

Once Human, Now a Parasite - Chapter 4

Chapter 4

After having killed the bear, Arthur pondered for a moment about staying at the wolf's body or possessing the bear but finally he decided to choose the later , so he checked his surroundings to see if there are any enemies nearby but no one was there even the remaining wolves ran away after the death of the bear, so he left his current 'body' and ran toward the bear with all the speed he could muster, if some human from his previous world saw him he would only see a black blur .

Once he possessed the bear a lot of notifications popped up in his head 'ting'

You have successfully possessed a Hind Bear .

You have gained a new skill(passive) [Strong resistance]: your stamina has permanently increased by 250

you have gained a new skill(active) [burst attack]: you charge your claws with power for 1 . 5 seconds then you unleash it . cooldown time: none

cost: 75

You have gained all stats of the Hind Bear .

TITLE : NONE

Level: 20

RACE: VOID PARASITE

Strength: 875 (+430)

Intelligence: 720(+90)

Agility: 980(+300)

Wisdom: 490(+20)

Vitality: 740(435)

Dexterity: 450(+125)

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Health: 1060 Health Regen: 1 . 2/s

Mana: 620 Mana Regen: 1/s

Stamina: 1045 Stamina Regen: 1 . 5/s

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Attack: 283

Defense: 310

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Elemental Resistances

Fire:25%

Water:25%

Wind:25%

Earth:25%

Light:25%

Darkness:25%

Arthur was quite shocked by the amount of stats that was added , his overall have improved , at least now he can roam the forest without fear of being killed at any moment and since he possessed the hind bear's body all creatures will avoid him unless it is a big pack of wolves but he thought that even if there was a big pack he could handle himself well .

He spent some minutes adjusting himself to the bear's body and testing [void slash] and [burst attack] which surprisingly can be used together at the same time, he tried used them together on a somewhat large tree and when his claws landed on it, the tree just disintegrated the void ate it away, even the space behind the tree was eating way the power of the attack was truly monstrous, if used on a beast nothing would be left of him, not even his blood .

Arthur somewhat satisfied with his accomplishment started roaming the forest and killing every beast he found to level up, he killed boars, wolves, and even other hind bears, he encountered 2 hind bears which seemed a female and male, he didn't plan on attacking them since he thought they were a family but they rushed at him so he just killed them, all it took was 2 normal slashes from his claws and the 2 bears were insta-killed , he felt bad for killing them for they seemed like a family but life is cruel and he had learned that from his past life, if people are cruel toward you, you have to be crueler

toward them and kill them before they could come back and cause trouble for you in the future .

If he had an eye for people and could distinguish between who was using him for his money like his wife and who was kind, he wouldn't have been in hell for all those months, so he decided that in this newly granted life he would be cold toward everyone, he just couldn't trust anyone after what has been done to him .

After spending all day hunting he managed to reach [Level 24] , but that seemed really slow, he killed hundred of preys but all he got was 4 levels, he didn't even need to rest because of his high Stamina and extraordinary Stamina regen, if some mercenaries or adventures saw his stats they wouldn't believe their eyes and most likely vomit blood .

A normal veteran adventure would have between 300 to 400 [Strength] and if it's an elite one he would have 600 but that was it, having almost 1000 strength is unheard of, even having 200 [agility] is considered good because Humans normally are slower than beasts but with their numbers and intelligence they can overcome their slow speed .

However Arthur's speed was incredible for a hind bear which normally was slightly slower than a Lightmoon Wolf, but he had the combined speed of a bear and a Lightmoon Wolf, he couldn't even cope with his speed as when he tried running at full speed he kept bumping into trees and rocks which were completely destroyed because of his raw strength .

Fortunately, after a few hours of practice, he managed to get the hang of it .

At night, Arthur tried to find a cave to sleep, even though he wasn't tired at all he couldn't forget the habits he had from his previous life, so sleeping was necessary, but he had drifted a long way from the cave he was in last night, so he tried finding another one .

He spent 2 hours searching for one until he found an entrance to a cave, it seemed really well hidden but he noticed because of his keen eyesight .

He felt some kind of chilly feeling coming from the cave but nevertheless, he entered it, he kept walking for a couple of minutes in the darkness until he spotted a light not far away, once he got closer he noticed that it was a torch .

Arthur seemed to be in a corridor but what surprised him was that the walls, ground and even the roof were jet black , even the torch seemed to be made from black wood, he could see that was a long corridor because the torches continued as far as his eyes could see, he continued to walk cautiously forward , but surprisingly nothing happened, he expected some traps or mazes but nothing occurred which was even scarier and worrying .

After walking for 40 minutes he arrived at the end of corridor and saw a wooden door which was black like the surroundings, the door seemed really ancient and in the center of it was some kind of symbol, it was the head of the skeleton but what's more surprising is that it had a third eye on its forehead, it gave a cold feeling looking at the symbol .

It seemed like it was alive and sucking the life out of him . The door was somewhat small compared to the huge body of the bear, even if he wanted to enter there was no way he could with his huge frame, so he pondered for a moment on whether to leave his body or not , he could always get back to this body but there was the chance that there is danger behind this door so he was hesitating whether to risk it or not but after some thinking he just snorted and left his body "Tsk! Danger or not, that doesn't matter, it can't be worse than what I already experienced"

Arthur left the body of the bear and entered from under the door since his real body was like 7 inches he could pass easily .

Once he entered, he saw an enormous room, because of his small size, everything was big but he could guess that it was a 20x20 meter room, it had dust all over it .

There were bookshelves, tables filled with dusty papers and there also was big chests, the very first thing he thought when he saw those chests were "treasures" but he kept looking around the room because even if he wanted to see what's in those chests, he can't take them with his small size .

He had immense strength even in this body but he can't use it properly due to his size . There were various other things but he didn't bother much with them, in the center of the room he saw a half meter black stone be, he couldn't exactly guess what it was since he was seeing it from downward but he guessed it was some container .

Arthur approached it slowly afraid of some sneak attack from an unknown enemy or a sudden trap, but fortunately, nothing happened .

With a sigh, he mustered his strength on his lower body and jumped up, because he underestimated his strength and speed, his jump carried him all over to the roof and when he was in mid-air he could see what was this container, it was a tomb containing a skeleton corpse .

He landed on the edge of the container so he could have a close look at the corpse, it was really an old corpse, there was dust all over, and by the state of the skeleton, it must have been thousands of years if not more . The skeleton was dusty and old but surprisingly it didn't have any crack which shocked him greatly .

Arthur circled around the tomb to observe more . He noticed that near the corpse was a black book with the same symbol that he saw in the door, also there was a black robe and a cane with a red crystal on top of it, the cane seemed really old and creepy, the

red crystal was in the shape of some kind of person with 8 hands, it reminded him of myth of Asura that he heard of in his previous life but this shape had 2 more hands than Asura .

He pondered whether he could possess a dead person or not, well he can possess dead animals like the bear and the wolves but is it the same thing for all beings or is it just monsters? He stopped thinking about this and dived right into the skeleton with a hope of possessing it .

Controlling a human body is more comfortable and there are things you can't-do with a beast's body like grabbing things, after all, you can't grab with your claws it's way too difficult . All it took was less than a second and he heard the rewarding notification sound 'ting'

you have successfully possessed Zodiac's body .

Zodiac : in the past, there was an entity called the Dark Magician, he was known for his necromancy and dark magic which was lethal to every being, he was pursued by the holy church and all kingdoms and empires for thousands of years but no one could catch him, every time they find him he would slaughter everyone or keep some for experimenting on them , he was the definition of evil , feared by all he built a small base to escape from all those people and keep researching without disturbance, after years passed the search of dark magician lessened until he became a myth and no one could find him, they concluded that he was dead because he never appeared again .

you have gained a new skill (active) Dark magic[Lvl: ???] : you can use dark magic to form an attack, barriers, traps and all sort of things, all research made by Zodiac are available to you to use if you have the ability to do so .

Cost:none

You have gained a new skill (active) necromancy[Lvl ??] : you can spawn all kind of underworld beings and command them cost: depends on the being you revive .

you have gained a new skill(passive) [dead being] : because you are askeleton, your Stamina is infinite and your defense and vitality have increased: you can regenerate lost bones .

