

## Once Human 441

### Chapter 441

"So, young master Lex, what do you think?"

Thordan was grinning as he asked the pondering young man . Honestly, Lex was totally up for it as Angelina and Lucy looked practically the same . A hot and kind of disgusting gaze landed on Lucy, who chose to act normal instead of showing the usual contempt .

"It's a pleasure to be part of your family, father-in-law . "

Delighted, Thordan burst out in laughter while beckoning for Lex to sit next to him . Now that the two families finally joined, they all need to finalize the marriage and reveal it to the public .

Contrary to the joyful father, Angelina was feeling down, unable to come up with something that'll stop her father's schemes . She would glance at Lucy every now and then, however, her sister was acting strangely .

At some point, after talking with Thordan for a while, Lex walked toward the motionless Lucy, ready to get to know her and deepen their new relationship .

As to welcome him, perhaps, Lucy got up and showed a soft and alluring smile which shocked Lex, who thought that she was against the marriage . Now that he knew she approved of him, the young man felt even more confident thus widening his steps as he made his way toward her .

Lex stopped in front of her and cupped his fists while showing his handsome smile .

"Eva, let's get along well . "

"Yes, let's . "

The youngster failed to notice the coldness that flashed across her eyes . Unlike her sister, Lucy's pupils were blood red, just like a vampire, this only added to her beauty as the silver and blood red colors complimented each other .

Not expecting her to be like this due to her behavior from earlier, Lex didn't know what to say exactly . He stretched his hand, planning to kiss the back of her hand but he caught naught but air .

By the next second, the smiling Lucy was no more, the atmosphere around her drastically changed as if it was a completely another person . Before anyone else could react, a silver revolver appeared in her hand...

'BANG!'

A bloody hole appeared on the young man's forehead . The bullet passed from his forehead all the way to the back of his head, creating a 'tunnel' . Lex lifelessly fell on the ground only to be caught by the two middle-aged men, who were too late as they only managed to catch him when it was all over .

No one did expect the calm Lucy to suddenly take out a foreign weapon and kill Lex with no hesitation whatsoever . He's a famous figure even in the Divine Planet and the Five Lakes Sect values him greatly .

Even Angelina wouldn't dare kill him yet here he is, laying on the ground, deader than dead . Thordan's face contained disbelief and shock, he only processed what happened when one of the two middle-aged men jumped on Lucy, planning to catch her .

Since she killed Lex, she has to be punished by the sect so it was his duty to at least bring back the criminal alive .

Unfortunately, before he could even reach her, half of his body was frozen by Yin Power, rendering him unable to take another step . The lower part of his body became a block of ice which couldn't be broken .

Lucy's eyes, which were smiling a second ago, were emitting a thick killing intent that covered the whole room, making even the two expert guards shiver from fear .

She just killed Lex a moment ago so there's nothing to stop her from eliminating them too . However, this one was but the beginning of a series of shocking events .

The enraged Thordan appeared in front of Lucy and . .

'SLAP'

She was literally sent flying for a dozen meters before falling on the ground with a red mark on her face . For the first time since they met, Lucy was slapped by another man, and it was none other than her own biological father .

'Don't move, Arthur!'

Lucy warned Arthur, who was barely contained . If things were to go south right now, it'll only worsen their situation . Lucy held her reddened cheek and glared at Thordan but didn't act yet .

However, the father suddenly raised his hand and frowned as he started feeling pain . Upon a closer look, a creepy tattoo appeared on the back of his right hand, indicating that he's marked by the Dark Blade .

From now onwards, the fate of Thordan has been sealed, he has been condemned by both his daughter and her husband . Even if he seeks atonement and begs for forgiveness, he will still die by Arthur's blade .

'You promised me, didn't you?'

Lucy talked to the unusually silent Arthur, who remained dormant inside of her but the vibrating Makaze on her waist clearly showed his emotions . The Dark Blade was releasing an absurd amount of black flames that consumed everything around her .

Thordan wanted to slap her again but stopped mid-way due to the flames that surrounded her, blocking his way and even threatening him .

"You actually dare!"

Although he was wary of the black flames, he just can't stand there and watch after his 'daughter' killed Lex . He was about to grab Makaze and get rid of it only to be stopped by Angelina, who grabbed his hand while saying

"You should stop, father . Any more and it'll be the end for you . "

Last time he hit her, he almost died by the Matriarch's hands so if he dares to hit Lucy again, he definitely won't be spared .

Just when things were about to calm down, a deep and loud growl reverberated across the whole White Specter Clan, alerting everyone, including the waiting Hobson, who frowned and started heading toward the source of the noise .

The growl emanated from none other than the vibrating Dark Blade, which suddenly calmed down only for the whole room to turn into absolute darkness .

Countless specks of lights then started appearing . These specks were actually swords of different shapes and colors, whether it's short swords, daggers, or even longwords . They floated a few inches in the air before rotating until their sharp tip was pointed at the flabbergasted Thordan .

The Overgod tried to get rid of the encroaching darkness and the countless blades but to no avail, his energy did naught in this dire situation .

"Stop it, Lucy . "

Angelina told her sister to stop but the response she got made her even more worried .

"I'm not the one doing this . If you can, you can try to stop it yourself . "

Lucy glanced at Evil Wind, which was floating vertically in front of her, it also pointed at her father, who was slowly backing away . He only stopped when his back hit the wall, which blocked his way of escape .

Sharp sword essence twirled around the swords, which remained like that for merely three seconds before they all rushed at the target . Unfortunately, the Overgod was unscathed as several silhouettes appeared out of nowhere and joined forces to distinguish the darkness and push away the swords .

Exactly three people appeared, all Overgods and they all had an illusory whitetail that was enveloped by white flames . Their eyes were sky-blue and their bodies were transparent .

This was the transformation of White Specters which strengthens their senses and increases their power . All the blades vanished but the main one still managed to hit its target, causing a small bloody hole to appear on Thordan's chest . In the end, even Makaze was flung off but it quickly stabilized itself and returned to Lucy's waist .

A suffocating power wrapped itself around Lucy and bound her, rendering her unable to lift a finger . It was the same restriction Hobson used on her back then .

One elder appeared before the Thordan, supporting him and trying to heal the bloody wound . The father's face was pale as blood leaked out of his lips . He glared at the expressionless Lucy, who was staring at him with a dagger-like stare .

Although she very much wanted to kill Thordan right now, she had to hold herself as it's still not time yet . Were she to act, it'll ruin everything and increase the probability of them discovering Arthur .

After all, they are Overgods so their soul sensitivity is much higher than normal cultivators . One expert in Soul attacks is enough to sense the presence of a second living soul residing inside of her body .

