anyone that doesn't know about Earth, the word 'Earth' is referring to the ground or maybe the attribute . . . which is why she was left speechless without answering .

"It's a planet but it hasn't any dungeons, magic or anything of the sort . The technology is advanced in it . "

Arthur kind of expected this kind of response, so he tried to describe it perhaps Lissandra has some hints .

"N-no . . . There i-is a lot of planets that do not have magic and is home to mortals but as far as I remember . . t-there is no planets with that n-name . . . "

Sighing, Arthur shook his head in disappointment as he got nothing from her, just as he was about to stop this useless interrogation, Lissandra spoke again

"T-there is a chance that it's a planet that belongs to The System "

"What do you mean by that?"

"It's complicated to describe what The System is, you can consider as an unknown e-entity . It controls a universe of its own and no one is permitted to enter without its consent . "

"U-Universe?"

"A-Ah . . y-you don't know about the Universe Trinity? Ah ah, let me e-explain . A-after you become a God and start visiting many Realms and planets you will come to know that there are three known Universes .

The one we are currently in is called The Cloud Sea Universe . The second one is the one that belongs to the System, it has a strange name . It's called the X-TR 500 . As for the last one, it is called the Heaven and Hell . Usually, no Universe interferes with another, no wars or anything . People are free to go to the three of them but the second one is hard to enter as you need access from the System, you'll be forced to follow a lot of rules, so it's the biggest Universe but it's almost devoid of people . "

Lissandra stopped talking for a couple of seconds to take some breather, becoming a Mortal made it even difficult for her to walk . She was so low-leveled that she may be weaker than a normal human .

" E-Earth, the planet you mentioned is most likely in the System's Universe because, in the two other Universes, there is no such planet with that name but you said that there is no System on E-Earth, so I cannot be s-sssure "

Arthur's face was gloomy when Lissandra glanced at it, for a second she thought she was going to get tortured . With shaking hands, she waited for him to react but when he did, she couldn't help but back away from him until her back was facing the wall .

"See! You can do it when you try . "

Arthur patted her shoulder and at the same time, an invisible force broke the chains around her feet and hands, making her feel a bit comfortable . It's not like he was setting her free, she's still his prisoner but she's just a mortal, she can't escape even if she tried, neither can she sneak attack him .

"You are free to roam wherever you want as long as it's inside the sect's territory you can consider 'it' your guard . "

What Arthur referred to was a 2 meter tall Death Knight that had a long axe on its back . Its two lifeless eyes were staring at Lissandra and it didn't seem it'll stop anytime soon . Arthur ordered it to protect her from any dangers and stop her if she tries to do anything suspicious .

Lissandra was surprisingly obedient, she slowly backed away and left the room after ascertaining that it was not a trap . The Death Knight right after her which freaked her at first but when he did nothing, she breathed a sigh of relief and walked away .

"Why did you let her go "

Anastassia was against this as she wanted to imprison Lissandra so she could not plot against them again .

"No need to worry, she's a mortal . . . or even weaker than that . I took her storage, powers . Plus, that guard is at the Spirit Realm . "

Despite hearing this, she wasn't pleased, she snorted and sat angrily on the chair . As for Jakob, he was feeling depressed when he saw Arthur spawn a Spirit Realm in a second . He trained for a year yet he is still weaker than a Death Knight that was created a second ago, his sense of accomplishment vanished and his thirst for strength was ignited .

"So . . . I'll let you two handle the sect, I need to do something . "

With that, Arthur teleported out of the room before the two of them could complain . He searched for a place to seclude himself for while . The search was not long, in two hours he was able to find a perfect place . It was at the center of the Human Continent and precisely in a thick forest full of dangerous beasts .

Behind a big waterfall was a wide cave that suited his desires . With a simple play of his Earth Magic, he was able to build a decent room for himself . He can't go around aimlessly although he wanted to find Lucy immediately . Things need to be done properly .