You have gained all Zodiac's stats .

TITLE : NONE

Level: 24

RACE: VOID PARASITE

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Strength: 1040 (+165)

Intelligence: 1500(+200)

Agility: 1180(+300)

Wisdom: 1248(+758)

Vitality: 1441(+701)

Dexterity: 620(+170)

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Health: 1285 Health Regen: 11 . 2/s

Mana: 1240 Mana Regen: 25 . 1/s

Stamina: infinite Stamina Regen: ???

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Attack: 581

Defense: 1032

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Elemental Resistances

Fire:25%

Water:25%

Wind:25%

Earth:25%

Light:25%

Darkness:100%

Arthur stared for a couple of minutes at his status window, his eyes widened when he saw the increase in Intelligence, Vitality, and Wisdom, his overall stats are all above

1000 except for his Dexterity, this was definitely a cheat, he believed that now he can one-shot everything that attacks him even with raw strength which was completely unbelievable .

He got up and tried moving his body, at first it felt really heavy but just after a couple of seconds, he was able to move normally and freely . Everything was alright, It's the same feeling as being a human-like his previous life except it was kind of strange seeing his body made of bones .

How can he eat delicious things like this or drink water, he was made of bones so normally anything will fall to the ground if he was eating or it will spill on his lower bones, but nevertheless he was excited when he tested his movements, he could run to the end of the room in less than a second it almost seemed like it was teleportation .

Arthur tried throwing a punch at the air but he underestimated his strength greatly and even when punching the air the wall at the end of the room was utterly destroyed with nothing left, he stood there dazed for a second then he sighed and thought

"if I had this kind of this strength in the past who would dare to have mess with me ? Life is really cruel and unfair for some people . . . "

After spending 5 or so minutes testing his body and overall abilities he tried using his new skills and the one which picked his interest is the Dark Magic ability .

It says that he can use dark magic to attack or defend but it didn't explain how, so he focused and thought about a spear in his mind and suddenly

'bzzzt"

A dark 2-meter spear appeared near him floating beside his shoulder, he was surprised at first then he felt ecstatic and overjoyed .

The spear was jet black it didn't have any special features except the edges of the spear had some kind of black flames, he tried aiming the spear at the wall and suddenly 'boom' the wall was destroyed and there was no sign of the spear, the power was truly frightening .

The room was made by 4 walls, the wall which was targeted by the spear all crumbled and the spear just continued destroying everything it crossed until Arthur ordered the spear to go back to him, he truly couldn't believe his eyes as the speed of this attack was faster than what his eyes could see .

He tried changing the shape of the spear and it was indeed like he thought, he could change it however he wants, whether it was an axe, a sword, a dagger and even a shield, then it occurred to him that it said in the description that you can use dark magic to form barriers so he thought about that, but the dark shield next to him didn't change .

However, a black aura surrounded him from all directions it seemed like a sphere surrounding him, it was a transparent sphere but it was kind of black-ish, he willed the barrier to disappear and it just disappeared in a split second .

It seemed like forming a barrier was slower than forming a weapon but nevertheless, it took only 1 second so it wasn't that big of a deal .

Arthur tried experimenting more with Dark Magic and he discovered that he can make more weapons, he created spears until all the room was filled with them and what surprised him was that it didn't cost mana to attack or form weapons or barriers which were truly a good yet frightening thing .

Next, he tried the revival skill which came from Zodiak as well, and it was kind of Okay, it was not overpowered like the Dark Magic but it could be useful .

After some experimentation, he found out that he can summon a skeleton for 20 mana each and a mage skeleton which had a cane with 40 mana each, all kind of skeletons can be summoned .

Moreover, he tried thinking about a wolf or bear and it was a success, he could also summon them though they were all bones, he also can summon zombies but they seemed slow and not that strong so he just ignored them , he stopped further experiment with this skill because the room was not that big to experiment in .

Arthur was truly happy, he knew that his abilities are considered good even in this world .

After all, destroying a wall in a less than a second is a something not everybody can do, what's more is that he can use magic so that meant that there are people who can use it as well, but he was kind of depressed because his level was somewhat low, even if his stats are cheat-like, he didn't like having low level he felt kind of insecure .

For him, he didn't want to be put in a situation like the tragic past, he must be in control of his own destiny and not be toyed with by some greedy and evil people .

Arthur turned around and went near the tomb to appraise the robe and cane, they seemed ancient but they weren't destroyed so they may be useful to him

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Cursed robe of Zodiak : Casting Dark Magic is 50% faster / Mana Regeneration is 100% faster / +1500 Mana // nullify any curse magic

Unique skill(active)[Dark cloud]: you Can create a special cloud that allows you to ride it, can be used for flying or carrying things .

Cost: 35mana per second .

Requirement: must be a controller of dark magic .

Arthur was amazed by this robe, its stats are terrifying, increasing Mana Regeneration by 1 fold and a unique skill too? That was too great! This robe increases his overall abilities by a lot . Next thing he did was appraise the dark book next to the robe .

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Book of the Damned : skill book(type : Unique) : this book can be used to learn a unique skill : [Death touch] : By absorbing the Live energy of creatures you killed you can earn double the experience (AN: experience is measurement for leveling, when you reach a specific number you level up) and when you reach certain number or creatures absorbed you learn new skills .

Requirement : 750 Intelligence / 500 Wisdom .

'Jackpot'

He really was lucky in getting this book but he was curious as to why, Zodiak the previous owner of his current 'body' didn't learn this book, by looking at the previous stats of Zodiak he could have learned this skill but he didn't which alarmed Arthur, maybe this book has some side effects which were dangerous but that didn't mean that he has to throw a precious skill like this after all he didn't have anything to lose .

It's a new life for him so he should do whatever he wants to do whether it is crazy dangerous or stupid, Arthur mumbled softly

"Go big or go home, huh?"

And then he learned the skill, a dark flash of light appeared and then he heard the notification

You learned [Death Touch] .

Arthur didn't feel anything out of the place when he learned the skill, nothing dangerous happened even after waiting a couple of minutes so he just shrugged it off and appraised the cane to see its stats .

Sol'khin's cane: Unable to appraise .

'That's weird . . . '

Once this message popped up, he couldn't help but feel sad and a bit confused . The cane had a creepy appearance but a unique, almost nonexistent aura was lingering around it, it was too ominous for him to not notice it .

He left the best for last but his excitement lessened, the cane looked creepy but it sure as hell was strong and that's because he couldn't appraise it and that means it's too strong for him currently .

He has been able to appraise an item such as the robe which was totally cheating so an item which he couldn't appraise with his current stats means either his level is too low or his stats are too low .

Arthur then tried putting the robe on and unsurprisingly it fitted him, since it was Zodiac's robe so of course, it would, the robe covered all his bony body, it even had a hood which covered the head, if you look at his appearance now you could only see his legs and hands which were bones .

"if I'm gonna meet people, I need to find some boots and gloves to cover my body or else anyone would be suspicious if they see bones instead of hands or feets . "

He searched the tomb for more items and he found 2 rings which seemed luxurious, the 2 were made of black gold and impossible to miss, next to them there was a bronze necklace and 1 feet black crystal, so he began by appraising the rings .

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Black Magic Ring: Zodiac Was very possessive of his items so he created a storage ring which can only be accessed by using Dark Magic so even if it was stolen, no one but him can open it .

Contain a huge space which can contain various items but no living beings, use dark magic on it to use it .

Arthur was a little fan of games in his previous life, even though he dedicated his life to his job, when he was a child he also played games or read some manga so he somehow understood what this ring is, it was some kind of inventory to store items, very classic thing in games .

Dark Flame Ring : all your attacks will contain black flames which increase the damage by 35% , +175 Intelligence / +500 Health / +500 Mana .

Necklace of the Chaotic Evocation of Conjuraton: Can be used to strengthen anything created (fire, water, summoned pets,etc . .) by 20%, +100 Wisdom .

The items were really cheated like, as you would expect from an ancient evil being, Arthur was really overjoyed by the discovery of this tomb, and it seems those items can be equipped by anyone so he could equip them now

After wearing the rings and necklace, he felt a slight increase in his pool of mana . He also noticed that his thinking is way faster than before and even more rational, he seemed very calm in a situation like this, he got so many things from this place but he was just excited for a couple of minutes if it was someone else they would die from joy .