The Dark Blade, Makaze, started experiencing a change as dozens of black talismans started appearing . The talismans wrapped themselves around Evil Wind, forcing it to calm down . Unlike Arthur, Makaze reacts strongly to its owner's emotions and it cannot simply be stopped using normal means hence he used the Dark Magic talismans to contain the blade, for now .

If not, it'll continue attacking until Thordan is dead...

"You... \*cough\* will regret-"

Thordan couldn't even finish his sentence and fell unconscious . A large amount of Dark Magic invaded his body and started doing its job . Although he's an Overgod, his foundation is shaky and his Celestial Body is incomplete .

A person like him is an easy target for Dark Magic, which is the boon of weak bodies . Unless Arthur personally extracts it, Thordan will continue to suffer and feel an excruciating agony .

Yes, he will not die and will probably return to his peak state in a few days if he takes high-level recovering pills, however, he'll still go through unimaginable pain every now and then . Moreover, if the Dark Magic resides in his body for a few more years, it'll become part of him and at that time, he'll definitely die .

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Due to assaulting the Vice-Master of the White Specter Clan, Lucy was sent to the harshest place in the clan; The Winter Prison . It's a place where criminals of the sect are sent to . It's a freezing cold cell that will kill whoever is in there in a week or less .

There was close to no Nether Energy in that place and special chains are binding the prisoner, making him or her unable to use their energy . Basically, anyone sent there will most likely spend the rest of their short life there .

Thordan showed no sympathy to his daughter and stated that Lucy will remain there for three months . Not only that but she'll be sent to the Five Lakes Sect and receive punishment from them too . However, it's clear that he'll be sending her to her death .

Both Angelina and Hobson objected to these decisions but the three Peak Elders who witnessed everything were on Thordan's side . They didn't belong to his faction but they couldn't tolerate a clear breach of rules . No one is allowed to attack an elder, much less the Vice-Master of the clan, even if it was his own daughter .

Thus, Lucy was sent to the Winter Prison and locked there with no way out . Her high-stats and infinite Stamina allowed her to easily resist the coldness, which was different from the Yin power . This coldness seemed to be born from something else, something dangerous .

With no one here but her, Arthur didn't bother hiding inside of her body, he appeared next to his wife and wrapped his arm around her back while saying

"It's a much better place than that room, don't you think?"

In response, the woman snorted and retorted:

"Hmpf! So you can do whatever you want?"

He innocently waved his hand and added:

"I haven't done a thing..."

Then he grinned and continued "... yet . "

Unfortunately, their conversation was cut short when a first visitor came, at last . It wasn't her sister or the butler but a young looking timid boy who was actually much older than he looked .

Teit's worried expression lessened when he saw that Lucy was unscathed . Though, he wasn't able to notice Arthur, who was still next to Lucy but in [Stealth] .

"M-miss Lucy, please forgive me! I couldn't defend you . "

The boy bowed toward her and remained like that, waiting to be forgiven .

"It has nothing to do with you so you don't need to apologize . "

Lucy thought for a moment before asking

"How's the situation out there?"

As if he knew she'd ask that, Teit replied instantaneously:

"The Five Lakes Sect is pressuring the Vice-Master, demanding that he hands you to them . Fortunately, many Peak elders and almost all of the Regular Elders are against this, saying that it'll be demeaning to listen to the Five Lakes Sect and that they should wait for the Matriarch to leave seclusion . "

Lucy nodded her head but didn't say speak . Teit remained standing there, resisting the freezing cold and waiting for instructions . Although she was imprisoned, he's still her servant and it's one of the unwritten laws that if someone becomes a servant, they should follow their master to death, even if it means betraying the clan .

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"Woaaah!"

Saly gawked at the sight of the tower in front of her . To dizzying heights it rises, the gleaming spire, its tip threatening to pierce the blinding canopy . The tower was red and had four large symbols on it, each taking a big part of the humongous tower . From the lowest to the highest it went like this :

♥=>♣=>=>♦=>♠ .

The girl stared at the tower before her eyes with a half-open mouth, unable to believe that such a thing existed .

"Amazing, isn't it? I, your uncle, and your father joined hands to build this beauty . It's by far the most advanced thing in the multiverse . It has its own System and is composed of 52 floors . Each floor is a world of its own . "

The Joker smirked as he saw the speechless little girl . He paused for a second before continuing .

"There's nothing, dead or alive, that can destroy it . Even your uncle is unable to do that . Soon, there will be a competition and I want you to come here and watch it . By the way, your parents will participate too so it'll be a good show . "

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In the main hall where ceremonies are usually held, four Peak Elders and four Regular Elders were present . Thordan, whose complexion became much better after a few days passed, was glaring at Lucy, who was a distance away from him .

Since she behaves so ruthlessly then it must be because of her past . He hired a Shaman who's adept at sealing memories to force his daughter to forget everything .

With one elder restricting her so she does nothing, the Shaman proceeded in sealing the memories . Unfortunately, the moment the Shaman began, weird flames that were half white and half grey enveloped his hands, causing him to amputate to freak out .

Fortunately... or not, the elders helped him by amputating his hand and saving his life . The Shaman was shouting from pain, the flames brought him an agony that almost made him go crazy .

He angrily left the hall after demanding a good compensation from the shocker Thordan . To begin with, tampering with someone's memories required the user to grasp their soul and since Lucy fused the two beads, her soul is eternally protected .

Perhaps no Overgod would be able to hurt her soul .

Arthur chose to remain in the Winter Prison as he could be discovered if he accompanied her . She'll be sent back to the prison sooner or later so it was better to wait for her there than risk being exposed .

Enraged that he not only lost money but face, Thordan banged his fist on the throne but didn't dare to slap his daughter again . The dark blade was still on her waist and no matter what they tried, they couldn't separate it from her .

To think that not even Overgods were able to get rid of a single blade, it made them feel embarrassed but also greedy . It only took them one look to ascertain that Makaze is a powerful weapon, the best, actually .

It was even able to act on its own and injure the Vice-Master so if it's wielded by an Overgod, the results will be unimaginable .

Due to his status as a butler, Hobson couldn't do anything to support Lucy . Although he was one of the strongest people in the sect, he was in no position to object to Thordan's decision . After all, Thordan was the Vice-Master and her father .

However, one thing is for sure, when the Matriarch appears, Thordan is definitely screwed . He'll probably be kicked out of his position and that'll be the least of his worries .

After hearing Thordan nonsensical rambling, Lucy was sent to the prison, where her husband was waiting . Although not feeling cold, Arthur forced her to wear a thick coat .