If what Lissandra and Delia were true, he needed a Spatial Stone but amongst the things he found in Zodiac's storage, there were no Spatial Stones . There sure were a lot of stones that resembled the description Delia gave him but none of them were named Spatial Stones . He thought that maybe the System made a mistake again but gave up on that idea soon after .

What he also needed to do is properly learn Alchemy . He already has it in Advanced but the trick was not just having it in Advanced, he doesn't have any experience it and it's the main key to use the Spatial Stone .

To travel to a specific world, especially one like Earth, which has no spatial tunnels in it, one needs to be a very good alchemist to transform a grand quantity of Spatial Stones in one Spatial Tunnel then direct it to Earth . What's that got to do with alchemy you say?

To burn or melt or even use a Spatial Stone, you need the Flame Essence, the same gray flame that Arthur possess . It was useless in battles but very effective in concocting pills .

Not only pills can help him breakthrough faster, it can heal wounds, recover Nether Energy at a faster rate and many other wonders .

Arthur was currently a 5th Grade Immortal . There was no Nether Energy on Astria so he has to rely on Mana which is not a very efficient way . Fortunately, the techniques he practices are unique and he had a special race . Possessing corpses can only give him a meager amount of Mental Power if not none . But the Stats are still increasing, he decided to possess endlessly until his stats reach a limit, then he'll focus on breaking through .

Standing alone in the empty room he just created, Arthur waved his hands and more than ten beast corpses appeared . He started possessing them like crazy but since their stats are not that high, it was quite a slow process . What's a bit surprising is albeit possessing hundreds of thousands of corpses, he was still earning unique passive skill and new active skills .

Most of them were useless of course but some are really helpful . His Poison Resistance had already reached max level so poison doesn't affect him as much, he had 30% damage reduction from poison . But that was not the only resistance skill he had it maxed .

Be it Sword Mastery, Spear Mastery, Dagger Mastery, Wind Magic, Water Magic, Healing Magic, he had them all on advanced .

But none of them would be useful in a proper fight against a God, if he does not rely on his powerful skill, he can't win . Putting Rizaki aside, he had his Dark Magic, Ancient Fire, flawless Sword Mastery coupled with Makaze's sharpness . There were also the countless passive skills he could activate if he found the perfect body .

Unfortunately, he only had two bodies left that could activate most of the passive skills, and procuring similar ones is very very difficult .

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About three hours after he began possessing like crazy, Arthur ran out of corpses and his stats still didn't reach a limit . With no other choice but to leave his new home and go find some, his only destination is his one and only provider .

He forgot to talk to Anastassia about Robin and ask about her location, it's been a while since they met so he was not sure if she is still amassing corpses for him but he sure hoped so .

In the clear blue sky, Arthur whistled through the air, creating lightning sounds as he was in his lightning form . All that could be seen was a white line that would appear and vanish every split second . As he was focusing on flying at top speed while adding the bonus Agility he got from all those previous corpses, his speed increased yet by another level .

He was heading to the Itas Continent first as the Headquarters of E-clips Company is there . A trip that takes a month or even more was finished in an hour by Arthur, who relied on his lightning form and Agility .

In no time, Arthur appeared outside of the main building of the E-clips Company .

"End all connections with the Yan Clan! I don't want to get involved with their stupid wars!"

Robin, who had drastically grown from the last time he met her, was currently sitting on a desk and ordering a few subordinates . Her grandfather was nowhere to be seen and she seemed to be another person, if not for the appraisal, Arthur would not have recognized her .

She wore glasses now and she seemed more mature . Arthur decided to enter normally and not just appear out of nowhere like the old fashion way .

'Knock knock!

"What is it, Nelson I told you to not bother me until you finished the tasks I assigned you with . "

The person wasn't the one Robin expected, it took her a moment to recognize Arthur . Unlike any time they met, she didn't yell at him or complain, she just stared back at him and remained silent .

"I see that a lot of things . . . have changed . "

Glancing back at the empty room and the new Robin, Arthur frowned for a second before he guessed something .