Arthur then went on to appraise the big crystal which was very ominous, it emitted a dark aura similar to the book of the Damned

'Appraise!'

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Soul container: Contains the life of many dead beings, they were stored by an ancient dark magician in the past for research but he didn't get to use

Can be consumed by [Death touch] and all this would be changed to experience .

Do you want to use [death touch] to consume the lives in this crystal?

'Yes . '

. . . .

level up! level up! level up!

After having consumed the crystal, Arthur's level went up by a lot and when he checked his current level he was dumbfounded to see it reach 87 . His level increased by a whopping 63, which was really something he didn't believe until he rechecked his level 5 times, various notification popped when he leveled up so many times, since he was a parasite every 5 levels he got a +50 increase in all stats so overall his stats increased by 650 each, and also he got 2 skills from [Death touch] .

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Congratulations! since you absorbed 10 . 000 souls you learned: [Death Binding]: By using this skill you cannot be killed for the next 10 Seconds .

Cost: none

Can only be used 3 times . 3/3 .

Congratulations: since you have absorbed 100 . 000 souls you learned : [Faster than Death](passive): you Can now make instant movement on a radius of 50m / Agility +200
cost: 150 Mana per movement .

Those abilities were top even among his abilities, not dying for 10 seconds was really a trump card for Arthur in case of emergencies, he tried activating [faster than death] and pinpointing a location in the room it was almost instantaneous as he found himself at the location where he wished to teleport to, such skill could only be described as Godly!

He could also use continuously as long as he has the necessary Mana, but regretfully it cost quite a bit, 150 Mana per use is really a lot so he decided to only use it when he needed it since even without it his speed is incredible .

Arthur looked around for more items in the tomb but there were none left, he felt refreshed because of the turn of the events, he shifted his gaze to various corners of the room, checking whether there are some good items hidden or left unnoticed by him .

There were some scrolls, ancient books and so on, but before he checked them, he tried using the storage ring he got just now .

Since he practiced dark magic for a couple of minutes, and with the knowledge he got from Zodiak his control was somewhat decent so he used it on the ring and suddenly he felt like he had control of a big space, in his mind he could see a big black space loaded with items but even with all those items there seems to be more space left than used . there really were a lot of items which him very happy, what's more, he found boots and gloves that could possibly wear .

Imoogi's boots: a special boot made of the skin of an ancient limoogi: Agility +120 / Vitality +75 / Defense +150

Level requirement: 50

Black Ruby Gloves : +50 Intelligence // +10% Mana Regeneration

The stats were not that amazing compared to the other items he got but he didn't care about that and he equipped them after he got them out of the storage which was an easy thing to do, he just willed them to be out and they popped out of thin air in front of him .

Amongst the other items in the storage, there were weapons and armors but they were not as good as the ones he was wearing so he just neglected them, there were some he couldn't appraise like the cane, so he just put them aside for the time being .

He kept looking around until he found an interested cane that caught his attention .

Silence Cane : A cane specially crafted by Zodiak : +150 Intelligence / +150 Wisdom / +25% Mana Regeneration // Attack +400

level requirement : 85 .

Since he didn't have a weapon right now, he decided to use it in battle, after all, it was better than nothing, the cane didn't look much special too, it was a black cane with a violet crystal on top in a shape of a skull .

Arthur continued looking through the items, but nothing caught his eyes as most of them were either weapons, strange talisman or countless books or chests that had items he never saw in his life, he decided to ignore them for now as maybe his level is way too low for them . There was a mind-boggling amount of Gold, Arthur could guess it was most likely the currency used here, but the amount was just too much .

After Arthur finished checking his storage ring, he turned around to search for useful things, he first went to the bookshelves and tables and stored everything, since he can understand the language used by the being he possessed he could read those books, but for now he kept them in his storage he decided he will look through them when he has some free time .

Finally there were only the supposedly treasure chests left in the room, there were exactly 3 treasure chests, he approached them then he used a little bit of strength to open the first one, when it was open, all he could see was gold coins but those were very special as they were ancient and dusty but they had a symbol of dragon on them .

The first and second chests were full of those coins so he just put the 2 chests in his storage then he went and opened the 3rd chest expecting to see gold coins too but surprisingly he found it loaded with crystals , they seemed to be emitting some kind of energy and they were various sizes and colours , he tried appraising them but all he got was this .

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Magic Crystal(Type : rare) : ????????????????????

Since he didn't know what enchanting means, he decided to put the chest into the storage and look at it further when he can comprehend what those crystals are meant for .

After clearing all the room he was left empty in this dusty room, he breathed a sigh of relief

"luck has really a part in life huh" .

After he readied himself and his clothes and checked everything he left the room and the first thing he saw was the corpse of the bear he left in here, since it was blocking the way he decided to push it with the dark magic but suddenly he stopped and tried using [death touch], he put his hand on the bear and [death touch] consumed the bear .

The corpse was absorbed in Arthur's hand like a black hole, after clearing the corpse he decided to test his speed, since it was a long corridor and with his new stats there isn't anything that it can harm him so he used his full speed to run through the corridor and what surprised him is what took him 40 minutes with the bear .

Now took him roughly 2 minutes, his speed was really incredible, the corridor was approximately 20 to 25km and to do that in 2 minutes is like going 12 . 5km in 1 minute which was incredible .

After he arrived at the end he noticed that it was sunrise right now, he took a breath of fresh air and checked his stats .

TITLE : NONE

Level: 87

RACE: VOID PARASITE

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Strength: 1640

Intelligence: 2475

Agility: 2100

Wisdom: 2098

Vitality: 2116

Dexterity: 1220

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Health: 1880 Health Regen: 24 . 2/s

Mana: 3840 Mana Regen: 58 . 9/s

Stamina: infinite Stamina Regen: ???

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Attack: 1581

Defense: 1782

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Elemental Resistances

Fire:25%

Water:25%

Wind:25%

Earth:25%

Light:25%

Darkness:100%

Arthur was quite happy and proud of his stats even though it was totally luck that got him this strong but nevertheless , he is considered strong now and since he stabilised himself more, he thought that it was time to head to a city or a town to learn more about this world, after all, he doesn't have a goal in his life now, he decided to live freely and do whatever he wants .

Since he doesn't even know where he is right now, he used [Dark cloud] the black 2-meter cloud appeared beside him he jumped on it, it was sturdy cloud even sturdier and harder than the ground .

Arthur willed the cloud to fly up in the air so he can at least see his surroundings as maybe he'll see a town or a city .

The cloud got very high until he willed it to stop, it seemed so natural to control it, it felt like it was a part of his body . When he was high enough in the air, he observed the surrounding and all he could see was a big forest in all directions except the North .

On the North, there were fields and a town with high walls but for Arthur, those walls were tiny because he was higher than them in terms of altitude, plus he was quite far away from them .

The town seemed to be 30 to 40KM to the North but he was able to see it with his high Dexterity, there was also some kind of camp 15KM in the same direction of the town but it was really minuscule and he could barely see it as there were no trees in that direction and there existed an open grassy field with some fog produced by a flame most likely so he guessed it must be some kind of camp or something similar .

He went to the direction of the town with his cloud, and surprisingly the cloud has the same speed as him when he is running full speed .

When he was 20Km from the town he descended to the ground and decided to run from there because flying may attract some unwanted attention and he wanted to stay lowkey .

When he got down, he willed the cloud to disappear, rechecked his attire to make sure it didn't look shady but no matter how you look at, anyone would find him suspicious with his black robe that covered his skeletal face and everything, literally, he looked like a black shadow, there is also the cold feeling he was emanating, it was too chilling .

Arthur finished the check and started running toward the town, however, he didn't run at full speed because that would even attract more suspicion than his shady look . If he were to run at full speed, no one would be able to see him, they would only feel a gust of wind passing by them .

His current running speed was relatively low, maybe similar to when he was inside the boar's body and it did not attract any attention but it's not like he met anyone so far but this situation soon changed when 5 men appeared out of the blue . They seemed dirty and had scars on their faces, one man was burly and had a big frame, and another was skinny with a long pointy nose, and the three others were more dirty looking and wore rusty armors .