Countless miniature void mouths appeared and ate the chains binding her hands, allowing her to feel the flow of energy yet again . Then he conjured an illusion that'll fool anyone's eyes and make them think Lucy is still bound .

"When are you leaving?" She asked while staring at him .

"There's one more thing to do before going . "

The ARK left his consciousness and glued itself on the prison bars, forming some kind of illusion that Lucy is alone . The image that the ARK showed would even fool Overgods but it'll not last for long .

He signaled for Lucy to lay on a hospital bed that appeared out of nowhere then he retrieved a lot of medical tools . He possessed all those doctors on Earth just for this moment, to successfully complete this operation .

At first, Claud wondered what Arthur wanted to do but when it was explained to him, he showed no opposition . Sure, it'll weaken Arthur but at least it'll guarantee Lucy's safety when he's gone and that's what's important for him .

Using his gained medical expertise, Arthur heavily sedated Lucy, who's supposedly immune to sedatives . He used Dark Magic to weaken her body and told her to lower her stats to a mortal's .

In three and a half hours, Arthur was able to pull out Lucy's left eye and replace it with his own . Theoretically, Lucy should be able to gain [Eyes of Tranquility] and use it perfectly . As for him? He took her eye .

As he expected, he got a notification from the system telling him that he temporarily lost the skill but once he heals his scarred eye, he'll get it back .

Basically, he switched his eye with Lucy to grant her his ability as she needed it more than he does . For what he's about to do, the skill isn't absolutely necessary and he can make do without it for a while . Furthermore, he planned to heal it before bringing the undead army here .

A wound from Primordial Energy required either a miraculous consumable that heals everything or someone who can control such energy .

After a few minutes, Lucy regained consciousness and immediately felt the changes . Just like Arthur, she's now able to see other people's stats and can slow-down time . To stop it, she needs practice .

Plus, her differently-colored eyes added more points to her exceptional beauty . One pupil was blood red while the other was sky-blue, in a way, it was perfectly suited for her as she was someone who can use Fire and Water Magic and fuse them together .

Arthur caressed her soft cheeks while softly smiling at her . She knew that he'll definitely come back but she couldn't bear to see him leave . They've reunited a short while ago yet they're forced to separate again .

Against her will, tears started running down her cheeks, nonetheless, she showed him a smile .

"This will be the last time, I promise . "

"En! I know . "

Lucy nodded her head and planted her lips on his, giving him one last kiss before he disappears . Next time they'll meet, things will be chaotic, the war between the dead will rage on and when everything is settled, they'll go and live a peaceful life .

'One way or another, it'll end . '

"Here, keep him with you at all times . "

He handed her Evil Wind, which was wrapped with numerous dark talismans . Confused, she said

"Don't you need it more than I do? I can manage, you don't have to have him babysit me . "

Seeing the pouting Lucy, Arthur chuckled:

"It's just a precaution and it'll be my trump card later on . "

She took the black sheath and put it on her waist . Makaze showed no resistance and remained silent, choosing to follow his master's will .

So, after five days of his wife's imprisonment, Arthur left the Winter Prison, heading toward Astria . However, he has to leave the Divine Planet first as using Space Magic is not only forbidden, but it's also very difficult .

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Fifty angels, each with at least four wings, stood outside of Astria . There was three distinctive figure that led this big group, they were six-winged angels .

After the disappearance of a six-winged angel in this area, Heaven sent even more people to investigate . The probability that the World Tree became higher when the higher-up confirmed the death of the six-winged angel that led the previous group .

As the three stared at the small world, they warily looked around, expecting to meet some resistance but no such things happened .

When they felt safe and were about to enter the world, the fifty or so angels suddenly halted .

There was one blue-haired woman that led the whole group, the aura she emitted was a bit stronger than the other two six-winged angels .

"Sir, how can we help you?"



She spoke with the utmost respect, her aura almost vanished and she looked no different than an obedient child . The other angels quietened down too although they couldn't understand why would that woman, who's almost an Archangel, would speak like that .

They were fully aware of the identity of the youth that appeared out of nowhere but they were angels, beings created by 'God' so they felt superior to this human, no matter how strong he is .

Clad in jet black armor and a thick sword on his back, the youth stared at the woman and clicked his tongue:

"Tsk! This isn't even your Universe . Go back where you came from . "

The blue-haired angel bowed and added:

"Sir, we suspect that the World Tree we're looking for is in that world . Our comrades went missing around this place, too . "

Still uncaring about her reasons, Leiu spoke again

"Do I look like I care? Go back where you came from, this is my second warning .

The angel remained silent for a few seconds before slightly bowing her head and saying:

"Yes, sorry to bother you, sir . "

She signaled the others to leave while she followed right behind, not daring to remain there for another second . Since the Nameless Knight 'kindly' sent them off, there's no reason to force their way in .

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Only when they were a great distance away from Astria did the angels start protesting, the first two being the two six-winged angels .

"Why did you listen to his words? We have 'God's Verdict' with us . We could have temporarily sealed him while we investigate that world!"

The woman scoffed at his words, she pointed to the direction of Astria and mockingly said

"Oh really? Go use it, then . I'll wait here for the good news . "

"..."

The angel who just objected to his leader's previous actions could only gaze at her with a strange gaze . He noticed her slightly shaking her hand, which she tried to hide .

He was well aware of the knight's true strength but even someone like Leiu isn't able to resist God's Verdict, or so he thought .

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"What took you so long?"

Why tapping his index on the table, as usual, Isadore asked the straw-hat wearing Overgod, who fell on the comfortable sofa while biting an apple and ignoring his King . Dan stared at the nothingness in front of him, lost in thought and unable to hear Isadore's voice .

Only when Taliya raised her voice and asked him, did he snap out of it .

"How's the situation on Astria?"

Dan lifted his head and stared back at the anxious demon while saying

"Death... it's ruled by death . "

She misunderstood his words and began panicking . She didn't want to hear anymore and immediately started preparing to go back there . If not for Isadore, who held her wrist and stopped her from leaving the office, she would really have left .

"Let him finish before jumping into conclusions . "

Wrath, who was leisurely dozing off on the corner, started sniffing the air before saying

"Indeed, there's a thick scent of death coming from you . It's giving me goosebumps ugh..."

What the others didn't know is that Dan wasn't in this state because of what he had seen on Astria but due to what he talked about with the Nameless Knight .

After taking a bit of time to compose his thoughts, the Overgod said

"Don't worry, the evil race was repelled, more or less . The Death I was talking about was an army . "

With creased brows, Isadore tilted his head and asked in confusion

"An army?"

