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Just as Arthur was leaving his room, a servant of the Kang Family arrived at the door's room, he was accompanied by a familiar figure .

The servant bowed respectfully, leaving the excited Gutcha standing there . The ugly-looking pigolo immediately recognized, who stared back at him with a furrowed brow .

He didn't expect Gutcha to come here, it's also surprising to see him able to come here without being stopped or chased off by the guards .

"It seems your connections are wide . "

Arthur praised the pigolo, who rubbed his hands and couldn't contain himself .

"Hahaha boss, this is nothing... I just said I'm your servant and they immediately welcomed me hahahaha"

Arthur knew it wasn't that easy, not just anyone could claim to be his servant and be let in, if that works then everyone would use such a simple method .

He waved his hand dismissively and said

"Now, get on with it . Why are you here?"

"A-ah! Boss! I finally found the kid!"

Finally hearing some good news, Arthur nodded and signaled for the pigolo to continue

"That boy is quite tenacious . I've heard that he's been captured as a slave but managed to escape and somehow enter a sect . "

"Which sect?"

"Water Cloud Sect . "

Arthur grinned and waved his hand to Swain, who understood his master's intentions . He lifted his palm and did a few hand seals which summoned a red coffin out of nowhere .

The coffin opened the second it appeared, revealing an unconscious Kai Min, the genius of the Water Cloud Sect, who was captured by Arthur when they were inside the Main Palace .

"Oh! Isn't that the boy from t . . t-the-"

Gutcha was flabbergasted as he saw Kai Min, usually, he would look up to young masters such as Kai Min, but here he is looking at the unconscious boy, totally helpless and in a difficult position . He felt happy to see the arrogant kid suffer a bit but he was curious about how this young man was captured under the noses of the Gods protecting him .

"How is he doing?"

Gutcha shook his head in disappointment and answered

"Sadly, I couldn't get accurate information about that . However, I'm sure he's staying there as an Outer Disciple . "

"What about his sister?"

Gutcha looked around, afraid of others hearing him and when he noticed Jian Si behind Arthur, his smiling froze and his body stiffened . Arthur patted his shoulders and reassured him, telling him that she's a friend .

Although his boss said she's just a friend, Gutcha was wary of people like her and couldn't help but start sweating . With a low voice, he replied to Arthur:

"Unclear, a lot of sources say that she's been to multiple places... moreover, she seems to be traveling with an old woman who is apparently a God . The last time she was seen was a fair distance from a dragon's nest . "

"A dragon?"

Dragons are an ancient race, feared by many due to their unimaginable strength . They live for a very long time and they usually do not interfere in matters between sects, as long as nobody angers them, they'll remain passive .

"Yes, that's the other matter I wanted to inform you about . The nest belongs to a Spatial Dragon, It's one of the types of Geo Dragons . I've heard that it's injured so many people go there to attempt their chance but if you ask me... it's suicidal, Gods are nothing for fully matured dragons, they'll just become nourishment for the beast . "

"Is she going to the dragon nest with that old women?"

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"I'm not sure, but they seem to be looking for something specific, else why would they travel to all corners of this world if not so . At first, I thought she may be looking for her brother but that's unlikely, with the help of the old women, finding him isn't that hard, especially when he's in a famous sect . "

"Any idea who that old woman might be? Or why would she travel with Lisa?"

Gutcha took out an old yellow paper with a symbol drawn on it . He handed it to Arthur and added:

"This is all I could get about that elder . She wears a robe with a symbol on it and my sources managed to, more or less, draw it . "

Arthur took a careful look at the symbol but it wasn't familiar at all . He showed it to Swain and Jian Si but they both were clueless too .

Seeing that no one recognized it, Gutcha spoke

"I know almost every famous sect in the Green-Leaf World, at least those who have Gods residing in them... yet none use such a symbol . "

Arthur nodded at Gutcha and waved his hand, causing a creepy looking detonator to come out from the pigolo's body . Gutcha was startled and didn't dare move, afraid that he'd die, only when the detonator was absorbed in his boss' hand did he breathe a sigh of relief .

"Since you provided me with enough information to find these two kids and helped me in my plans, you are free to go, as I have promised . "

Not feeling the strange sensation anymore as if he was separated from Death by a thin thread that could be ruptured at any second, Gutcha felt relieved and free .

Although he was delighted to be freed from the detonator, he still wanted to work for Arthur as it was not a risky job and it's very rewarding . The number of treasures that was given to him by his boss last time was more than he expected, it's enough for a lifetime .

"B-boss, I still want to work for you . "

Arthur expected such a response, so he instantly replied

"Alright, you can continue gathering information about Lisa's whereabouts . Try to find what this symbol means too . "

He handed the yellow paper back to Gutcha . He doesn't need to keep it since he memorized it the moment he saw it, and the pigolo probably needs it more than he does as maybe it's the only copy he does, or so thought Arthur .

He turned toward Jian Si and said

"You know where your Senior brother is, you should depart immediately and take him with you to your sect . I reckon it isn't hard to get him out of there with your status, right?"

With crossed arms and an angry expression, Jian Si replied

"Hmpf! Of course . "

Arthur motioned for her to go and departed from his room, ignoring the glare he was getting from her . Gutcha took Kai Min and left right after, which only left Swain accompanying Arthur .

"Master, be careful, Kang Amidel knows about your true identity . "

Arthur was going to meet the head of the Kang Family since the latter wanted to privately talk with him for quite some time, he was just occupied with the incoming catastrophe .

Swain said that he could see the shadow of death spreading on this land which means that one of the four Divine Beats or all of them will definitely attack this wasteland, this is a good piece of information Arthur could use if things go south .

"It doesn't matter . We have no grudges between each other and If I'm not wrong, he's going to request for my help . "

Swain wasn't convinced and didn't think it was a good idea to trust Amidel or cooperate with him . He had met the man a few times but he would feel unusually uncomfortable around him .

"Still, please be careful . "

Arthur looked dumbly at Swain and retorted

"What are you saying, Swain? I'm always careful . "

Hearing his master's words, Swain sighed and continued following Arthur while preparing himself . If worse comes to worse, he'll do everything he could to get his master out of this place, it's difficult but doable if he were to go all out .

'Ah! Master... I wouldn't say you're careful but foolishly in love, so much that you'll choose suicidal ways to reach who you seek . '

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After taking several turns and walking for a few minutes, the master and servant finally arrived at a large room with a dining table . Arthur expected to see the usual room with pillars and a throne but it was surprisingly different and less luxurious than his expectations .

Amidel was not there, only a few servants which were preparing the table . When they saw a woman and the red-haired youth arrived, they guided them to their seat and left hurriedly to call their master .