The burly guy had a big axe at his back and the skinny one had a sword sheathed but the other three guys had just simple axes at both hands .

One of the 3 guys approached Arthur and said disdainfully

"Hello there, this is a dangerous place, don't you need some protection from veteran people like us? Say no more, we'll provide you with protection until Willsden town but you have to give us your belongings so we can keep'em safe ok?"

The man approached Arthur with a disgusting smile hanging on his hideous face but when he was 5 meter from him he felt a chill down his spines that stopped his feet from moving another step toward Arthur . One of the other guys saw that his companion stopped advancing and felt something was off so he approached his comrade and shouted at Arthur

"Didn't you hear what second brother said? Hand over your f*cking belongings so we can protect you, or you would die by some 'unfortunate' accident hehe"

Arthur knew from what they said that they were bandits but nevertheless he used appraise on them to measure their Levels and strength, after all, no matter how much he is strong he can't act rashly unless he knows the general strength of a human in this world, when he used appraisal he could see their Levels

Sayo (Bandit Lv4)

Kayo (Bandit Lv3)

Bago (Bandit Lv4)

Silvester (Bandit Lv6)

Captain (Bandit Lv8)

It seemed that his guess was right and that the burly man was the highest level and apparently the strongest, but he stayed silent and watched as his companions tried to rob someone .

Arthur's Level was 87 which was way higher than these bandits and from observing their Levels and equipment he concluded he could kill them at any given time but he didn't, after all, killing a human is not like killing a monster . However, his hatred for humans is more than monsters as humans are more dangerous, their greed can change them completely but even so he hesitated on whether to kill them or not, bandits are usually bad people who rob and kill for their own benefit so killing them is like giving service to society but for someone who never took a human life before it was kind of difficult .

Arthur remained silent and waited to see their response . The one who shouted at Arthur got angry because he got no response and rushed at him with a short knife, clearly wanting to kill him, but once he got close he too felt the cold and chilling aura emitted from Arthur, nevertheless, he continued to rush at Arthur wishing to slit his throat him .

Arthur saw the man coming to him but his speed was so slow that he felt as if he was not moving, he could've killed him a thousand times if he wanted to be he didn't, by seeing his speed he knew that even if this attack landed on him it wouldn't do any damage because his defense is enormous and he wanted to use this situation to know his limits and how much his bones could hold .

He waited for the attack to land, fortunately, or unfortunately for him, it did but it didn't even go through the robe, it was like it hit metal or something even harder, since Arthur was wearing the armor, it added to his Defense too so the knife of the bandit couldn't pass through it, not even scratch it or rip it .

The bandit stood there dazed, he couldn't believe his eyes, even a hind bear cannot withstand an attack like that and stand there so casually, so seeing with his one eyes that his attack didn't even scratch the robe, his hand began shaking as he realized he attacked the wrong person and there will be no coming back .

The skinny looking bandit who was Lv6 noticed what happened, his eyes narrowed and his face turned serious, he leaned closed to the burly man and whispered with a low voice .

"Boss, this guy isn't some random man, we should be cautious, do we attack all at the same time?"

The burly man's eyes turned serious for a moment before he smiled and said

"Sayo! Bago! Why are you attacking this man? Come back here NOW !"

He then approached Arthur slowly and apologetically said :

"Little brother, please excuse my comrades, they lack manners, as a way to apologize would you please follow us to our village? We will certainly gift you something that will please you . "

The burly man's sudden change in attitude surprised the 4 other bandits but they quickly understood that if their boss was sweet-talking this man it means this person is strong, so they lowered their arms and smiled awkwardly to Arthur .

Arthur still didn't say anything, but the burly man took his silence as a yes and added

"Then please follow us, the village is near it will only take us a couple of minutes at most . "

He then turned around and started walking . The 4 others followed him, Arthur pondered for a moment then he followed them, he walked behind the burly man but the 4 others were circling around him, it was obvious that they were blocking his exit .

Just as the man said, after 5 minutes of walking, they arrived at the so-called village . Actually it couldn't be called a village, there were several tents scattered here and there and a big one in the middle, there were dozens of men around the camp either drinking or sparring, Arthur even noticed that in the sparring, the one who won kept kicking the losing opponent until he killed him but the cheers from the comrades didn't stop, they seemed unaffected by the death of their companion .

On the corner of the camp there was steel cage and what was inside it was really ugly to behold, it reminded Arthur of his past life, in the cage there were several men either torturing women or playing with them, there were even little children with bruised bodies . All these women had lifeless eyes they didn't even scream, it seemed like it had been some time since they were captured and they either gave up or got used it too, those eyes reminded him of his hellish past and the time he spent in that desolate room, Arthur stopped walking and watched the cage in daze .

The burly man noticed Arthur's action so he laughed and said

"Hahaha, little brother need not worry, we've got women better than these, but if you like some in there, we can always give them to you, you only need to say the word, for now, let's head to my boss, he is the ruler of this village"

Arthur heard what the burly man just said and he got even angrier but he contained his anger continued to follow the burly man which his name seemed to be Ricardo .

When they arrived in front of the big tent, Ricardo told Arthur to wait for a moment, then he entered the tent, after some time he exited the tent with a smirk and said

"I have told the boss what happened and he wishes to meet you so he can compensate you and apologize for the actions of my companions, please enter . "

Ricardo opened the tent for Arthur to let him enter .

Arthur didn't say a single word from the beginning, he just entered the tent . The interior was quite luxury it contained some good furniture but compared to what Arthur had in his storage it was trash, he walked for 10 or so meter until he heard noises

"You whore! I chose you because you seemed really good but you're worse than shit aren't you? Hurry up and do your job properly! "

When Arthur passed the curtain and went toward the noise, he saw someone sitting in a chair with a wooden desk in front of him, he seemed to be doing inappropriate and his eyes were burning with lust, when he saw Arthur, he didn't particularly stop or anything he just said

"Oh oh so you are the man Ricardo was speaking of, wait a moment I need to finish what I'm doing . . "

After a couple of seconds a beautiful woman seemed to appear from near the desk, she seemed to have been crawling near the desk so Arthur didn't see her when he came in, she had a collar on her neck and her eyes were more lifeless than the ones on the outside , the man picked her up and bent her over the desk and was apparently going to **** her, Arthur didn't want to know why she was crawling near the desk but it didn't appear to be pleasant .

Just as he pushed the woman on t desk, the man felt a cold chill and his body began shaking non-stop so he tried to look toward Arthur but before he could even lift his head, his vision turned jet black .

Arthur saw a scene he would rather not see but at least he was able to stop it . She must have been suffering for a long time considering the lifeless look on her face but at least he ended it right now or else she would have to suffer for a long time .

It reminded him of himself and how he wished someone would kill him or help him from his suffering but no one had done that, but now it was different, now he can help someone who was in the same situation he was in so, of course, he would help this person because he knew what being helpless and alone really means .

He couldn't control himself so he used the dark spear and with but a thought the spear rushed toward the man, it was so fast that it crushed his head until there was nothing left, he couldn't even react in time, he instantly died when it hit him, the dark spear didn't stop once it pulverised the man's head, it continued toward the tent but Arthur stopped it and willed it to disappear .

The headless corpse of the bandit boss lifelessly fell on the ground with his lower body naked, showing his disgusting thing, as for the woman, she didn't even seem surprised by what happened, she just stood there motionless, Arthur walked in front of her and said

"Do you want to die?"

The woman looked at him for a couple of seconds then tears poured out of her eyes, she just nodded . Arthur made a dark dagger with his dark magic and stabbed her heart killing her on the spot, he knew what she was feeling, even though she was saved but all that was done to her made her want to die more than to live, death was a way for her to escape and Arthur offered her that way because he too wanted to die back then but he couldn't, so he understood her very much .

He walked to the corpse of the bandit and used [Death Touch] on it, absorbing it completely, then he looked around the tent to see if there is something of use or anyone around but all he could find was a wooden chest, so he walked towards it and opened it but all he found was couple hundred gold coins, the same type he found in his storage ring so he concluded that these gold coins were the currency used in this world .