"Yes, an innumerable army of undead . There must be at least a hundred million and there aren't just skeletons but there's almost every kind of undead there, however, they're motionless . "

When he heard that, Isadore closed his eyes and pondered for a few minutes before bursting out in laughter, startling the worried Taliya .

"An army you say? An army that can't die? Very clever . "

He turned to look at his adviser and asked

"You previously mentioned that Arthur can use Necromancy?"

She nodded her head and replied

"Yes but I've rarely seen him use it . It's usually used to do manual labor rather than fight . "

"Figures... someone like him doesn't need Undead to help him fight . But I thought there's a limit to how much undead can a person summon?"

Wrath butted in again and said/

"Yes, there should be a limit . The summoned undead usually come from the Underworld since there's an abundance of them there, however, in some cases, they come from other places, it all depends on the means used to summon them . I've rarely seen Necromancer but any Necromancer who reached the God Realm can summon around ten thousand Undead . An Overgod can summon a million but that's only because they don't have a Celestial Body so they rely on numbers, instead . "

"Still, an army of a hundred million undead is enough to..."-Isadore

The king looked at Wrath and asked

"Do you think you can handle a hundred million undead?"

Wrath shrugged his shoulders and replied

"I get stronger the longer I fight so I can handle that many but there's a strong chance I'll be weakened for years due to the excess of Death Energy . "

Isadore closed his eyes and started to think again...

"No way..."

Wrath frowned, not understanding Isadore's exaggerated expression

"What?"-Wrath

"He couldn't be thinking to face the White Specter Clan, could he?"

Wrath denied this almost immediately

"That's impossible . It ain't easy to move such a large army, he'll be noticed in less than a day . The Holy Dominion will reciprocate and send a resistance army . His army won't even reach the Divine Planet . "

The worried Taliya covered her mouth as she seemed to think about a crazy thing .

"W-what if you add four undead Divine Beasts?"

What his adviser just said allowed Isadore to think outside the box and come up with many more speculations about Arthur .

'What if he can't transform into those Divine Beasts? What if they're only corpses in his possessions and he can bring them back to life through special means? Is he crazy enough to show that army to the world and have it march to the Divine Planet? A hundred million is a big number but it isn't enough to face the world... Does it have a relation with him going to the White Specter Clan?'

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Arthur successfully left the White Specter Clan without being noticed, he appeared from the ground and returned to his original body . He was a safe distance away from the clan, precisely in the middle of a lush forest that's filled with many dangerous beasts .

He was about to possess a small plant and get farther away only to feel a suffocating pressure lock into him . Before he could react, to figures appeared above him, both way stronger than him .

One was an old man with a scarred face and the other was a tall silver-haired woman that looked similar to Lucy . Hobson may be strong but there's a high chance that he can escape but against that woman, Arthur was left with no choice but to remain still .

'She's an Exalted God, don't do anything foolish!'

Arthur lifted his head and stared back at the expressionless woman, who was inspecting him from head to toe .

"I have to say, you almost slipped through . "

Hobson praised Arthur while letting out a sigh . Arthur just happened to leave when the Matriarch broke through, unfortunately, she immediately sensed him and gave chase with the butler .

Honestly, Hobson was curious about the means Arthur used to escape his detection . He came out of the clan so that can only mean he was with Lucy all long yet an Overgod like himself failed to discover anything . Moreover, the opponent was only a Sovereign!

"So you're Eva's husband?"

The Matriarch's eyes contained no contempt or hatred, she looked emotionless but her gaze was enough for Arthur to feel as if a mountain was pressing down on him . It was different from the pressure of Overgods, this showcased the big difference between the two of them .

Even his strongest attack wouldn't even scratch her clothes, at least that's the feeling Arthur got .

"Indeed, I am and... she's not Eva but Lucy, Lucy MoonStar . "

"You've got a mouth on you, huh . "

The woman descended from the air and landed in front of Arthur . Her black pupils seemed to see through everything, just like the Joker .

"I see that you're special but special doesn't mean good . I've heard from Hobson that you've caused many problems and refused to let go of my daughter . "

In response, Arthur sneered and retorted

"It's actually you who refused to let go . Lucy never asked you to look for her, much less drag her here by force . She's happy and doesn't need your interference of any of your 'motherly love' . "

The woman didn't seem bothered by his disrespectful tone, she kept staring straight into his eyes while saying

"Who are you to say that?"

"I am her husband . It's not you but I, who was there where she needed help . While it's true I wasn't there since the beginning, at least I changed her world just like she changed mine . You claim to be her mother but you did nothing for her so stop trying to come up with an excuse to explain your unwelcome actions . "

"You better start speaking politely to th-"

Hobson was about to berate Arthur only for the woman to raise her hand, signaling him to stop talking . The butler closed his mouth and bowed his head .

"You also don't know the circumstances that separated her from me . "

Arthur snorted while retorting again

"I know that despite having a human father and a specter mother, she's a half-demon . Whatever you did to her, it ended up screwing her life and causing her to live in despair ever since she's young . "

Arthur's revelation totally shocked the Matriarch, who's body shook violently upon hearing that . She frowned and asked

"She's a half-demon?"

Even Hobson didn't seem to be aware of that . Although she's a half-demon, Lucy didn't have any demonic characteristic and even if there were, they're permanently hidden which is why no one noticed .

The woman bit her lips and mumbled with a very low voice

"It's all my fault..."

"Since you know it's your fault then stop this nonsense before it's too late . "

She shook her head while saying

"No, I plan to fix everything . It's my responsibility as her mother . "

Arthur found this ludicrous, he laughed while mocking her

"So you're doing this out of duty and not love? This is getting more and more pathetic!"

"I love my daughter and would stop at nothing to create a world where she can live comfortable and happy . That's what I plan to do now that she's back to her real home . "

She paused for a split second before continuing: "I don't want her to be tied by her past and remember those horrible memories and that is why I cannot tolerate you . As my daughter, she needs to marry someone of equal status and not someone like you . "

The Matriarch looked at him from head to toe before resuming;

"I don't doubt that you're very strong, stronger than those wuss on this planet . However, I don't trust you, not after hearing things about you and seeing what you are with my own eyes . "

What her eyes currently saw was not his appearance but what's inside, absolute darkness, ominous and malevolent .

"An abomination, that's what we call your kind . You only exist to kill and control others, I simply cannot let my daughter's future be ruined by you . "

The Matriarch was fully aware that Arthur was a parasite, coupled with the Dark Magic and the Quad-Spirit inside of him, it only worsened her view of him .

Arthur remained silent but his glare couldn't be colder . He very much wanted to attack her but he knew that he would be defeated before even lifting a finger .