All servants were instructed to call Amidel when they see Arthur, this shows how much the head of the family wants to meet this mysterious woman .

Arthur calmly sat on the seat, he stared at all the laid out dishes in front of him, it's been quite a while since he ate, especially delicious food . Although he doesn't need to eat, it doesn't mean he doesn't want to, he loves enjoying the taste of appetizing food, notably Lucy's cooking .

Swain stood behind his master, he closed his eyes and prepared himself to act, he wasn't feeling relaxed like Arthur, quite the opposite, he considered Amidel as an enemy despite having a friendly relationship with his daughter .

"You don't have to be this nervous . Sit down . "

Arthur noticed that Swain's aura is a bit different as if it was intentionally contained within . Similar to how Rizaki works, the energy is contracted to a very small volume until it self-explodes .

The reason Arthur wasn't that worried despite knowing that Amidel is a Sovereign and a dangerous one at that is because he not only recovered to his peak state, he powered-up and had three Dimensional Stones which he can use and get the hell out of here before the opponent could react .

"If you don't calm down, I'll separate you . "

Swain opened his eyes and glanced at the ceiling while saying

"Master, you don't understand . This Kang Amidel isn't human... I don't know if he's taking the identity of Kang Amidel or not but he's dangerous, way more than Rozak . One Rizaki wouldn't be enough to force him on his knees . "

Arthur was about to talk when Swain continued speaking

"As for escaping, it isn't possible . The castle is protected by a multi-dimensional formation, thanks to it, the castle was barely damaged by your final attack . "

It's true that a lot of mysteries revolved around Amidel, but Arthur didn't care the least . He chuckled and patted the youth's shoulder and said

"Ah Swain... you really know nothing . If I want to go all out and disregard all the innocent lives, not even Amidel will be able to survive . Furthermore, Rizaki isn't my only trump card and it's not my strongest move . "

Hearing this, Swain remembered the time before he fused, when he was two entities, the golem, and the book . Back inside the cave, before Artur departed, he spent almost a whole day crafting something yet he never used, however, there was a distinct thing that happened, it was a small tribulation .

This was intriguing since the object was mainly crafted using Lost Magic, which can mainly craft objects from Earth and they have no Nether Energy .

A tribulation strikes an item or an object if the Heavens are discontent with it and want it destroyed . If the object resists the tribulation, the Heavens can either strike with more tribulations or stop .

"Master, what did you craft?"

Hearing the curious tone of his servant, Arthur shrugged and said

"Nothing special, just a small gift for my wife . "

Swain decided to question this no further, Arthur wasn't going to answer him anyway, so why bother?

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A short time later, the hosts arrived at last . It was none other than Kang Amidel and his two children, none of the elders came with them, just these three .

Emily happily sat next to Swain, as for Kithel, he respectfully sat next to Arthur . Only Amidel sat on the opposite side of Arthur, he was showing a friendly and welcoming smile and didn't seem to be worried about anything .

"It's a pleasure to finally meet you . "

Amidel's eyes never left Arthur, he didn't even spare a glance to Swain, who prepared himself for the worst and decide to aim for Emily and not Amidel in case a fight breaks out . They were friends but the importance of his master far out weights his friendship with this girl, he would do anything that assures the safety of his master .

"The pleasure is all mine . "

Arthur stared back at Amidel and felt surprised at what he was seeing, the appraisal wasn't accurate this time . What gave out Amidel's true identity was [Eyes of the Noble Sea], he didn't show his surprise and maintained a calm expression but this discovery confirmed what Swain said previously .

For the next few minutes, no one talked, they just enjoyed the lavish and luscious food . Only Emily would talk with Swain, who would only nod his head in response .

This continued until all dishes were emptied, the only one who didn't touch his food was Amidel . He would sip from a special wine and merely glance at Arthur every now and then .

"I hope you enjoyed the food, it was made by a well-known cook and it provides significant aid in cultivation and meditation . "

"It was delicious, thank you . Let's talk about serious stuff, right now . "

Arthur didn't want to stay here all day, he wanted to know what Amidel needs from him . It surely wasn't just about the Treasury Event, someone like Amidel wouldn't care too much about that albeit the fact that many previous artifacts were stolen .

The Kang Family had another big Treasury situated inside the castle, it was much bigger than the one Arthur had stolen from and it definitely had priceless treasures that the ones Arthur got couldn't compare to .

"To be honest, Miss, the first time I saw you, I didn't recognize you but after a thorough investigation, I managed to find a few things that might surprise you . "

"So you just invited me here to tell me you found a few clues about my identity?"

Amidel heartily laughed and shook his head:

"No no, you're wrong... Mr . Arthur, I've found more than a few clues . "

This surprised Kithel more than Arthur himself, who expected his identity to be found, it wasn't difficult to piece things up, what's weird, however, is how he discovered his real name . He never mentioned it to anyone, moreover, he expected Amidel to just find out that he's the one who fought Rozak, not his real name .

Although Kithel had many questions he wanted to ask, he felt confused and cheated yet he didn't explode in anger, he remained silent and merely listened to their conversation for he knew he was in no place to butt in right now .

"As I said, if you called me here to say that you know who am I, then it's really a waste of time . "

Arthur was about to stand up and leave the table when Amidel spoke a few words that made Arthur remain seated

"Mr . Arthur, I've heard that you always travel with another person... what's her name again?... Ah! It's Lucy, right?"

Usually, Arthur would become angry if someone mentions Lucy yet this time, he wasn't . He smirked and retorted

"I thought the head of the Kang Family was bold and welcoming yet all I'm seeing is a cowardly man who isn't brave enough to come with his real body... if you have one, that is . "

This time, it was Amidel who was shocked, he stared at Arthur with a chilling look for a few seconds before he smiled again and clapped his hands as if praising Arthur .

"What gave me out?"

Arthur's eyes turned blue as he stared at Amidel, this made the latter feel as if he was naked in front of Arthur, as if he was seen through the moment he appeared before the other party .

"Nothing gave you out . One look is enough for me to see what you are... just pure Nether Energy, you have no heart, no blood veins, nothing... you're not human... you're here yet everywhere, you're the whole city... am I right, Sir Amidel?"

Amidel didn't expect to be seen through this much, he thought Arthur just guessed that this was some sort of a clone, but to be discovered this easily, it made him wary of this seemingly harmless woman who is hiding a true monster inside of her .