After looking around one more time, Arthur headed to the entrance of the tent, he was going to slaughter everyone, since everyone in this camp was either heartless and cruel, he remembered the eyes of the men who were in the cage, they were filled with lust and greed, they acted on their desires and used those women as playthings .

'this world is more rotten than the previous one' though Arthur .

When he exited the tent, he saw Ricardo and some other men chatting, without wasting time, he created dark spears and sent them to the heads of the bandits, Ricardo and the others fell on the ground helplessly without even knowing how they died, it was truly a gruesome and gory sight, there were some other bandits who saw what happened and were terrified, after all, they saw their comrade dying so fast and couldn't even see what killed them , so they started running away, but Arthur wouldn't let them do so, he created as many spears as there were bandits and sent them towards these fleeing bastards .

In just seconds, all the bandits were dead, no one was left alive as they really deserved to die a million times, and maybe even that was not enough to atone for what they did, the only people still alive were the women and children inside the cage .

Arthur started checking the tents for more bandits, and he found 3 of them sleeping so he killed them on spot and headed toward the cage .

The women and kids had a look of fear in their eyes, they didn't seem as desperate and hopeless as the women in the big tent so Arthur didn't ask them if they wished to die and even they wanted to, they could always suicide so there was no point in doing it himself .

After checking if there were any other bandits, Arthur just left the camp and headed toward the town which was called "Willsden town", but his view of this world changed, he knew that people in here might be crueller than his previous world, so he was even more cautious toward anyone, but at least he could defend himself, with his abilities he could secure a good life for himself, as what he is going to do in this town, he still didn't know yet .

However, one thing for sure is that he knew, no matter who it is, anyone who means ill toward him will be dead, be it a kind or evil person, that didn't matter, his way of thinking is sure hypocritical, or maybe he is more like a tyrant than a living being, but none of that bothered him, he just wants to live however he wants, he was no longer human, so why should he still follow their morals and stupid rules? That's absurd!

Arthur headed toward the town and with a bit of speed he arrived in 5 minutes, it was still morning when he arrived, he saw the walls of the town 10 meters high and made of stone, and there was a somewhat big gate opened, also there was a long queue of people waiting to enter the town , there were merchants in big and small carriages, and people with their families, Arthur didn't pay attention to them, he just walked towards the end of the queue and began waiting for his turn .

All the people close to him felt that cold and chilly feeling from him like he was a ghost, no one talked to him, they even left a space of 2 meters between him and them, but that didn't bother him at all .

After the long wait, it was finally his turn, he approached the soldier or what seemed like one, he was armored and had a longsword attached to his waist, he looked at Arthur suspiciously then said

"Hello, are you an adventurer? If yes show me your adventurer's ID if not, then pay up 10 copper coins"

Arthur just retrieved 10 copper coins to appear from his storage ring then passed them to the soldier, then he entered the town .

It was a lively town, there were people everywhere, in every corner or alley, he saw merchants selling food or clothes and even furniture but he wasn't interested in any of that, shops and stalls were displaying their treasures with price tags near the items . It was a bustling town despite it looking a bit primitive compared to where Arthur came from .

He continued to roam the town to get to know the places better, he saw a 10 story building which had a symbol of double swords on the front, he guessed it was the Adventurer's guild, he also saw a luxury road with all kinds of residences, when he tried checking it out the guards in the road said

"If you are not a noble you cannot enter, sorry . "

Arthur didn't bother with the guards and just passed the luxury road, he was just interested because it was cleaner and more luxurious than the rest of the town but he since he cannot enter it, he will not bother with it, after all, with all the gold he has he surely can be considered rich but he wanted to stay lowkey for the moment and not anger someone who can threaten his life, he won't be careless like the past him .

When night came, Arthur started searching for an Inn and after half an hour he found a 2 story building, which seemed remotely similar to the inn so he entered it

Chapter 6

When Arthur entered the buildings, he could see tables scattered all around and people were either drinking beer or eating something, they were all chatting heartily, but few of them gazed at Arthur when he walked in the building, they threw suspicious gazes at him because of his attire but those glances lasted for a couple of seconds before they continued their laughter and chatter .

Arthur ignored them and headed for the reception desk, there was a big muscular lady at the reception desk, she was frightening like a gorilla but Arthur didn't seem affected by her appearance .

The muscular lady saw Arthur coming toward her, she frowned for a second then smiled at him and said

"Hello customer, would you like to reserve a table to eat or do you want to stay at the inn?"

Because in his past live Arthur was isolated for months, his interactions with people became non-existent, so it was hard for him to respond properly, even when he speaks his voice seems cold and devoid of emotion, he stared at the lady for a second then just said

"Inn . . . a room"

The lady didn't seem bothered by the lack of words of the man before her and just replied

"A night at the inn is 1 silver, with breakfast, lunch and dinner it's 2 silver"

Since Arthur was new to this world, he didn't know if the price was expensive or cheap but he had thousands of silver coins and even more gold coins in his storage so spending 1 or even 100 silver didn't seem much to him .

He merely waved his hand and 5 silver coins appeared, he handed them to the lady and spoke yet again

"5 days"

He didn't want to stay a lot of days, he thought that 5 days should be enough to familiarize himself with the town, and if he wanted to stay more, then he would come back and pay for more days .

The lady accepted the 5 silver coins and said

"Thank you for your payment, if you would like to follow me upstairs, I will guide you to your room"

Arthur nodded and followed her, the building was made of stone but the interior was made of wood, it was clean and tidy, even the stairs were clean and well preserved .

After walking upstairs he found himself in a 15-meter corridor with doors left and right, he followed the lady until they reached the end of the corridor she then opened the door to the left and showed him the room .

"This is your room sir, if you would like a hot water tub then come and ask me, it costs 20 copper coins" she then turned around and left hurriedly to serve the other customers downstairs .

Arthur entered the room and looked around, he saw a simple wooden desk and a chair . There was simple candle with a flickering flame, it illuminated the whole room but it seemed that it won't be long before the flames is extinguished . Despite that, Arthur didn't mind as his high Dexterity gave him super sight, which allows him to see clearly at night .

On the left of the room was a simple bed with sheets tidied up on it but because of his infinite stamina, the bed seemed totally useless for him, he could stay awake all day long without getting tired and even if he would sleep he would only have nightmares about his past so he preferred staying awake and avoid unnecessary trouble .

He sat on the chair near the desk and bought a book from his storage, but he didn't retrieve a random book, instead, he took a history book and began reading it .

The reason he chose a history book was because he is new to this world and the better he knows the countries and historical events the better he will be able to understand his surroundings and his current location in the world, furthermore, it will help him better adapt to the environment .

He began reading fastly through the pages, because of his tremendously high intelligence, his reading was far better and his memory was strengthened too, so the contents of the books would not fade away from his memory even after some time, he even could remember what he has read letter by letter which was truly amazing, I guess that's what they called a photographic memory in his previous world .

After 1 hour or so he finished reading the book but he wasn't sure if it was the same or not, after all, this book was very old and maybe many things changed from back then .

The contents of the books were about this world and the continents in it, apparently the world was divided into 4 continents, in the South was the human continent which was ruled by a human emperor the empire was called The Nida empire .

In the north was the second continent, also called the Demon continent which was ruled by a council of demons and a demon lord .

In the west was the third continent which was a wasteland, it is a deserted land with few people living in it, usually, those people were savages and barbarians, you can also find beastmen clans there too .

Last but not least was is the 4th content , also called the Itas continent ,the continent was in far to the East and was practically a big forest composed of mountains and rivers with some dangerous places here and there, it is inhabited by elves, fairies, and various other races, it is the smallest continent and the most peaceful one, even though it's peaceful and small, it's by no means weak, there are some strong individuals lurking there .

Arthur wasn't sure if the information he got from the book he had just read were still true or false, so he decided that tomorrow he would go look for a history book in a library if there was one, because in a new world, information is everything, and if he goes around and provokes someone powerful, then he would most certainly be doomed .

He then picked another book and started rampaging in it and in just half an hour he finished, this book explained various cults and religions, apparently the human continent had the most religions and church, and the main one is the Holy Church which has the highest authority, it is said that even the human Emperor has to listen to the orders of the church and cannot act against it or it would be regarded as treason .