She raised her hand while saying

"Believe me, I don't hold any grudges against you but... I cannot let you live . "

The woman stared at the unfazed Arthur, who kept glaring at her . She let out a sigh while saying

"Any last words?"

His eyes locked onto the silver-haired woman, Arthur said

"This will not be the end . I will come back . "

It was the last words Arthur said before while flames covered his bodies, burning it until he was turning into nothingness . Although a spark of orange flames appeared out of nowhere and tried to heal him, the white flames prevailed and turned him into ash .

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Inside the Winter Prison, the ever-so-silent Makaze emitted an ear-deafening cry that shook the whole prison, including the Pagoda on the surface . Even Lucy was startled and before she could react, the dark blade transformed into a black shadow that flew out of the Winter Prison, breaking everything in its way and flying toward Arthur's location .

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All the people of the clan could see was a black shooting flying across the gloomy sky .

Within seconds, the blade appeared right next to the Matriarch and started vibrating intensely while emitting a black fog . The Matriarch looked at it for a few seconds before saying

"He's dead, let's go . "

Hobson hesitated for a second before saying

"Aren't you going to take it?"

While walking further away from the blade, she said

"You could try to . "

She vanished from his sight a second later . The butler stared at the vibrating blade which was emitting low growls, before sighing and leaving the area .

After a long while, the Dark Blade, which remained in that chaotic state, was enveloped by dark flames before pointing to the sky . With incredible speed, it flew into the sky, where a huge black gate appeared . The gate opened for a split second, letting Evil Wind before closing against and vanishing right after .

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"This will be our last meeting so you must remember my words!"

A stern Arthur warned a big silver dragon which obediently listened to him .

"When the time comes, you will fight me . Make sure to lose when the blast occurs . "

Arthur waved his hand, creating a motionless body identical to the dragon in front of him . The body was lifeless and was heavily injured but it's definitely Yamak's body .

"Don't forget to go easy on them, understood?"

The silver dragon bowed its head then rubbed it against Arthur, showing its affection . Arthur played with it for some time before bidding goodbye . The dragon was reluctant to go of him but it knew that he couldn't take care of it forever . Although it's still unable to talk, it's very intelligent and very strong as he personally trained it .

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Laying on a grassy field, Arthur looked at the blue sky while softly smiling . The calming sound of the nearby river and the birds made his mind feel at ease . Slowly but surely, beginning from his feet, Arthur's body started disintegrating . It was the fast passage of time that was turning his body into nothingness .

He felt no pain, only fatigue, he chuckled and mumbled

"So this the end... where it all began..."

A minute later, there was nothing but golden ash . Upon a closer look, this place was where Arthur appeared the moment he was reincarnated...

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In an unknown world, three shooting stars appeared in the middle of the day . They descended from above and landed centimeters away from each other . They didn't cause a huge disturbance and only a few trees were crushed around them .

Upon a closer look, the three shooting stars were actually three people .

"Arghh what the fuck just happened!"

One of them got up and loudly cursed while getting rid of the grass on his head . The second to wake up was Arthur, who was confused as he didn't expect to come here .

He glanced around him only to notice the presence of two familiar faces . One was a man with a weird white costume and tattoos under his eye while the other was a pale-faced youth wearing jet black armor .

There, it will all begin anew, between the pure and the corrupt... the one true struggle .

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## VOLUME 7: THREE BROTHERS

Three people stared at each other for a while, trying to understand what's going on . Arthur recognized them both with a single glance but the pain that suddenly struck him snapped him out of his daze . He fell from the sky but it shouldn't be nearly enough to cause him to feel like this .

Furthermore, this shouldn't have happened, he should be in another place and not here . It wasn't only Arthur that recognized the two, the pale-skinned youth also looked at those two familiar faces while frowning .

Only the Joker seemed oblivious, he scratched his head and got up, dusting his clothes and looking around .

"Fucking hell! I nearly died!"

He inspected the two of them and rubbed his chin while talking:

"Strange... I feel different . "

Leiu and Arthur also got up but didn't start roaming this unfamiliar forest . They started another staring contest before Arthur said:

"Let's try to understand our current situation first . "

"Yes yes! I agree!"

The Nameless Knight remained silent but he softly nodded his head .

"Your face is kind of familiar... I have a good memory but I can't seem to remember you . "

The Joker leaned closer to Arthur and inspected his face but he still couldn't recognize him .

"Let's introduce ourselves first . "

After saying that, the Joker took a comical pose with his back leaning backward, a hand on his chest and his left leg raised then started talking:

"I am the Magician 'Extraordinaire', the Playful Trickster, The Joker!"

Both Arthur and the youth beside him listened to his cheesy introduction while furrowing their brows, not knowing whether to take him seriously or not .

The person in question 'beautifully' ended his introduction and glanced at the other two, waiting for them to do their part . Arthur coughed and cleared his throat before saying

"I'm Arthur MoonStar . "

He didn't know why those two didn't recognize him but it was not the appropriate time to ask to he refrained from saying anything unnecessary .

The only one left was the silent youth, who took quite a bit of time to talk .

"I'm 'Nameless' . "



"Nameless? You don't have a name? Come on, man . We're in this together, we should get along!"

The Joker walked to the youth and patted his back while heartily laughed . He received a glare from Leiu, who shoved away the other's hand, not bothering to explain himself .

"What? Did I say something wrong?"

The Joker's question was directed at Arthur, who seemed more rational than this youth in black armor . As if he remembered something, the Joker retrieved a deck of card from his back pocket and looked at one particular black card only to find it completely blank . He flipped it upside down several times but the results didn't change .

"Hm? The System is gone?"

His words were heard by the two others, who tried to view their window status only to fail . Not only that, their powers seemed to disappear as if they became mortals . The Nameless Knight tried to reach to the sword on his back only to find nothing but air .

Zodiak's ring also disappeared, leaving Arthur confused about what happened . No matter where he went, the system always accompanied him . From the surprised looks the other two were showing, they were also experiencing the same thing .

"Oh well! At least I still have my cards . "

The Joker didn't seem to be that bothered but the frown on the youth's face was unsettling . His mood seemed to have worsened .

"We should look for a settlement or a city and investigate . "

Arthur voiced his thoughts while reading their expressions . Neither of the two objected so, the three chose a direction and started walking .

The forest was peaceful, they met no monsters whatsoever, only the occasional wild boars or deers . A bout of silence flowed between the three of them which made the atmosphere quite awkward, fortunately, that didn't last long as the Joker was quite the talkative person .

"Aww man, this sucks! I was enjoying my hunt yet I somehow land in this boring place . "

His endless whining was rather annoying but Leiu didn't seem bothered by it . He kept following the other two while thinking about something . He definitely saw them back then so they must have a relation with what happened to him in the past .