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"You know, Mr . Arthur, I see something new every day, however, in all the years I have lived, I have never seen someone like you . "

When Amidel said that, it was as if he was mocking his own ignorance, he smiled wryly and continued

"What makes people afraid is the unknown, some would fear what they don't know more than an evil existence that is infamous all over the Universe . I've heard many stories about you but in each and every one of them, you're another person, you use different powers . It's impossible for them to recognize you but I can, you can hide in a vessel but the ominous magic that you frequently use is engraved deep into your bones, Dantian, and even your soul . Just staring at its source makes me want to stay away from it... if I could call it something then it'll surely be 'Pure Evil' . "

In response to this, Arthur laughed and retorted

"Evil? Then, tell me Amidel, what's truly evil? Murder? Theft? Because there is a lot of powers which do that all the time then pretend nothing happened when in truth, they slaughtered a bunch of innocent bystanders to keep a secret or for a lame excuse . "

Arthur waved his hand, storing the woman's body and revealing his true body . His left eye pulsed with grey light at it stared at Amidel .

"For me, there is no evil nor kindness, everyone, except a few people, are my enemies . People keep standing in my way so I have no choice but to kill, kill until the last one of my enemies is dead, no one will be left alive, even a crippled mortal who can't even move a finger . No mercy for the young or old, no one shall be spared if they obstruct the path to achieve my goals . "

With a nonchalant look as he inspected Arthur's true appearance, Amidel said

"What is your goal exactly?"

"Very simple, a peaceful life but... that can't happen unless I get rid of all the nuisances in my life . I say, Amidel, it's time for you to choose a side . Fighting is all I do every day, I do not mind if an extra person is added to the enemy ranks . "

Amidel wasn't particularly pleased to see that Arthur seemed to be underestimating him, he frowned and increased his aura, trying to overwhelm Arthur and show him that he isn't some random enemy that could be killed easily .

Arthur remained calm, he didn't budge even after the aura surrounded him from all direction . He lightly lifted his index finger and said

"That is an old trick, Amidel, unsuited for a Sovereign, don't you say? I prefer the direct tricks, like this one . "

He moved his index finger a bit more and at that moment, countless dark threads appeared all over the table . Most of them were rendering Kithel and Emily unable to move, one move from his finger could behead them .

The threads didn't use Nether Energy and if he concentrates enough, it's easy to make them unnoticeable by Amidel, especially if he uses Spatial Magic .

Once he saw this, Amidel's pupils contracted, he was about to get up and act when Arthur shook his head and added

"That's unwise, Amidel... unless you do not have feelings for your children and do not care about their lives... if that's the case, then please, let me help you get rid of them . It's a shame for your prodigious daughter to die miserably like this but that's how life is, ups and downs . "

With somewhat a dark look on his face, Amidel stated

"I've heard that you do not attack the innocent, it seems my sources were totally wrong . From an equal person to another, there exists honor but it seems you do not care about that either..."

"Honor? I don't think you'll choose a thing such as 'Honor' instead of your children... I'm just like you, I will do anything to save my family, including killing the innocent and resorting to all kinds of evil things, even if it means the death of everyone, I would do it without batting an eye as long as my family is safe and sound . "

Emily and Kithel, who were dumbfounded by this sudden turn of events, were frozen, unable to lift a finger or talk . Kithel was in a much worse case since he just discovered that the woman he liked was fake and it turned to be an evil person, the same grey-haired man who was fighting that old man outside of the city .

Emily was confused too, she couldn't believe she was caught so easily . She considered herself a genius and was confident in her power, even against someone like Swain, she was certain she could fight him equally yet here she is trapped by some thin threads that she couldn't move even after unleashing her Nether Energy, which was consumed by the dark threads that contained Dark Magic .

"What do you want?"

Seeing his two kids trapped, Amidel couldn't act . He knew how powerful Arthur and despite him being made pure of Energy and he was able to teleport within the range of the city, he wasn't confident in freeing them from Arthur's grasp in time .

Amidel was fully aware of Arthur's strange teleporting ability, it can be used multiple times and it's even faster than his, it happens to abruptly and without any warning, by the time he teleports, the other party would have sensed him .

Arthur's skill [Eyes of the Noble Sea] are extremely useful in such situation, for entities like Amidel, which are made from only Energy, any sudden fluctuation or change would be seen by Arthur, which gave him a huge advantage .

"What I want? You're the one who invited me here . "

"I called you here to request help from you . "

Amidel didn't waste time with words and said his true motives directly .

"Help? With wha- . . . ah!"

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Arthur knew that Kang Amidel didn't want to risk it, he wanted to take precautions against the incoming catastrophe .

'He must have forced the three other factions to unite . '

Although he didn't know if one of the Divine Beasts will attack this place, there's still a small chance that'll happen, and he didn't want to be negligent, which is part of the reason he wanted to invite Arthur and ask him to stay .

With two Sovereigns, they have more chance to overcome the disaster, if it came, that is .

"I'll be blunt, I'm not going to help you . However, I can give you a very, very precious piece of information . What do you say, Amidel?"

Still seated, Amidel furrowed his brow and looked at Arthur, trying to see through him but he was unable to do so as he was met with a cold smile from the other party .

"Surely, you won't tell me that piece of information without getting something from me . "(Amidel)

Arthur clapped his hands and added

"You'll owe me a favor... see, I didn't ask the impossible . "

Normally, Amidel would think things through and see if it's worth it for him, but right now, he could only agree as his kids' lives are in Arthur's hands .

Amidel ended up nodding his head to show his acceptance . However, Arthur wasn't done yet, he stretched his hand upwards and conjured a jet black talisman that emitted an ominous and uncomfortable aura .

Black flames burned the talisman as it floated in the air, slowly approaching Amidel .

"I can't take your word for it, I need to be sure that you'll not go back on your words later, so this is necessary . If you resist it, I'll take it as a refusal, alright, Sir Amidel?"

Amidel showed an expressionless face as he watched the talisman enter his body and disperse into a dark fog that invaded every part of him . The energy that he was made of, became mixed with the dark fog, giving him a very uncomfortable feeling, he also felt a bit weakened as if this fog was eating away his energy .

"Now that everything was taken care of, I guess I should tell you . One of the Divine Beast will definitely attack this place... don't ask me how I know it, instead, go prepare yourself to fight because it's going to be a bloodbath in here . "

When he finished his sentence, Arthur and Swain disappeared from the dining room, leaving a pale-faced Kithel, a confused Emily and a slightly angry yet surprised Amidel .

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"Blood red eyes, is he a royal vampire, dad?"

When the two of them left, Emily started questioning her father, curious about the strange color of Arthur's eyes .

"Although a royal vampire is strong, he's not this absurdly powerful to fight with a Sovereign while he's at the Divine Realm . "

Kithel sat there, dazed, still unable to believe what just happened . Only after a long while did he silently leave the dining room, leaving his sister and father alone .