Also, the holy church had branches all over the world, even some secret ones in the demon continent, Arthur was surprised about how detailed the book was about the holy church, inscribed its location, army, and even the pope who was a very mysterious person and is rarely seen in the public .

Time passed and Arthur continued reading books until it was morning, he learned many things such as the existence of many races like dwarves, Fishman and even the dragons which surprised him even though he believed they existed since he was in such a fantasy world .

He also found out that there are various kinds of mages, a mage who can use any kind of attribute (AN: by attribute I mean fire, water, wind etc . . .) was very well-known, usually mages are nobles or royalty which were trained to be mages from birth by using either elixir or they got a blessing from the Holy Church so they could use holy/light magic .

There were also geniuses who would be born with an attribute and be a prodigy in controlling it but those were extremely rare to come by .

Also, any mage who can use 2 kinds of attributes is called a dual-mage and you can find one in every 10 to 100 thousand people, it is said that every dual-mage had good fighting abilities and can be sought for even by kings .

As for mages who can use more than 2 attributes it was mentioned that they were unique and almost non-existent, they were also known to be called as 'Wizards' .

There was also something that picked his interest, he read that there was a special kind of fighters, it was those who used magic to enhance themselves since they couldn't use any attribute but the enhancement depends on their skill in using mana, also mages who can use attributes like fire, for example, can use those attributes in their physical attacks, so in general any mage who can use an attribute can either use it by casting spells, for example, a fireball or use those attribute to enhance their physical body and use it in physical attack, for example, a normal slash of a sword would contain fire in it, which will be more deadly .

When Arthur read this he immediately thought of his [void slash] which was terrifying, a single slash of his contained the power of the attribute [void], if he could use it in physical attacks doesn't that mean that he also can use void to perform ranged-attacks too?

Arthur ignored the idea of using void magic for now because he finds dark magic more useful, however thinking thoroughly about this, didn't that mean that he was a dual-mage?

He could use [dark magic] and [void magic] but he liked the dark magic more because he found it more easy to use, perhaps because he got the experience or Zodiac in controlling it?

'Let's not think about this for now' Arthur shrugged the idea off and put the book in his storage, then got up from the chair to head out of the room .

When he got downstairs, he saw that the place was emptier than last night, as to be expected, it was still morning and many people were either sleeping or working .

The landlady was at the reception desk helping customers, and sometimes delivering food to them, she seemed very energetic although it was still morning .

Arthur just passed by her without giving any greetings and left the building, just as he left he saw that there were many people wearing coats, maybe the weather was too cold but he couldn't feel it, perhaps because he was a pack of bones, albeit feeling the air touch his bones or the air resistance when he ran at his full speed, he was still perplexed about this body, he couldn't get hungry not could he know if he was actually breathing, but it's not like it mattered right?

Yesterday, Arthur roamed all the time, although it was called a town, it was considered big, it took him 3 hours to do a full tour of it and check everything except that luxurious road which he couldn't access to .

He remembered seeing some kind of a building with a book symbol in the western part of the town, so he headed toward that building hoping that it was a library .

The town was still bustling with merchants and shops even though it was still early in the morning, the cold weather didn't change the fact that there were many people either working or shopping, after walking for about 10 minutes he arrived in front of the supposed "library" and he entered it .

The first thing he noticed when he entered was the strange smell of paper, there were bookshelves aligned next to each other very neatly, even though the room was not that big, probably 30x30 meter, for a library it's considered small, but it was very clean, there were some customers checking books and observing the bookshelves, but they were all quiet, as to be expected since they were in a library .

In the center of the room there was a wooden desk, and an old man was sitting there reading a book, the old man was very skinny albeit looking healthy and somewhat a face full of vigor, he had a long white beard all the way to his chest, and seemed to be reading a book leisurely .

Arthur walked toward the old man was, he guessed he must be the receptionist .

The old man glanced at Arthur for a second before he continued reading the book without a care in the world but when Arthur was too close to him, the old man felt a cold chill and his hands shook a bit, so he glanced seriously at the man coming towards him and guessed that he must be someone powerful or else he wouldn't emanate such cold and ominous feeling, the old man strengthened his back and spoke politely to Arthur

"Hello there customer, welcome to our shop, would you like to buy a book or borrow one? If so please tell me what kind of book you want"

Arthur noticed the change in the personality of the old man, and he knew that it must've been his aura, he had long since decided to find a solution to it, maybe somehow turn it off or it would bring big troubles in the future, when he was in front of the old man he unconsciously appraised him, it seemed to become a habit of him to appraise anyone who spoke to him so he can measure their strength .

Jeff Kelner(Human): Lv11

"Buy all books history "

He was quite surprised by the Lvl of the old man, it seemed higher than the bandits, but he quickly concluded that it must have been because he was old and that even working in a library can give experience but compared to hunting it seemed to give much much less experience .

Arthur spoke in a weird manner, it even surprised the old man for he didn't expect the man who scared him to speak in such a manner but nevertheless he brought all the historical books he could find for fear of angering Arthur .

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After having Brought all the historical books he could find, there were about 20 to 30 books on the reception desk .

"Dear customer, these are all the books we have about history, you can choose whatever you want but please note that there are some expensive ones among them"

The old man spoke politely to Arthur and waited for him to choose whatever book he liked, but what surprised him more was what Arthur said next

" . . . All"

Just one word but it greatly shocked the librarian, he couldn't believe his ears first so he questioned

"Dear customer, are you sure you want all of the books? Some are expensive and not all people can afford to buy even a single one of them" .

Arthur just nodded his head, after seeing the affirmation of the customer the old man was shocked and couldn't help but feel a bit suspicious, he didn't think that Arthur would buy all the books as they cost a huge sum together but nevertheless he still took his time and calculated the price .

After 3 or so minutes of checking he told Arthur the amount, he told him the sum he needed to pay and greatly focused on the facial expression of Arthur, however, he was astonished to see that the customer didn't as much as flinch when he heard the price, his suspicions soon subdued and he concluded that this customer is a noble or something similar or else why would he spend so much gold on those books?

It's not like they were cheap, their sum could feed several households for a couple of years .

The total sum was a whopping 220 Gold which was enormous for the old man but for Arthur? Not so much, those 220 gold were just a single drop from an ocean of gold, his storage had mountains of gold coins, so spending some on books is nothing for him .

After he gave the gold coins to the old man, the librarian stared greedily at the gold coins for some seconds unable to believe his own eyes, but he quickly adjusted himself and thanked the customer, however, Arthur ignored him, he picked the books and left the building, the old man didn't stop speaking as he shouted at Arthur to come back if he needed any sort of book .

'He who is not contented with what he has, would not be contented with what he would like to have' even though the old man got a whopping 220 gold he still wanted more, human greed is really the worst thing in them .

Chapter 7

When Arthur left the library, with nothing else to do, he started roaming around the town to pass the time, after 5 minutes or so of walking he noticed a crowd not far from his position, in front of the crowd was some kind of stage .

Since he had nothing better to do he went toward it to see what's going on, the crowd of people seemed to be cheering and shouting from excitement and in the middle of the stage, in front of them, there was a man smiling and trying to calm down the crowd

"Now now, ladies and gentlemen if you would please calm down so we can start the auction . "

After hearing what the men said, everybody calmed down a little except a few who were whistling and shouting, but they soon stopped too because of the angry gazes of the crowd .

After everything calmed down the man in the stage noticed the absolute calm in the crowd and took the opportunity to speak

"Thank you for your long wait as I can assure you that you will not be disappointed after all the waiting as the 'merchandise' of today is one of the best we ever had since the opening of our auction . Please, if you would like to participate in the auction all you have to do is raise your hand and name a price when the bidding starts and if your price is the highest, you will get the 'item', now let the auction begin!" .

Arthur was quite interested in this auction because in his previous life auctions were very rare and made in private, so he never got to participate in one, though he had everything he needed in his storage, something may pick his interest and the idea of participating in an auction made him a little excited .

Arthur appraised the man like always and got to see his name and LVL

Edward Fonel (Human): LVL55

Just when Edward finished his announcement, a big muscular guy walked in from the backstage carrying in his hand something covered with a white piece of cloth, he walked near Edward then put the covered item on the table which was in front near him, he then walked where he previously was .