"It's been a while . . . Sir Arthur . "

"Indeed it has . The small girl has matured into a responsible lady it seems . . . Where is Belic?"

Hearing him, Robin's eye sharpened and her eyes turned a bit cold . She was calm on the outside but her feelings were in total disarray inside .

With a resolute and deadpan face, Robin lifted her head and stared back at Arthur, who welcomed himself and sat in the seat opposite of her .

"My Grandfather has unfortunately died . "

'So I was right . '

Their relationship was merely built on business but the old man was respectful to Arthur and helped him a lot, he doesn't mind taking revenge if he was killed by an enemy .

"How did he die?"

"Sir Arthur, we are business partners, I would like you to refrain from interfering in personal matters . "

Not minding what she said the least bit, Arthur stared back at her with an even colder look and repeated

"How?"

"Sir Ar-"

"If you are not going to tell me, I'll learn from another one, so why not spill the beans right now . "

Robin had no choice but to answer, as if not wanting to remember what happened, she kept it brief but Arthur noticed that she clenched her fists so tightly to the point that her nails dug deep into her flesh, making blood flow from them . She hid them under the desk but with his sense, nothing can escape from him . It was as clear that his death was unfair but she somehow overcame it and became a responsible person to take care of his company . Just by the fact that she didn't go back to her clan and managed everything by her own proves it .

"I-it was a simple trip to the Demon Continent to deliver an item but w-we were ambushed by a Black Mage and his troops, he killed everyone but m-my grandfather t-teleported me away . . . "

Robin couldn't even finish the sentence before starting to silently cry . That event was an emotional scar that she could not forget yet she repressed it deep into her mind, now that it resurfaced, she couldn't keep her emotions in check .

"Do you want vengeance? For it is the only thing I can offer as an old friend . "

Arthur speaking made Robin realize that she was not alone in the room, she rubbed the tears away and looked at Arthur with a strange look .

"W-Why would you help me?"

"Help? I'm paying back a favor . Nothing less, nothing more . "

Yes, he was helping her but he didn't say it out loud . She was putting up a cold front yet she was emotionally weak, if he said he was helping her, she may not have accepted it and would even have considered it as pity .

"Now then, what is your reply?"

Arthur patiently waited for Robin, who kept staring back at him seemingly lost in thought . After an unknown amount of time passed, she snapped out of her daze and said

"It can't be helped! Since you're paying back a favor then I cannot refuse, However! I must accompany you . "

There was a hint of happiness and relief in her tone . As if a huge burden has been lifted when she said that . She struggled over whether to accept or not but in the end, she decided to yield to her emotions .

"Alright, we will depart immediately . "

Arthur got up from his seat and was going to take Robin and fly to the Demon Continent was but he was stopped by Robin .

"Wait! We cannot just go blindly! That Black Mage is strong and we don't know where he is right now . We need to investigate first . "

Her serious demeanor returned and the glasses were pulled back in a classy manner . In some way or another, she liked being a bit bossy, even towards Arthur .

"That's futile . I'll find him quickly, you need not worry, just stay back and watch . "

Robin expected him to say that so she retorted while snorting

"Hmpf! Alright but I need to make some preparation, the trip is long to the Demon Continent after . "

"That is also unnecessary, we'll arrive in an hour, more or less and we'll come back after a day at most so no need to prepare anything . "

Robin was prepared to retort again but she choked on the words when she heard him, she stared at him as if he was a clown . Clearly, she didn't believe what he said, while putting her hands on waist and glaring back at him, she tsk'ed and said

"It's not because I accept your offer that you can mock me . I'm not the little girl from before . "

'You clearly are but whatever '

Arthur could only sigh and nod at Robin . He left the room after he told Robin to hurry up but he was relieved when she told him that everything will be done in five hours at most .

So, with nothing to do, Arthur strolled around the Elven village and contemplated the buildings and people . From boredom, he went to the public park and sat near the fountain to relax and enjoy some fresh air .