"Then what is he? I've never read a Race which has such strange eyes... especially the gray pupils . "

Amidel shook his head and added:

"He may be doing it on purpose to mislead us, trying to find out his true Race is impossible . However, we know where his true home is... an abandoned small-world cast out in the corner of the Universe . I was surprised to hear about its existence but from my sources, I came to know that there is an interesting tree existing there, maybe I should give it a visit . "

"We should focus on the catastrophe, dad . "

Amidel stood up and walked to his daughter as he looked at her with pride . He patted her head and said

"You're right, even I, am not sure if I could beat him outside of the city . We should put more priority on the catastrophe, if what he said is true, then we should fully prepare ourselves because it's not going to be an easy fight . "

"Why don't we call for help from outside?"

Amidel burst out in laughter when he heard his daughter's words, he rubbed her head, messing her hair in the process and replied

"What help? This is a wasteland, no one cares about this place, they only come here once in a while to check on things . "

The girl sighed and remained silent, knowing that her father's words were true . She is expected to be the head of the family, however, she lacks a lot of experience which is why her father let her join important family meetings .

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"In this life, you can only care about your family . The rest is not your business, their life and death are irrelevant to you . "

As they were heading to the Pigolo territory, Arthur murmured that out of the blue, which left Swain confused .

"Master, each person has their own rules to follow . Some care about others more themselves, they would sacrifice their lovers to save thousands of innocent lives . "

Arthur chuckled and retorted

"Well, if you ask me... these people are straight out idiots . What humanitarian services, what honor or justice, none of that matters if you're going to end up alone . Those crowds that cheer for you are not admiring you but your powers, your actions, they would do the same thing if it was another person who acted the same way you did whereas, a person who's important you will follow you till the end, whether your strong or not . "

Arthur halted mid-air and stared at Swain dead in the eyes while seriously saying

"I dare you to look at me and say that you've never had someone important in your life . I dare you to say that you forgot about that person, I dare you to say that you'll not sacrifice anything and anyone to get that person back!"

Swain looked at Arthur and didn't utter a single word, he couldn't deny Arthur's words so all he could do was keep his mouth shut .

"I'm fully aware that you are not just a fusion of some golem and a book, I do not know the full backstory, but no one magic or fusion could create a living being with real feelings, it's not something that can be created but born with . "

Arthur ended the conversation with that last sentence and proceeded in his journey along with the silent Swain . They were heading to the teleportation array situated in the Pigolo's territory so they can go back to Astria . Arthur had no more important business here and he urgently needs to go back to check on how things have been there and make sure if the catastrophe signs were heard there too or not .

After traveling for a while, Arthur possessed the Colonel's body when they entered the enemy's territory . Swain ended his fusion and hid on Arthur's waist, as a book, the golem was stored inside it .

Their path wasn't obstructed by anyone and they smoothly teleported to Astria using the device he had gotten from Gutcha a long time ago .

Their destination was the dark and gloomy cave under the imperial city of the demons . Arthur looked around only to see the familiar wall of plants that he created as a protection, it was pretty effective and its vines were alive and poisonous, however, compared to the wall he created around his sect's territory, this one is considerably weaker .

Arthur didn't linger there and headed directly to the castle of the Demon Lord . He needed to talk with her about many matters, one of them being the incoming disaster .

He hoped that the signs weren't heard and Astria is spared from the invasion, however, that was rather unlikely since this world was also attacked ten thousand years ago .

He didn't want to waste time and bother with the guards, who most likely do not know his true identity, so he bypassed them and spread his sense, searching for Taliya's little sister, the Demon Lord .

It was currently midday, so the Demon Lord was peacefully eating with her family, unfortunately, the calm atmosphere around the table was broken when a grey-haired man appeared out of nowhere, freaking out the guards stationed not far away .

Even the prince was surprised to the point of falling out his chair, hurting his butt . Only the princess remained calm as she recognized Arthur with just a glance .

Alina was sitting next to Lucas, the youth who she met on the Green-Leaf World . They became quite close despite him being too hot-headed and overprotective .

"If it isn't Sir Arthur . "

The first one to talk was the Demon Lord, she sized up Arthur and felt that he was much stronger but as usual, she couldn't see through him and knew that she too weak to be able to fathom his strength .

"I see that you're not very anxious, I take it the situation isn't that dangerous?"

Arthur was confused when he first saw them eating peacefully while joking as if nothing is going to happen, but that was rather unlikely, they must be following a custom or simple at ease, not paying too much attention to the signs .

The guards raised their spears and were going to attack but before the Demon Lord could signal them to stop, Arthur waved his hand, teleporting himself, the Demon Lord, Alina, and Lucas to a secret room .

The very same room he met Taylia and the real Demon Lord in, the big sister of the lord wasn't here so he guessed that she must be staying in his sect, along with Anastassia and Jackob .

With his new Spatial Mastery, Arthur is able to perform teleportation similar to [Faster Than Death] but a bit slower . Its range is bigger than [Faster Than Death] and he could teleport more than one person with him .

The only downside to this trick is that it's only useful in lower-Realms, such as Astria, as there is not a strong restriction on his power .

For example, his overall prowess in a Medium-Ream is weakened by 20% if not more, however, that doesn't only affect him but everyone else too .

This is why people coming from a higher-Realm are always stronger than the one in here, despite being at the same cultivation Realm .

The range of this teleportation is short in the Green-leaf World, but on Astria, he could teleport large distances . He was even able to build teleportation arrays, which he'll certainly do . He needs to be able to travel between the continents faster than just flying from one point to another .

It usually doesn't take a lot of time but a trip of one second is much shorter than a trip of two hours .

"Is Sir Arthur done with his business on the other world?"

The silver-haired woman stared at Arthur, trying to read his expression but the latter was literally expressionless, not even smiling .

"No, more urgent matters occurred and I think someone of your status and power exactly knows what I'm talking about . "

Chapter 245

Now now, before you feel disappointed, there is a chapter just after this one, don't worry .

If you do not wish to know why I didn't post, feel free to skip this, I'm not forcing anyone but I just want to explain why I didn't post for a whole week .

The thing is, I had a serious infection in my tooth, (due to a cavity that I was too lazy to remove), this caused swollen cheeks and extreme and unpleasant pain which rendered me unable to write . The infection started right when Eid began and where I live, there are no dentists open at the Eid, unfortunately, so I had to wait until three days later, where I did a very small surgery to remove the infection and REMOVE the whole damned teeth to get rid of any future problems .

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I just got back yesterday and wanted to take a day off to rest for a bit . I apologize for the lack of content but I was helpless too . Beginning from now, I'll return to regular updates and try my best to write a chapter every day . Anyways, enjoy the chapter and good night .