"Ladies and gentleman, the first item to be auctioned is something that may interest many of you, I present to you the fire Attribute skill book :[Flame tornado]!, it was obtained in a dangerous hunt made by one of our adventurer friends"

"OooOoOoo!"

all the crowd was amazed by the skillbook, and that's because it was extremely rare to find one and even if there was, it will not be auctioned as most people will use it instead of selling it .

What was amazing about a skillbook is that even if you are unable to use magic, if you learn a magic skill like this [Flame tornado], you could use this attack even with your inability to use magic, after all, it only costs mana, and every being possess it, so for those not born with capacities to be a mage, using a skillbook to obtain magic skills was like a blessing to those people that allowed them to be a bit stronger or maybe have a trump card to use in a fight, and even for mages who would learn a skill book related to the their attribute when they execute this skill it would be many times more powerful than normal .

The crowd was stunned for 1 minute or so, and Edward was grinning at them as he was expecting this reaction from the participants .

Arthur was more amazed of the reaction of the crowd more than the appearance of the skillbook because he didn't expect skill books to be this rare, when he searched his storage he found hundreds of skill books , but he didn't learn them as they seemed really weak and useless to him, so he just kept them in his storage ring, and now seeing the eyes of people were full of greed and envy toward this single skillbook, he understood that he completely underestimated the value of skills in this world .

Since he wasn't interested in this skillbook he decided not to bid for it and wait to see other items .

After waiting some time, Edward said

"The starting price of this skillbook would be 1000 gold coins, may the higher bidder win!" Just as he finished talking, everyone started raising their hands and bidding

"1050 gold coins"

"1060!"

"1100"

The price of the skill book was rising non-stop, even after reaching 2000 gold, the bidding never stopped, and all of a sudden, a young man from the front of the crowd sitting in a luxurious chair and holding a fan in his hand said calmly

"10,000 gold coins"

All the crows turned silent when they saw who talked, no one dared to raise his hand and bid more than the young man said because they knew he was someone important and no one dared to provoke him, he was a well-known noble in this town and it is rumored he had strong backing behind him, whenever he wanted to buy something, no one would dare to stop him from buying it .

The young man was quite handsome, he seemed to be in his twenties, he wore an elegant white robe with gold symbols on it, he had jewelry in his hands and neck which seemed really expensive, there was also two breath-taking women beside him, they seemed to be his maids since they wore a maid outfit .

Truthfully speaking, the price of the skill book could have risen to 20 . 000 gold coins or even more but since the young noble spoke no one dared to oppose him .

The auctioneer Edward seemed disappointed by this turn of the events but nevertheless, he kept a smile on his face and said

"10 . 000 going once, 10 . 000 going twice, 10 . 000 going thrice, SOLD!
Congratulations to Mr . Feylord for buying this skill book"

Everybody looked dejected since this young noble called Feylord was here, no one expected to get anything if it picked the interest of Feylord .

The item was passed to Feylord, he then waved his hands and one his maids passed 10 . 000 gold coins toward the big muscular guy who brought the skill book in the beginning of the auction .

10 . 000 gold coins seemed a lot to carry with just 2 hands, so in this world they used magical bags that could contain various things and they used them when adventuring or for storing big amounts of money, it was kind of like the storage ring but very limited as those bags could only contain a specific weight('AN: for example a magic bag that can hold to 50KG, you can put anything into it until it reaches the maximum weight which is 50KG)

After one of the maids passed the bag containing the money to the muscular man, Edward proceeded with the auction .

The rest of the items were amazing but they didn't bring much excitement as the skill book, nonetheless there were still some amazing items in the eyes of the people but to Arthur all of it was garbage, the items sold in this auction couldn't even remotely compare to what he had so he didn't participate in any bidding and his excitement and hype lessened a lot, his hopes for the appearance something good were long gone .

After an hour or so of bidding, the crowd was depressed, and that's because almost half of the items auctioned were bought by Feylord and they couldn't do anything about it, he took all the good things, his prices were not even high but because no one could oppose him, he could buy them cheap, even Edward was sad because of this .

He expected to earn a quite a lot but all the items sold to Feylord were almost sold at the same price that was on the market if not cheaper .

Edward sighed then thought 'at least the last item will sure get us a fair amount of money even Feylord Buy it'

He then exclaimed toward the crowd

"Ladies and gentlemen we have approached the end of the auction, and we have saved the best for last, our last item is very special and I assure you it will please a lot of you "

After he finished talking Edward waved his hand toward the muscular man, the latter nodded and headed downstairs to bring the last item .

When Arthur heard the auctioneer, even though he lost all hope in finding something interesting he still looked forward to seeing the last item, after all, the auctioneer said it was the best thing in this auction .

After a couple of minutes the muscular guy came to the stage with the supposedly 'item' but what it totally surprised everyone in the crowd even Arthur as they were expecting to see an item and not a living being, what accompanied matchless and all the crowd's eyes were focused on her, even Arthur was stunned by her beauty but she looked devoid of emotion and had gorgeous but cold eyes that .

She was dressed in a simple ragged grey cloth that covered her from the chest area all down to her knees and she was chained in her legs and hands and also had a collar around her neck that was connected to a chain which was where the muscular guy dragged her from .

She had bruises all over her body except her face, even though her size was of a small, no one would think she is a kid, her demeanor was of a woman, Arthur thought that the idols from his past world were "trash" compared to this girl .

Edward couldn't stop grinning when he saw the amazement of the crowd and shouted

"As you may have guessed, our last 'item' is not an actual item but a slave, and a special one at that, she has a beauty second to none and is a demon! Yes! You heard me right, she from the demon race so there is no need to feel sorry someone for someone like her, she can be used as a simple servant or a sex slave but unfortunately she can't fight due to her powers being sealed, as you may know, we can't use slave contracts on demons so we have to seal their power so they can not harm their master, the starting price is 25,000 gold coins . "

Some of the crowd were still amazed by the beauty of the demon girl, and others began bidding with all the money they had, deep in their hearts they wished for Feylord not to bid for the girl, but when they glanced at him they lost all hope, he seemed very calm on the outside but some could see that his eyes were burning with lust and obsession and many knew that Feylord liked to have beautiful women around him as you may have noticed from the 2 maids standing next to him, he couldn't wait a minute before he raised his hand and said

"100 . 000 gold coins I bid 100 . 000 gold coins, give her to me!"

Lucy's POV/3rd view of Lucy

Lucy was an orphan child, all she could remember was that since she was 4 years old she was alone, she didn't know her parents or anything about her family, but she did know that she was a demon and she was living in the human continent .

She lived her life running from either empire soldiers or Holy Church army who were slaughtering every demon they could find, be it a child or even a baby they were like brainwashed people all they knew was killing demons .

She didn't know why her family abandoned her, but nevertheless she struggled for her life and by the age of 10 she began to understand more about the world, after all the running and struggling with her life she managed to be strong at fighting, she also learned to control magic by herself and little by little she became very skilled at it , you can say that her magic was strong so even when any normal soldier from the Holy Church attacked her she could defend herself, but even with her strong magic abilities she couldn't win against numbers .

As the years passed and the fighting continued she became considerably strong until she wasn't afraid of the Holy Church, however surprisingly they didn't come for her anymore, many months passed without any pursuer, so she became a little bit relaxed and less anxious about the danger .

She always hid her appearance so she didn't attract any attention, even if she was a demon no one would guess that as she basically looked more like human than a demon, especially because demons usually have horns, but she knew her beauty would cause big troubles so she lived years hidden and barely communicated with people .

She didn't trust anyone and that's because she knew that all humans were the same, that they would use anyone for their benefits and because of her beauty they would sweet-talk her to gain her trust until they could lay their hands on her body, but unfortunately even though she vowed to never trust humans, she broke this vow and trusted a man .

She fell in love with him because he was kind to her even though she never showed him her appearance and helped her when she was in need, as time passed and she stayed with the man and she fell in love with him and with his kindness, she never had a family who cared for her so having someone kind and warm who managed to break through her distrusting heart was something she always yearned for .