Only the Joker remained oblivious, nonchalantly playing with his cards while whistling .

"Hey, Arthur . "

He nudged Arthur's back while grinning . At first, he was ignored but after he repeated that a few times, Arthur had to reply

"What?"

"Pick a card . "

He stretched his hand and showed him a deck of cards . Arthur hesitated for a second before randomly picking a card and looking at it .

"Memorize it well then put it back . "

Arthur did as told, expecting to see the oldest magic trick in the book . He stared back at the Joker, who smirked and pointed upwards .

When he raised his head, Arthur saw a ginormous 6 of hearts floating in the sky . It remained as so for a few seconds before exploding into countless red specks of light that dispersed right after .

"That's your card, right? Hahahahaha"

The Joker loudly laughed as he saw Arthur's shocked expression .

"I thought you aren't able to use your System, much less your skills . "

Even the silent and grumpy Leiu was equally surprised by what just happened . As he, too, was interested in hearing the Joker's answer, he walked closer to the two .

"I did lose my skills and stats but that's part of the system . As for this..."

He threw the cards in his hand in the air, which didn't fall on the ground but floated in front of him before they started rotating around him, obeying his will .

"This is real magic . "

Arthur almost face-palmed himself when he heard that answer . He expected to hear an interesting answer but he only got such a childish reply . Nonetheless, it was an intriguing thing, after all, the three of them are unable to use any of their skills and they practically become mortals so how is it possible to do that?

Even his Enigma skills were gone so it shouldn't be some inborn skill like Telekinesis .

As he saw both Arthur and Leiu's expressions, which clearly indicated that they didn't believe him, the Joker said:

"I'm telling you, this is real magic... honest to god!"

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Thirty minutes later, the three arrived at what seemed to be a town . Unfortunately, they were blocked by the guards at the front gate . Apart from Arthur, who was wearing 'normal' clothes, both Leiu and the Joker were strange . One was clad in jet black armor from head to toe while the other was wearing a strange white costume .

Honestly, it was their mistake since they let the Joker do the talking . He almost got into a fight with the guards were it not for Arthur's intervention . They had to go through the trouble of registering themselves since they didn't have IDs .

"The guards talked about an Adventurer's Guild, wanna check it?"

The Joker asked the two of them but the sad thing was that he was heading toward the tall building, which could be seen from afar . Both Arthur and Leiu let out a sigh at the same time but still chose to follow that lunatic as it's better to stick together in this unknown place .

Apparently, this town was called 'White Raven' and is the biggest settlement around here . Arthur didn't ask for this world's name as it's better to check the library if there's one, that is .

There must be a reason they were sent here and it's definitely not to sightsee . They to adapt and learn everything about this world to be able to get out . Lucy is waiting for him and the more time he's here, the worse it is for her .

The Joker brazenly entered the Adventurer's Guild only attract the attention of everyone inside . His weird walk and overly energetic actions, coupled with his costume, made him a laughing-stock . Especially when two others followed right after him, clearly his companions .

"Hey there, beauty! Mind helping me out?"

He winked at the receptionist lady, who frowned, uncomfortable due to his tone and actions .

"Do you want to do it or should I?"

For the first time since his introduction, Leiu spoke . He glanced at Arthur and asked that, not wanting to let Joker handle this matter .

Already having a headache due to this lunatic, Arthur massaged his temple, sighed and replied

"I'll handle it . "

He walked forward and grabbed the Joker's shoulder, pushing him away from the woman .

"Stay back, I'll talk to her . "

"Hey he-"

Before he could talk back, Leiu covered his mouth and dragged him away . It wouldn't be surprising to see him pick a fight with everyone here . Many of the adventurers here were already giving them unwelcoming glares after what he just said to that lady .

"Please forgive him . "

Arthur apologized and added:

"Can you help us register?"

The lady's mood shifted after the Joker's face was replaced with Arthur's, who not only handsome but manly-looking with his blood-red pupil .

'Back then, the three didn't know that the shadow of doom draws near...'

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"You only need to press your thumb on the card and it'll show your stats . They're all subject to change if you work hard . "

The lady seductively smiled at Arthur while explaining how to register for the Adventurer's Guild . Apparently, every adventurer has such a card and your beginning stats determine what kind of rank you'll be . The stronger you are, the higher your rank .

Unlike the previous system, this card shows the stats using the alphabet and it's not really that accurate . Nonetheless, it's pretty useful .

This world is similar to Astria, where Magic exists but the technology isn't as advanced as Earth .

Arthur was the first to try that out . Along with the other two, he was guided to an empty and small room as the first registration needs the person to be focused .

The Joker curiously watched the unfolding events, eager to see their stats too, though the excitement couldn't be seen on the Leiu's deadpan face as if he couldn't care less about such useless things .

The results must be shown to the woman so she can determine the person's rank, however, other information such as the race and inborn skills can be hidden for the sake of privacy .

Arthur MoonStar

Physique: S

Magic: C

Endurance: SSS+

This is what the lady saw only to be startled . This is a rare result for someone who just registered, nonetheless, she felt happy that such a person joined the Guild . Her attitude became more respectful but the seductive smile never disappeared from her face .

Next one in line was the Joker, who was treated rather harshly by the receptionist lady . His previous actions weren't excessive but his attire and random lines he utters made him look like a crazy person .

The woman wanted to get done with him as soon as possible so she handed him the card and backed away . He paid her no heed and pressed his thumb on the weird magical card .

The Joker

Physique: SS

Magic: SSS+

Endurance: A-

Flabbergasted, the woman rubbed her eyes a few time but the results didn't change . Although still disgusted by him, she changed her attitude and tried her best to remain calm . Two of the three have absurd results, enough for them to immediately become S-rank Adventurers .

With heavy breathing, she glanced at the youth clad in black armor and hesitantly beckoned him . The Nameless Knight approached the lady, took the card and pressed his thumb just like the other two .

Nameless

Physique: SSS+

Magic: SS

Endurance: A+

Arthur's endurance is probably due to the infinite Stamina he had . Although the cards displayed unexpected results, Arthur didn't feel particularly strong . Maybe because he got used to the sky-high stats from before, his current strength seemed insignificant .

Moreover, it's been so long since he felt physical fatigue or hunger .

The other two also excelled in one or two categories . The mind-numbing results caused the lady to fall on her butt and start mumbling nonsensical words .

Only after a while did she snap out of it, bowed toward the three and hastily left the room .

A short while later, a tanned muscular man entered the room, planning to see the results for himself only to find no one . The three disappeared, most likely left .