Chapter 246

"I've only heard stories about the catastrophe, I would never have thought that it'll come so soon . "

The Demon Lord spoke with a worried tone, it was clear she didn't know what to do in such a situation . Her power alone is not enough to protect her people from the Divine Beasts .

She looked at the ash-haired man and resumed:

"The elves from the East and even the Holy Church contacted me, they want to form an alliance to fight the invaders... I have yet to reply to them . "

"What about the place? Do you have any idea where will they strike?"

Arthur wanted to know that piece of information the most . He already sent Swain to investigate the four continents and see which one is doomed, which one has the shadow of death looming over it .

He knew that Swain's ways are weird to many people but it is genuine and the most efficient one, he only asked the Demon Lord to not waste time, if they knew where it'll happen, it'll save him some time .

This time, the princess talked, she shook her head and said:

"Unfortunately, we don't know which continent will be attacked . In the previous catastrophe, all the continents were attacked with the Eastern one suffering the least, followed by ours then the central continent . "

'This explains why the Western Continent is so deserted and dead . Not only did many wars occur there, the Divine Beasts also attacked it, rendering it almost uninhabitable . '

"Nonetheless, we began our preparation and started evacuating citizens to safer places prepared by our ancestors . Sir Arthur, only your sect hasn't contacted us, it is strangely quiet lately and with all the things that had happened, we didn't have time pay a visit . "

The Demon Lord kept a respectful attitude, she knew that acting bossy around Arthur will do her no good, even her big sister failed in her act and became obedient, much less her .

"I'm as clueless as you guys, I'll stay here for a few days and wait until my servant have scavenged the four lands . He'll tell me where they'll strike so I'll tell you too so you can choose a wiser place to hide . "

The princess along with her mother bowed to Arthur, showing their sincere gratitude . This wasn't a simple matter and bowing means nothing in comparison to their race's survival . As a ruler, the Demon Lord wanted to prevent the extinction of her kin and ensure their wellbeing, so knowing where the four Divine Beasts will

"Thank you, Sir Arthur!"

Arthur waved his hand nonchalantly and replied

"No need, this world is my home too . "

The small meeting lasted for only a short period of time, Arthur disappeared after uttering those words, leaving only the princess, Lucas, and the Queen .

For the rest of the day, Arthur went to that cave deep underground and entered the ARK to test a few things . [Thousand Waves] is his most powerful skill if he's able to finish it all, unfortunately, even after possessing Rozak, the Sovereign, he still isn't able to unleash its full potential .

Not only that, the skill consumes a mind-numbing amount of Nether Energy, the amount is literally doubled if he were to use pure Mana .

The safest choice is Dark Mana, but then again, it'll take a bit more time to unleash the successive waves if he used Dark Mana since it takes a couple of milliseconds to transform Pure Mana into Dark Mana .

One more problem Arthur faces is multicasting, it is barely doable, however, it is very taxing to the mind .

To unleash two skills at the same time could give him a humongous advantage in the midst of a battle but that comes at a great cost and if he were to use it successively, the backlash would be so heavy that'll either drive him mad or kill him .

[Blood for Blood] allows him to use the same strong skill over and over again but that's not multicasting .

The ancient mages of Astria were able to do such a thing but that's only after chanting for several seconds, which is something Arthur won't do since a few seconds is more than enough for the enemy to finish him .

Arthur first thought it's due to his low amount of Mental Power or his Realm but that's rather unlikely . The problem is most likely talent and nothing else .

Like those inborn prodigies who could cast without chanting on Astria, he was born as a normal Human .

Maybe his inborn talent followed him after his reincarnation and even after possessing thousands of bodies and obtaining their talent too, it just wasn't enough .

Mayhap multicasting requires one's own talent and the one he 'borrowed' from others . Arthur remembered the words of his copy inside of the ARK and concluded that a time will arrive where his Racial abilities will be useless .

A time where only his talent matters, his dedication, and hard work, not the powerful skills that he gained from elsewhere .

He tried very hard since his reincarnation, but apparently not hard enough, not like Lucy who cultivates every day, who's also very talented .

For example, she could fuse two opposite attributes, which is something one else could do, not only that, she has a special Yin body that strengthens her physically .

By no means did he feel jealous of her, in fact, he was joyous that she grows strong every passing day . However, what Arthur does not want is to become a burden to her, that he becomes unable to protect her and Saly .

He knows for sure that if he continues like this, a tragic thing will happen sooner or later, he knows that he needs to find an alternative way, something that can boost his own talent and power .

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Inside the endless white space, with Makaze in his hand, Arthur panted heavily as his aura weakened and the ancient flames vanished as if they were never there .

This space could not be damaged no matter how powerful the skill he uses is, even Rizaki would do nothing .

As he pondered over a solution to his dilemma, Arthur heard a clapping sound and knew it was none other than his copy, which appeared behind him, showing the usual friendly smile .

"I have to say, that's a powerful sword skill, I would definitely rank it in my top five . "

Arthur remained silent, not wanting to waste words with his copy .

The copy stared deeply at Arthur for some time before he said

"The Azure Dragon of the East, The Vermillion Bird of the South, The White Tiger of the West, and the Black Turtle of the North, the four Divine Beasts that are known by everyone since ancient time, their myth is everlasting and their story is unforgettable . What do you think, Arthur, are you prepared to fight them, or are you going to bring your people and flee from this place?"

Arthur looked at his black katana in a daze and replied with a bitter tone

"I don't know..."

"You're a fan of numbers, aren't you? So, do you want to know the percentage of your win if you were to fight against them?"

Arthur was intrigued, he lifted his head and looked at his copy, expecting the latter to continue .

"No more than one percent . Your sword skills, powerful techniques, and all your trump cards won't let you break through the threshold of one percent . "

Hearing this, Arthur frowned but didn't retort . He heard that the Divine Beasts are strong and their power scale with the overall strength of the world they're attacking .

With the existence of the World Tree and himself, of course, the invaders won't be mere Gods .

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"Can I win?"

Arthur asked the question that was bothering him the most . He didn't want to enter a suicidal battle, however, he didn't want to run away and abandon his home .

This was the place he met Lucy and Saly, apart from this small world, he had no world to return to . He loathed Earth and didn't want to live the rest of his life there .

Raising his daughter there may be better in a lot of ways but she would grow up in a better environment if she lives on Astria .

She wasn't human and there's bound to be racism and mocking, her strength doesn't matter as they would talk behind her back, moreover, the little girl has suffered more than enough already, he wanted nothing but happiness for her and Lucy .