As time passed, they began to be closer to each other, and she began to open up to him, she showed him her real appearance but he didn't seem very surprised, he complimented her beauty but he didn't have the lustful eyes that all the men had when they looked at her so she felt more secure and trustful towards him .

Some random day she wanted to surprise him in his house, but as she was coming in, she heard him talk to some people and after hearing the conversation she began shaking and tears flowed from her eyes non-stop .

What she heard was that the man she fell in love with was apparently someone the Holy Church sent to seduce her and bring her to their base .

She couldn't control her emotions and regretted the day that she trusted him and fell in love with him, she realized that all the months she passed with him and all the kindness he showed her was all but a big lie to lure her in . The poor girl was so broken that she cried real blood, she really was mentally broken as she thought she had someone in her

life but she was just alone, and all the happy life she had was just an 'illusion, she tried to escape after hearing the conversation but the men noticed her and due to her being shaken and mentally unstable she couldn't muster up the strength to escape, so they bound her movements and sealed her powers completely, she didn't even resist as she was still in shock .

that man's personality changed completely after capturing her and he started to laugh maniacally

"He-he-he, do you even know how much it was hard for me to put that kind act? Damn slut, do you know how much I wanted to do you? But I had to hold in my desires because of orders from higher-ups, now that you are captured I'm sure they wouldn't mind right?"

As he finished speaking he grinned at the other soldiers from the other church, they nodded their head with eyes were burning with desires .

Days passed and they used her body however they like, she was physically and mentally broken, and she couldn't do anything, after some time she stopped reacting to people and all she would think about is just "kill kill kill kill", she wanted revenge for what was done to her, but she didn't have the strength to do that as her powers were sealed by these guys, so as time passed and they kept using her to satisfy their desires her hatred became more terrifying and she waited for the day she could muster up the strength to free herself from the seal .

These soldiers kept her detained for 2 whole years, they lied to their higher-ups so they could have their fun with her more but one day she finally was able to break from those shackles, unfortunately she didn't have much power to kill anyone of them as she was severely weakened, she waited for the perfect moment to escape with all the strength she mustered .

She kept fleeing for months, she was afraid they would catch up to her due to her slow speed, but fortunately, nothing happened .

Since then she never trusted anyone and she killed without mercy any men she could find as her hatred for men was terrifying, after all, what has been to her, she had the right to loathe them .

Time passed quickly and her strength kept weakening until she became barely able to walk and due to that she was captured by some people who claimed to be slave traders, they were also captivated by her beauty but they thought she was virgin and didn't touch her and they chained her and locked her away in order to sell her at the auction house expecting to get a fortune from a virgin beauty like her .

As she entered the auction stage following the muscular man and being chained in all over her body, she stared at the crowd who was eyeing her lustfully, she was used to

those disgusting eyes so she just stared coldly at them without emotion, she didn't care who would buy her as she would kill them when her powers were back .

POV Change to the original one (AN; I mean by that Arthur POV)

As he stared at this chained girl, curiosity got the better of Arthur and he was suspicious as to why someone with her appearance would end up in an auction house, he loathed the idea of slavery but he couldn't really do much about it, even if he supposedly freed all the slaves in this town that wouldn't save the others in the rest of the world, a man just cannot show and change something which has been here for ages , it was irrational .

As he appraised the girl he saw this:

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Lucy (Demon): LVL44

He was surprised by her high level, she was the first person he saw with a LVL this high, he guessed that she must've been strong when her powers weren't sealed, and to be honest he was captivated by her charm and appearance, even though she was this beautiful she had such a cold piercing eyes and emotionless face, she was just like a gorgeous sculpture .

He decided that he would buy her, as she would be beneficial to him in providing information, but Arthur wasn't a human from this world so he wouldn't force her, he would let her choose either to follow him and if not, he will set her free and let her be on her way .

He convinced himself with this excuse but deep in his heart he felt that something was special about this girl although he couldn't let himself think that as he didn't want to trust anyone, as they say, "A heart has its reasons which reason knows not"

Arthur heard the bidding going up, faster than ever before, then he saw the noble Feylord bid 100 . 000 gold but he didn't care about all that as he was sure he would get her in the end after all the amount of gold he has in his storage is by no means little .

After the crowd heard the bid of Feylord, no one dared to bid, but they were reluctant to let go of the bid because they were captivated by the beauty of the girl and they wanted her for themselves, but whenever someone tried to raise his hand to bid they were stared at angrily by Feylord, if stares could kill he would've killed all of them .

After some hesitation everyone just gave up, after all even if they won the bid, they didn't think Feylord would let them off easily, he would kill them and claim the girl anyway .

Edward was quite happy, as he heard the price Feylord said, 100 . 000 gold coins was by no means a small amount, even nobles cannot have that much money, Feylord is a Special noble who was rumored to have ties with the royalty so it was normal for him to have much gold than normal nobles and it is also because of those rumours that no one dared to provoke or even anger him as the consequences of doing so would be tragic .

Just as Edward was going to begin the countdown of the bid, someone from raised his hand, it was someone from the back of the crowd, everyone stared at him with dumbfounded faces, they couldn't believe that someone dared to oppose Feylord .

The man in question was dressed in black, you couldn't even see his face, his hand was covered with black pointy gloves, even the auctioneer was shocked by this turn of events as he didn't expect someone to raise his hand .

Everyone stared at Arthur but he didn't care and just raised his left hand and showed 2 fingers .

Edward stared at the black-robed man and saw his hand and said hesitantly

"D-dear sir, by 2 d-do you mean 200 . 000 gold coins ?"

Just as he said that all the people who couldn't understand why Arthur showed 2 fingers were stunned, after all, to bid 200 . 000 gold coins is something that would happen once in who knows how many years, so to see something happen in front of their eyes was shocking .

Arthur just nodded to the auctioneer to confirm his bid and just stayed there waiting silently .

At the front of the stages, where there were VIP customers, Feylord stared at Arthur furiously, he couldn't believe someone was bold enough to bid higher than him, he was determined to get the demon girl no matter what as he was enchanted by her beauty and wanted her for himself to enjoy and no one could take her from him so he just snorted and turned his head toward Edward and said

"250 . 000 gold coins!"

Edward was still amazed by the actions of the black-robed men then he heard the voice of Feylord bidding , he was feeling fear and happiness at the same time, happiness because he would get a big fortune and fear because he didn't want to offend Feylord, he was just a meager auctioneer and if he sold the girl to the black-robed man, there was a chance Feylord would hold a grudge against him so when he heard the bid of the young noble he breathed a sigh of relief but he didn't dare to relax yet, he glanced toward the black-robed men at the end of the crowd .

Edward was not the only one who turned his gaze toward Arthur, everyone turned towards Arthur gazing at him with excitement and fear .

Arthur was kind of annoyed by this young noble, he was persisting and he didn't like stubborn people, so he appraised him unconsciously and saw

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Feylord Lernon (Human:Fire attribute) : LVL17

His level was quite high, and he also was a mage, plus he had a fire attribute at that, it explains why he bought that skill book at the beginning of the auction, but even him being a mage and a noble didn't matter much to Arthur as he just raised his left hand again and showed 5 fingers meaning 500 . 000 gold coins .

Just when Arthur showed his bid, there was complete silence, no one even talked , everyone was shocked by the amount that was just bid, they didn't expect him to just bid the double amount that was previously bid, even Feylord who was usually calm had stunned eyes, his hands were shaking and he started to feel fearful of losing the bid, after all even though he had strong backing, he had a budget he couldn't surpass so he just stood from his chair and shouted at Edward

" I BID 1 Million GOLD COINS!"

Just after he finished his shout he turned his head toward Arthur to see his reaction but all he could see was Arthur showing 2 fingers again but he knew that this didn't mean 200 . 000 gold coins like previously but it means a whopping 2 million gold coins, it's not that easy to procure that much amount of money , even him a prestigious noble who had royalty backing, getting 2 million gold is doable but very hard, he couldn't match up to this black-robed man so all he could do was just sit angrily on his chair with his head shaking from anger and ferocity .

Edward dazed for a couple of seconds before he shouted

"2 mmmmmillions going once, going twice, going thrice! SOLD ! Congratulations to this esteemed customer who had won this demon girl, please come here to redeem your 'item' "