Kids were playing as usual and couples or easy-going people were lingering here and there . With nothing to do, he laid on the grass and looked to the sky only to see several thick branches high up in the air . His vision soon shifted to the gigantic tree not far away .

'Isn't that'

The tree he was looking at was the World Tree, the same tree that sent him flying miles away when he tried getting close to it to possess it . A mysterious voice rang in his ears last time and he didn't dare go back as the blow from the tree was by no means a simple blow, it was a fatal and deadly one . It spared his life but nonetheless, he was injured .

He had a bit of confidence now that he was way stronger than the past him who got beaten by the tree but he was still hesitating on whether to approach it or not .

His thoughts were urging him to do it but an alerting feeling kept stopping him and pulling him back .

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Not even 5 minutes after he started looking at the World Tree, Arthur started flying toward it . He just couldn't hold back his urges . Something about it was drawing him near it .

Just for precaution, Arthur possessed a Griffin made of bones . It was a weak race of Griffin but it nevertheless was one . With a body of a lion and a head of Eagle, all made of bones, Arthur flew toward the tree and activated [Eyes of The Noble Sea] .

[Eyes of The Noble Sea]: Lets the user see any kind of energy . Range and intensity depend on the intelligence stats of the user .

Cost: 500 Mana per second .

The lifeless eye sockets of the beast flashed with a blue light, dazzling and eye-catching . All around him, he could see blue lines of Mana in everything, be it the grass, plants or even air itself .

When his eyes shifted to the towering World Tree, he was surprised to see a cluster of Mana condensed in it and around it . It was so dense that Arthur front view was covered in blue . The Mana seemed to be spinning like a whirlpool and some it would disperse to the surroundings, merging with the ground .

It's the first time he saw such a high density of any Energy, even in the Underworld, when he possessed that wolf, none of the Gods had such high reserve of Nether Energy . This was beyond his imagination .

Seeing the beautiful yet worrying sight in front of him, Arthur's confidence wavered . Too many strange things happened all around Astria but this surpassed them all . He knew that the World Tree was giving life to the Itas Continent but the sheer quantity of Mana really made him feel a bit fearful .

The thing is, he was once attacked by it, so if it's sentient and decided to go all out, no matter how resistant he was, he can't defend against an attack containing that much Energy, not even a God could .

A thick Dark Barrier was created around him, and to be safer, he circulated the Dark-Star Body Strengthening-technique which created an extra defensive layer around his bare bones . The bones already turned jet black and illusory black claws appeared on the ancient shattered claws of the Griffin .

With an appearance that would scare anyone, black flames burning around the edges of his face and his two eyes still pulsating with a blue light, Arthur continued advancing .

When Arthur reached the exact place he was attacked on last time, his cautiousness rose and 'The Dark Anguish Technique' began circulating, making the black flames more intense and increasing the ominous aura that was being emanated from him .

5 meters . . . 10 meters . . .

He passed the place where he was attacked last time but his speed was very slow and it didn't seem he was going to accelerate . Slowly but surely, the distance between him and World Tree was decreasing . A few minutes later, Arthur was still as tense as before if not more .

His senses were on high alert and as he was advancing, his eyes caught a small fluctuation of Mana, without even thinking about the cause [Faster Than Death] was executed and he teleported a hundred meters back .

His eyes were gazing at the place he was previously at but nothing happened, instead, he felt a pushing force coming right at him so he teleported once again, backing away further yet the pushing force appeared to be way faster than his teleportation .

The Griffin emitted a loud noise, making the air turbulent and spat an incredibly big flame ball . The Dark Red Flameball was twice the size of the Beast and in less than a second, the invisible pushing force and his attack clashed with each other .

In terms of size, the flame ball that Arthur spat was not the biggest but he consumed 10% of his Mana and that is certainly not a meager amount . Ancient Flames normally doesn't consume Mana but if the user wishes it, he can sacrifice his Mana to make it a bit stronger .