"Win? The numbers say otherwise . Arthur, do you believe in numbers or in yourself? Do you think you're capable of chasing them off? If your lover was here, the percentage of your win will rise significantly... unfortunately, she's not here and you're on your own . "

Arthur stood there, not knowing what to do or say, this lame copy of his did a good job at demoralizing him, but it has told him undeniable facts too .

"On your own, there's no way you can win but you could unite every strong person to fight with you . I would call them meat shields as they won't be able to injure the beasts, then again, I know for a fact that you won't resort to such a ruthless path... no matter how heartless you may be, sacrificing thousands of lives to ensure the safety of a world is not something you would do . "

"Then tell me what do you want me to do? Run away after all the things we've built here? After getting rid of the Holy Church and stopping the war... should I just turn my back and let things be... let this world be destroyed? Should I tuck my tails between my legs and find another world to build a home for my family and friends? Is running away the only option I have?" (Arthur)

The copy remained silent for a few seconds then clapped his hands, somehow changing the endless space into an old dirt road .

The road led to three different paths, one was littered with blood and bones, the second was of a peaceful valley full of greenery . As for the last, it led to complete darkness, the end couldn't be seen as the view was shrouded with darkness after only a few meters from the crossroad .

"I never said this was the only option . Fate exists but the person is the one who decides how his life goes on, I'm merely laying out the options for you, it's up to you to decide . "

Arthur contemplated the three paths, he only focused on the last one, which was shrouded in complete darkness .

"What is the last one?"

The copy also stared at the last path and replied

"The easiest yet most dangerous option . Theoretically, it's doable but I never tried it . It's about restarting from the very beginning . "

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Arthur glared at his copy, clearly displeased that it was only revealing half the truth as if being cryptic or mysterious on purpose .

The copy shrugged and ignored Arthur's glare while he resumed

"Delete all your skills, destroy your cultivation . You will basically become the same person you were on Earth, physically . It sounds crazy but that's not the most difficult part, what's hard is what comes after that, I have designed a special program inside the ARK, if you follow it by the letter and make use of Zodiac's powerful Dark Magic and only rely on that, the chance to win against the Divine Beasts will significantly rise . "

"The percentage of my win will rise but that will not guarantee my victory . I'm supposed to give up everything just for that?"(Arthur)

"As I said, I'm only showing you the way . It's up to you to choose, I'm not forcing you to do anything . "

Arthur didn't reply and only stood there, ignoring his copy, seemingly lost in thoughts . A long time passed, the copy disappeared a while ago and there was only him, standing in front of three paths, each leading to different futures, varied outcomes, tragic consequences .

After a long silence, Arthur caressed his ring and said

"I'll do what I have always done, create my own path, forge my own destiny . If death is what awaits for me, then that's as far as I can go . "

Arthur thought his copy was gone for good but when he muttered those words, a figure appeared in front of him .

"If you say so... however, I'm intrigued about something since a long time ago . Why aren't you spending your skill points? You've been saving them for long enough, don't you think so?"

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Before Arthur went to the Green-Leaf world, he did some blacksmithing and managed to craft an extremely strong weapon, probably stronger than his own blade, Makaze .

He stored it away, planning to gift it to Lucy, as it suited and it was specifically crafted to match her skills and powers .

Not only did he craft a masterpiece, he gained three skill points . Since reincarnation, he only gained one skill point that was invested in his fire abilities, improving them and granting him the explosive ancient flames .

A skill point is hard to come by and is very, very beneficial to him if it's invested in the right skill, especially if it's a maxed one .

If he were to use efficiently, the results would be phenomenal, take Dark Magic, for example, if he were to put all his available skill point on it, it'll definitely become something extraordinary .

What Arthur's copy wanted to know is why Arthur hadn't used them yet . His fight against Rozak would've been significantly easier .

"You will see soon..."

Arthur didn't provide an explanation, he left with those words, leaving his copy alone in the endless white space, wondering what Arthur was going to do .

"Indeed... we really are not the same person . "

The copy disappeared after he muttered those words .

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Arthur meditated inside the dark cave while waiting for Swain to return . He doesn't have his servant's ability, so all he could is patiently wait for the youth's return and hope for some good news .

He didn't cultivate and merely calmed his mind and thought about what to do, what his choice is going to be and how exactly will he proceed .

Cultivating won't increase his strength since he reached the peak of the Divine Realm and he needs to break through to the God Realm to boost his strength .

Arthur was sure that he would be able to face against the Divine Beasts if he ascends to Godhood, however, it was easier said than done . He needs enlightenment to become a God, he can also possess a strong individual who has enough Mental Power for him to break through to the God Realm but the tricky thing is that this individual needs to be way stronger than Rozak, who Arthur was barely able to defeat and even that almost resulted in his death... it wasn't a pleasant thought, at least not one Arthur wanted to relive .

Hours passed as Arthur sat there, he stopped meditating a while ago and started summoning Death Knights and Wraiths . No matter what his decision will be, he needs undead to help him secure a few things and protect some people, they cost a small amount of Mental Power;

Furthermore, Mental Power regenerates after a while, so it was worth it, he also used Dark Mana to summon weaker undead such as Skeleton warriors and mages, they are weaker than Death Knights, as they only have a Lv ranging from 300 to 700, however, their usefulness is undeniable .

A Lv700 skeleton may seem strong thanks to his high level but his intelligence is rock-bottom, it can also be killed by a person way weaker than it but Arthur believed in the concept of quantity over quality if it's about the undead .

One undead can't beat an experienced Lv300 mage, but thirty undead could, same thing for a cultivator at the Spirit Realm .

One Death Knight may find some difficulty, but three Death Knights will obliterate that cultivator . Arthur planned to create a whole legion of Undead to aid him in the approaching fight, not only as cannon fodder but to help his sect too and act as the first line of defense .

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At last, after one whole day passed, Swain finally returned to Arthur .

"How's the situation?"

Arthur questioned his servant without wasting time with pleasantries . He had been waiting for long enough and it was time to start acting, the other factions had already started their preparations, securing the citizens and bringing them to safe locations or even sending them to the Green-Leaf world with special means . They would do anything to continue their bloodline and ensure their survival, no matter the cost .

"The Demon continent is clear, they won't attack it . Same thing for the Wasteland in the West, the Itas continent is corrupted by an evil aura, very ominous but apart from that, there is not a sign of Death Energy lingering there . "

"That means..."

Swain nodded and continued

"Yes, it's the central Continent, the home of the Humans . It has an incredibly dense amount of Death Energy, I'm certain that all the beasts will only attack it... it'll be erased from the map, turned to ash or forcefully sank into the ocean . "

"Where exactly will they strike?"

"All of it, they plan to devour it whole, leaving no trace of life . I've never seen such thick Death Energy clustered together . "

"Is there a chance they'll attack the other continents once they are done with the Central one?"