Neither of three could be bothered to talk to him and they had much more urgent stuff to do . They didn't come here to flaunt their stats .

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"Hehehehe I'm the Magician 'Extraordinaire', such a stats are to be expected!"

The Joker boasted about his Magic stats, which the highest thing one could get . Arthur was impressed but he didn't talk to him, as for Leiu, he merely clicked his tongue and retorted

"What's the use of it if you can't use it?"

Grinning, the Joker wrapped his arm around the youth's shoulder while saying

"I never said I can't use it . "

Leiu shoved him away and proceeded to walk faster, choosing to ignore the overly-talkative lunatic .

"Ahhhhhhhhh I'm starving! Let's go eat . "

"We're penniless, how would we pay?"

Although the three were hungry, they didn't have their belongings . The currency here seemed to be bronze, silver, and gold coins but none of them had a penny .

"Hehehehe don't worry about that . "

The Joker confidently stated that while making a detour and entering a nearby high-class restaurant . Arthur thought for a moment before following the strangely clothed man .

Only Leiu stood there, gazing at the building the library was at and sighing . Growling sounds came out of his empty stomach, this forced him to click his tongue and enter the restaurant .

The three were warmly welcomed and given a suitable table . The Joker didn't even glance at the menu, he just ordered everything .

Arthur leaned his head closer to the Joker, who was building a pyramid with his cards and whispered:

"So, how are you going to pay?"

Strangely enough, Arthur found himself comfortable when talking with these two . Normally, he'd be cautious and would rarely talk but here, he says whatever pops in his mind .

"I'm the Trickster, so I'm going to trick them, obviously! Hahahaha"

He pulled a card at the base of the newly-build pyramid and showed it to Arthur . Surprisingly, the pyramid remained standing even after that card was pulled .

'5♣ Cape of Deception . '

An illusory white cape appeared for a split second before it transformed into rainbow light . The beautiful multi-colored radiance caused a pouch full of coins to appear on the table, surprising both Arthur and Leiu .

The Joker smirked and opened the pouch, showing the 'real' gold coins to the other two .

"... It's real?"

This time, it was Leiu who asked . He stretched his hand and felt the pouch and the content inside of it . It was definitely real but the question is; how did he do that?

"Of course it's real, for now, that is . "

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After enjoying a hearty and delicious meal, the three left the restaurant and headed to the library, a place the Joker objectively refused to go to, saying that it's 'a boring place' and 'it's only for bookworms . '

Still, he didn't want to be left alone so he was forced to accompany them .

Meanwhile, the cashier at the restaurant, who was happy after he was paid by the Joker, looked at the shiny gold coins, pleased that they paid much more than the actual cost of the whole meal .

Unfortunately, his joy lasted for a short while as the gold coins suddenly disappeared and what replaced them was a white card with a Joker flipping at him .

Enraged, he banged his fist on the table and hastily left the restaurant, hoping to catch them but by that time, it was far too late .

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Unlike their companion, both Arthur and Leiu were interested in this world and wanted to know what's going on . So, the second they entered the library, they started searching for history books .

Meanwhile, the Joker dozed off in a secluded corner after telling them to wake him once they're done .

The two meticulously read every History book, which didn't take them much time as the library was small, to say the least . There were barely fifty books, most of them about combat or magic .

"Find anything worthwhile?"

Arthur asked the nearby Leiu, who stared back at him and said

"Yes, apparently, this world is called 'Riarravar' and there are two continents . What about you?"

While flipping the pages of an old book, Arthur said

"The oldest event mentioned here dates back to three thousand years ago . There's a mention of some calamity that destroyed half of the Eastern Continent . "

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After reading for three more hours, the two woke up the Joker and left the library . The sky turned black and the weather became colder, so, the three had to go to a local inn .

While enjoying roasted meat and some ale, the three chatted amongst themselves .

After gazing at Arthur for five whole minutes, he snapped his fingers and said

"I remember you now!"

Confused, Arthur tilted his head, not understanding what the Joker was on about . They already met in the past and they even fought so it's was strange that he didn't remember him .

"Well, not 'you' but another you . From another timeline!"

As if he didn't want to remember anymore, the Joker stated:

"Arghh he was one crazy fucker... I'm having goosebumps!"

Since this topic opened again, Leiu said:

"I also know both of you . "-Leiu

Hearing the quiet one talk, the other opened their ears and listened .

"Back when I was doing some trial, I saw both of your lives... I think . "

Then he pointed at Arthur and said

"You also handed me my sword... so I owe you a favor . "

Even more confused, Arthur decided to keep his silence for now until he understands more about this situation .

'Did I meet other versions of them? Or did they time-travel like my future 'me'?'

They didn't dwell too much on that topic as there wasn't much to talk about . Moreover, there was another important matter they had to discuss

"So, what do you think we should do?"

"I'm itching for a fight, I say we go hunt some monsters!"

He was ignored by Arthur, who's question was directed to Leiu, the reasonable person out of the two .

"We may be sent back after some time but I think there's some kind of objective to leave this place . "

Arthur nodded his head, agreeing to what the youth said:

"I also think so . We weren't randomly picked, we are somehow connected and it's definitely tied to this world . Though, I'm not sure what we're supposed to do . "

The Joker butted in again and said:

"Perhaps we should kill someone . "

"Plausible . We can go to a bigger town or a city, and see if we discover anything abnormal . "-Leiu

Arthur shook his head and explained:

"We appeared here out of all places, there must be a clue . Our best choice is to look for anything strange that happened here recently . "

The Joker retrieved his deck of cards whilst saying

"Lemme check . "

He spread the cards face-down on the table then closed his eyes .

'Is he a fortune-teller?'-Arthur

Slowly, he started flipping the cards but every single one of them was showing an 'X' in red color .

"Mismatch . Mismatch . Mismatch . "

The Joker kept repeating that until a green circle card appeared .

"Ha! It's this!"

He covered the card for a second before removing his hand only for the circle to be replaced by a picture, almost like a miniature painting .

The picture depicted a half-destroyed old church . A few seconds later, the card disappeared, leaving two confused people and one slightly excited Joker

"I guess that's our destination . "

"On what basis?"-Leiu

"Heh one of my abilities is to glimpse at the future . "

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'What's going on?'



Arthur sat on the bed while staring at his Adventurer's card . It clearly showed that he was a parasite but why is he unable to possess people or use any of his abilities? He still has his memories and knowledge about some skills . For example, due to possessing countless corpses, he can play the piano, sing, dance, or fight without needing the skills, however, magical skills that required energy cannot be used .

Furthermore, he could feel neither the ARK, the orb or Curtis . No matter how much he tried, he wasn't able to unleash Dark Magic .