'Whooooooooooooosh' 'Baaaaaaang'

As expected of the destructive Ancient Flames, it created a loud explosion once it crashed into the invisible force . Arthur could see that this force was like a wave, it was not dangerous and it only meant to push him further back . What's even more surprising is that his attack only managed to reduce the force by half before it vanished .

The damage done by his Ancient Flames was not enough but it's not like he'll just sit there and watch, with his Dark Barrier still up and the force being a dozen of meters away from him . Arthur opened his mouth again and started condensing a small Void Orb .

If destruction is not the solution, then being eaten by the Void is! A small, harmless-looking violet orb condensed inside the Griffin's mouths before it was spat at the incoming wave .

The second he spat the Orb, Arthur teleported some distance to the left and simultaneously activated the orb's power .

The Void Orb exploded at Arthur's command, transforming into countless creepy mouths . On the outside, it seemed they were eating the air but if one had eyes similar to Arthur's, they would be able to see the mouths devouring not only the air but the dispersed Mana around it .

Endless devouring, they were small in size but the expected clash didn't happen as the force was being devoured by the small mouths, which made them a bit bigger and more effective at devouring .

Arthur grinned, proud of the new skill he invented but it wasn't permanent and there is a limit to how much they could eat . Fortunately, the force almost disappeared and by the time the mouths were called back by Arthur, the pushing force was extinguished .

With a sigh, Arthur turned to look at the World Tree, which was as silent as ever . He knew it wasn't over, it was merely one attack but it took some effort to stop it .

Just as he was going to continue advancing, his eyes and sense caught several similar forces coming from all direction, as if wanting to crush him .

The forces were two times stronger than the first one, which made Arthur shiver unconsciously . The Griffin screeched and Its wings, which were just bones suddenly became two wide flaming wings .

'Merge Fire with Darkness, Darkness with Void!'

Arthur has never been able to merge attribute except in the Heavenly Arrow and even in that, he can't choose whatever he wants . Unlike Lucy, who managed to merge two opposed attributes, he was only successful in fusing the Darkness and Void which later became the Eclipse Magic .

It wasn't strong which is why Arthur never used it but it nevertheless was a fusion of the two, it's a pity he didn't know its true function .

Two dark red flaming wings with a span of 5 meters each, a special body made of unknown dark Energy that covered it whole . Last but not least, a 15-inch purple horn, which was the most crucial thing in all the body .

The tip of the horn was like a mini black hole, absorbing the Mana around and taking it to an endless void .

'Let's see who's better!'

The pushing forces arrived and Arthur acted, his two wings flapped and created two enormous flaming waves to both sides . As for the front, the longhorn vibrated making the air slightly twist and twisting with it the force, bending it and making it completely vanish in just a second .

Arthur was going all out now and it was not the time to hold back since it's this dangerous . He was not fast enough to block the one to the back but since the beginning, he was willing to take the full brunt .

'Crack . . . crack!'

The Dark Barrier held for a while but at the price of pushing Arthur a bit to the front . The Barrier shattered only after three seconds, which was more than enough time for Arthur to forcefully bend it and extinguish it with his horn .

Arthur couldn't even take a second to breathe before 10 more force waves came at him, stronger and faster .

'Hahahhaha, more! More! BRING IT ALL!!'

With a high-screech, the Griffin dived right toward the waves with its wings creating destructive flame waves and the horn in between, vibrating and twisting the air .

Explosions and clashes happened all around the area . People at the Elven Village could feel the air fluctuation and sudden energy waves in the air, it was all remnants yet it was still dangerous .

'Whooooosh'

The ground was burned to ashes by the ancient flames and the flaming wings were only getting stronger . It got the point where Arthur just attacked randomly and it would still strike an incoming force wave . Countless waves were trying to push him away from the World Tree but he was still advancing .

Amidst the raging flame tornado, boulder-sized Fireballs, and a twisting air, here he was screeching and flying toward the World Tree .

'Almost there!'

He could see a thick trunk that had a diameter of more than a mile, it was too big to see all of it . In some point in the middle of the battle, the force waves lessened bit by bit until there were only one or two at a time .