Swain shook his head and replied:

"That, I'm not sure, however, my observations say that only the Human continent will be their primary, and most likely, the only target . "

Arthur nodded and waved his hand, teleporting himself, Swain and the undead army he summoned out of the cave . After sending Swain to tell the good news to the Demon Lord, Arthur abused the mass teleportation skill until he arrived on the Central Continent alongside his army .

Arthur opened [Eyes of the Noble Sea] only to see a grey, almost illusory fog, everywhere . It could be seen as far his eyesight stretches .

One of the reasons he didn't use any of his available skill points is because he didn't want to waste them . He already has powerful skills, so he never planned on spending them on his ancient flames or Dark Magic .

Just like there is a chance that'll transform them into a more powerful skill, there is a chance that nothing happens, perhaps this is their maximum power and they can be upgraded no more .

One of the skills he wanted to invest a skill point on is [Eyes of the Noble Sea], it is a very unique skill that is very useful despite having no direct effect on the battle .

It allows him to see any form of energy, moreover, it made him able to see through Amidel and traps or formations that were put to block his path, just like the one in the Kang Treasury House .

He needed to know where exactly will the Divine Beasts appear . [Eyes of the Noble Sea] already lets him see the form of the Death Energy, however, it is not as clear as Swain, it was kind of hazy and useless .

Death Energy is usually colorless and formless, only special beings like Swain, which have a direct connection to Death can see it, as far normal cultivators, no one could see it even with inborn special eyes .

[Eyes of the Noble Sea] is a skill he acquired from the corpse of the bone griffin in his storage . Apparently, Robin found it in a recently discovered mine North of the Eastern Continent . No one knows how it died and they could only store its connected bones as it had been a very long time since the Griffin died .

Arthur often uses the Griffin's body since it's extremely powerful and it has a strong affinity with the ancient flames, so his fire-related skills are more powerful if he uses them when he's possessing the bone beast .

Now that the situation is critical, Arthur decided to try upgrading [Eyes of the Noble Sea], it may be a waste of a skill point to many, but he was certain that the result would be more than satisfactory .

Furthermore, he still had two more skill points available in case his investment ended up being a complete failure .

Are you sure you want to invest one Skill Point in [Eyes of the Noble Sea]?

'Yes . '

As Arthur answered the robotic voice belonging to the system, notifications started filling his view .

You have successfully upgraded [Eyes of the Noble Sea]

The skill [Eyes of the Noble Sea] has now become [The All Seeing Eyes]

You have obtained a new skill: [The All Seeing Eyes](Passive): Lets the user see any kind of energy .
Range and intensity depend on the intelligence stats of the user .

*Able to see Formation: 35% to crack them .

*Able to see arrays: 60% to break them .

*Able to see illusion: 10% to shatter them .

*Able to see any kind of barrier: +10% chance of breaking .

+13 . 33% Affinity with Mana .

+5% Affinity with Nether Energy .

+9 . 99% Affinity with Dark Mana .

*Able to see through transformation spells .

*Able to see the real appearance of a Shapeshifter .

*The Appraisal Skill now provide more detailed information on the target .

*+10% Bonus Intelligence when the skill [The All Seeing Eyes] is active .

'As expected, it is not a simple skill and that beast is no mere Griffin . '

The skills he had gotten from the Griffin are very overpowered, not only did he obtain [Eyes of the Noble Sea], he also gained [Griffin's Bloody Switch], which can change the outcome of the battle if he were to use it .

He wanted to try it right now and see what will happen if his Agility break through one billion but he held himself back . The skill consumes permanent Mental Power and he wasn't in a situation where he can recover them anytime he wants, the closer he is the God Realm, the better . Even 50 Mental Power is useful and should not be used wastefully .

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The new skill didn't have any visual effect on the appearance of his eyes, unlike its predecessor . Arthur didn't care about that, he was delighted to see the significant increase in the efficiency of the skill, once he activated it, he could clearly see the Death Energy .

Not only that, he could also distinguish the Mana from the Death Energy, he could see farther than ever before and was able to witness the process of absorbing Mana .

Small blue particles were entering his body, this was thanks to his high Mana recovery, which allowed him to recover more than he spends on the [All Seeing Eyes] Skill, which cost ten thousand Mana per second .

It is barely 10%, if not less, of his Mana Regeneration, so he could permanently use this skill without losing anything .

It sounded like a good thing but having it permanently active isn't that good for everyday life, if it's for fighting or investigating something, then it's by no means useless, however, due to the dense intensity of Mana in the atmosphere and the different kinds of energy every person emits, it renders him unable to see the real appearance of people clear, in fact, it makes him see the energy inside of them, what type it is and in which condition .

Arthur dispersed the undead army, sending them to all directions to evacuate all the people living on this continent, that's their task .

He sent a Death Knight with them as it's the only undead that is able to talk, although not like a normal person . . . but it can speak a few words . He wasn't going to force everyone out, after all, a person is responsible for one's life, if they want to stay at their home, then it's not Arthur's business anymore .

He was certain that after the Holy Church is warned about where the Divine Beasts will attack, they'll flee and advise the inhabitants of the continent to leave too, they may not believe him but they surely will follow the Holy Church, as it is the only ruling power in this land .

The Human Emperor died and his rule is over, the Holy Church doesn't have a solid grip over the citizens but it is capable of doing a few things .

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Arthur spent two whole days to investigate every corner of the Central Continent, he wanted to find a unique location where the Death Energy is the thickest, alas, his search was deemed as a failure since the density of this ominous Energy was the same all over the land .

The shadow of death was shrouding the whole land as if deciding its fate and it's only a matter of time before it disappears completely, becoming part of the history .

Right now, Arthur was in a very familiar town, it was still bustling with people . Merchants were setting their shops and selling whatever they had, blacksmithing hitting their hammer on the forge and crafting weapons, and nobles enjoying a delicious meal in their mansions .

Willsden was the name of this town, the very first settlement Arthur visited after his reincarnation, it was also the place he met Lucy .

Slavery became forbidden after the Bloody Day occurred, what Arthur dictated happened since the new Pope, who was the previous Archbishop is now ruling the Church, she has no choice but to obey Arthur's orders .

Whoever sells slaves or captures beastmen or Demons is now executed on the spot, with no trial whatsoever . The same thing applies for the other continents, the MoonStar sect has become a powerful faction on Astria and it has no adversaries .

Even those reclusive clans and sects dare not provoke Arthur's sect, not only does it have a powerful general, it also has Anastassia, who managed to reach the Deity Realm .

With the new upgraded skill, Appraisal displayed more details about the target . It shows the strongest affinity the target has and what he or she is weak against .

This is a huge boost for Arthur, instead of randomly throwing powerful skills, he can focus on one style if he knows what his enemies are vulnerable against .

Of course, one enemy can be weak against many things, Appraisal only shows the strongest vulnerability .

'Appraisal!'

Carin(Race:Human): Lv2

Age : 28

Slashing : 100%

Most humans, weak ones, at least, are weak against sharp things in general . Moreover, the percentage is higher if the target is much weaker than the user .

As he roaming the small town, Arthur stumbled a group of young women . Although they were chatting and were in quite a good mood, he approached without being detected since he bent space to pass unnoticed .

'Time cures everything, I guess...'

These women were part of a bigger group that was captured by the bandits back then . Arthur killed all the bandits without sparing anyone, he left right after . All the women and children there were either tortured or raped, a tragic fate, most of them couldn't handle it and ended their lives but others decided to continue living .

Here they are, after a few years, they started a new life full of happiness, with no bandits to threaten them and in a safe place, away from all the fights and wars . Willsden town was situated at the center of the continent, more or less, so there were no signs of war, moreover, there were no strong beasts lingering in the nearby forests .

In more than a way, it was a peaceful and good place to live in .

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A few miles away from Willsden town, there was a river with greenery all around it, it was an open space with no trees, only a few deer, and boars that roamed the area, nothing too dangerous .

Arthur sat near the river and contemplated an ant nest, he was lost in thought as he looked at those small creatures doing their best to survive, struggling to live when there are much stronger monsters out there .

He laid on the ground and stared at the blue and clear sky, he was enjoying this moment of peace, this short period of silence before the storm comes .

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"Since you're here, I'm guessing you've made your decision, right?"

Inside the ARK, Arthur's copy stood before him, looking at the grim yet serious expression of Arthur . Hearing no reply from the other party, the copy resumed talking:

"I can tell you the worse has yet to come but you already know that, I can tell you that you're going to lose but you're aware of that too . Arthur ah!... Arthur, you've become quite weak, so weak to the point of choosing such a path, one without a return, without a happy ending . "

Arthur still didn't reply, he stared at his copy, who waved his hand, changing the endless space into something else, just like last time .

The two of them were standing on the roof of a skyscraper . In the past, this was the headquarters of Arthur's main company, it was situated in Seoul . Arthur passed most of his time in his office, managing his companies and doing his job as a CEO .

"Tell me, Arthur, do you know why 'X' chose you? There are trillions of people in the system's Universe alone, so why choose you out of everyone, out of all those who suffered more than you? Those who fell into endless despair that you could never imagine . Have you ever wondered about that? Did you think you're special? Or perhaps you thought it was just pure luck and nothing else? Reincarnation isn't a simple thing, even for someone such as 'X', only Fate is capable of reincarnating people, so 'X' only had one chance and he chose to gamble on you, Arthur Bilgart, a human from Earth... betrayed, vulnerable, vengeful, angry, and so goes the long list... why is that?"

Arthur wanted to reply but he couldn't find the right words, there was no answer to such a question .

"Let me clarify this for you, from 'X's point of view, you were the perfect subject for his experiment, that's it . As to why he thought you were the perfect subject, it's because someone told him about you and ordered him to take care of you but 'X' opposed that order and decided to use you instead . "

"Who's this 'someone'?"

The copy laughed heartily and said

"A close friend of yours I would say . You will meet him, or more precisely, you'll meet him again as you've met in the past . The concept of time is difficult to understand and hard to explain, timelines are interconnected so you'll definitely meet him sometime in the near future, if you do not die, that is . "

"Does this friend have a name at least?"

Arthur didn't like how his copy was talking in puzzles, not spitting the truth straight out but circling around the subject as if purposely hiding the truth .

"Knowing too much is a sin, don't you know that? I can tell you something about him though, he's known as 'The Nameless Knight' . "

Arthur tried to remember if he read or heard about this name before, alas, no matter how much he searched through his memories, he found no one with such a title or name, not even in Zodiak's notes or books .

The copy clapped his hands as if to wake up Arthur, then he resumed his long speech:

"Let's talk about your decision now, could you tell me why you chose that path?"

"Astria is my home, I do not wish to see its destruction . I simply want for my family to live a peaceful life in this world . "

The copy let out a small chuckle then retorted with a scolding tone

"Bullshit! That's not the true reason . You could build a home in any other world, there exist millions of worlds that are devoid of fighting and wars and you know that too . Lucy wouldn't insist on living here if it means risking your life . You are against fleeing because you know that those who will leave this world will be homeless, if Astria is obliterated by the beasts, all its citizens will either be killed or transported to another world, where they'll perish too, one way or another, sooner or later . You do not want that to happen, you're simply denying that fact and forcing yourself to think otherwise . "

The copy didn't even let Arthur retort before he continued

"Mayhap you think differently, but those inside of you yearn for their home and its safety . How many people, beasts, and plants did you possess? The majority of them were born on Astria, sure, you were not affected mentally but they are still a part of you, after all, you obtained everything from them, their stats, talent, experiences, and of course, memories . Did you think such a heaven-defying Racial ability comes with no cost, you must've guessed the consequences when you started experiencing their lives, from their birth to their miserable death . The Parasite is affected directly by the law of equivalent exchange, you get something, but you give something in return . You wonder what is it that you give? It can be a small piece of your soul in exchange for a part of their soul to merge with yours, you provide their memories a place to rest at, a place to exist forever .

When you first reincarnated, you only harbored anger and hate toward all living beings . Fortunately, you met Lucy and learned how to differentiate between bad and good and spared those who should be spared, but in my opinion, that is the wrong way to proceed . Lucy always agreed to your decisions because she loves you, if it were up to her, she would kill anyone who annoys her, she just holds herself and follows your steps, a wise and obedient woman . The Soulbond Lucy cast saved you, however, it created a small gap that allowed those lost souls you collected to dive in and stay in that gap . Their presence there affects your decision but in a minuscule way . To be honest, this was the first time they affected your decision . "

"Why are you telling me all of this?"

"To explain to you why this is happening . Don't get me wrong, I'm not against your decision, in fact, I'm quite eager to see what will happen, but I want you to know that being a parasite is a double-edged weapon, and in more than a way, the consequences it can bring are more than the advantages . "

No response was heard from Arthur, he looked at the skyscrapers all around him, then he gazed down, seeing all the cars and humans crossing the roads, in a hurry to go to work .

He merely looked at this scene for a couple of seconds before he decided to leave the ARK, not wanting to remember his life on Earth .

Before he left the ARK, his copy stopped him, muttering a few words into his ear then disappearing after giving him the usual friendly smile .