Each of them took a room so they could rest for the night . The Joker 'paid' again and said that the trick will last much more time this time so they shouldn't be worried about being discovered .

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In a rocky mountain range filled with powerful beasts, monsters that are capable of killing even God Monarchs, the sky was suddenly split and a black gate appeared . The doors of the black gate opened and a shooting black shadow descended from above, drilling in one particular mountain .

It cut everything in its way until it reached its destination, a gloomy and dark cave that lacked any form of illumination . Every part of this cave was corrupted by the over-abundant Dark Mana lingering in the air . The earth turned jet black and the walls were consumed by Dark Magic .

The most eye-catching thing in this place was a big black box that merged with this strange environment . There was one shadow sitting next to the black box . This silhouette was startled by the sudden earthquake, it suddenly got up and prepared to fight, thinking that it was a monster .

This person was surprised when he saw an ominous black sheath floated in the air before it started rotating around the black box . The ugly-looking Pigolo, Gutcha, stared at Evil Wind with confusion, not understanding what's happening .

"Is it finally time?"

Apart from rotating around the black box, the blade did nothing else . The pigolo started shivering, not from fear but excitement as the Dark Magic the blade was emanating was beneficial to him .

He ignored Makaze and sat down to meditate again, each time absorbing a little bit of the fog emitting from the blade . He has been here for months and thanks to the seed Arthur planted in him, his cultivation soared .

He grew much taller and his aura drastically changed, resembling Arthur's . He wasn't able to fully control Dark Magic yet so he couldn't stop the aura from affecting his surroundings . Fortunately, the weird black box seemed unaffected by the Dark Magic so Gutcha loyally followed Arthur's orders and remained here .

Although, at first, he felt bored, the increase in his strength brought him some hope and encouraged him to become stronger . He already broke through the God Realm and his speed showed no signs of stopping .

His compatibility with Dark Magic was high which is why Arthur decided to plant that seed, believing that it'll benefit the pigolo and change him into a loyal and powerful trump card he could use later .

Before leaving his tribe, Gutcha fabricated some lies and made everyone believe that he died . He got rid of anything related to him as if he never existed, plus, he never had anyone he had close to so that made things much easier .

He's allowed to leave this place only when the black box breaks but even with Makaze's arrival, it didn't seem to be that time, yet .

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Back in the White Specter Clan, Lucy, who was startled by Makaze's sudden cry and its disappearance, was worried . A short time after the Dark Blade escaped the prison, the bond that connected her consciousness to Arthur's, disappeared for a split second before appearing again .

This made her heart drop but seeing the thin black thread still present inside of her consciousness made her relieved . However, her mind was filled with dangerous thoughts . Makaze's previous actions meant that something happened to Arthur and although she believed in him, she couldn't help but feel worried about his safety .

'It hasn't been that long since he left... was he captured?'

There's no way Arthur would let himself be captured . He would stop at nothing to leave even if it means showing all his trump cards . The strange thing was that she heard no commotion, which made her confused .

About 5 minutes later, two silhouettes appeared inside of the Winter Prison . Lucy, who's been lost in thought, raised her head only to see a tall silver-haired woman and a scarred old man .

Her eyes turned icy as she glared at the woman, who's definitely the Matriarch and the person who ordered Hobson to bring her here, even if it means using force .

Were it not for her, they wouldn't have to suffer like this .

Despite getting glared like that, the woman's looked at her daughter with a soft and tender gaze .

"Eva . "

Even her tone was soft and a bit shaky, barely containing the woman's welled emotions .

"What did you do?"

A chilling aura, different from the one in the prison, emanated from Lucy, who was barely holding herself from jumping at the woman .

"It isn't a suitable place to talk . "

The Matriarch waved her hand, somehow teleporting herself and Lucy to an unfamiliar place . It was a quiet courtyard and a forbidden place that only Angelina and Hobson can enter . This was the mother's private residence and the place she cultivates at .

Katrina Album Larva, Lucy's mother, stared at her daughter and force herself to not hug her . She knew better than anyone that it's a bit too late to do that, they need to slowly fix their relationship before thinking of doing that .

She wanted to make things right and for her daughter to live a happy and fulfilling life, a life she owes her after abandoning her for so many years .

She was a bit shorter than her mother, but her face was the spitting image of Katrina . The Matriarch walked up to her daughter and stopped inches away from her before lifting her hand, wanting to caress Lucy's cheek .

Unfortunately, her hand was slapped away by the angry Lucy, who repeated:

"What did you do to him?"

It was no coincidence that Katrina appeared minutes after Makaze disappeared . She was sure that Arthur was still alive but something definitely happened to him .

The mother didn't try to hide the truth or sugarcoat what happened . She sighed and answered

"I killed him . "

Lucy's pupils constricted, her heart was rapidly beating and her mind was in total chaos . Lightning fast, her hand headed toward her mother's chest, planning to kill her .

Sadly, her hand hit her mother's chest but it was as if she hit a metal wall . Her hand wasn't able to penetrate the chest and rip Katrina's heart .

"You can hit me if you want but I did what's best for you . "

She didn't even try to block Lucy's hit or back away .

Silent Moon was taken out and the trigger was instantly pulled . Unfortunately, the bullet turned into a bent piece of metal the moment it hit Katrina's clothes .

Lucy continuously hit her mother but she did no damage . In the end, she started slapping the motionless woman, who accepted everything .

Only after a while did Lucy calm down . From the look on her mother's face, she didn't seem to be lying, which means that she wasn't aware that her husband was still alive .

The moment the bullet was so easily blocked, Lucy understood that she wasn't Katrina's match, which is why she acted like that . It was partially a spectacle to show that she's enraged and sad about the loss of her husband .

Her mother mustn't know that Arthur is still alive no matter what .

Tears tricked down her cheeks, her eyes became wet and red from crying and strength left her legs . Katrina tried squatted down and tried to comfort the devastated Lucy but her hands were showed away yet again .

"Don't touch me!"

So, Katrina silently watched her crying daughter, her heart was feeling as much pain as her daughter . She knew that killing Arthur would result in this but she had no choice, she just couldn't tolerate the

relationship between Lucy and Arthur . Were he a human, she wouldn't have minded but a parasite was another thing .

If the world were to find out, it'll bring a calamity to the White Specter Clan . Everyone on the Divine Planet or even the Cloud Sea Universe would try to destroy them just because of one parasite .

It was clear that Lucy was deeply in love with that man but time heals all wounds . Sooner or later, she will forget about him and begin a new life here .

Katrina vowed to try her best to make that happen . She would stop at nothing to provide her poor daughter the happiness she deserves .

She felt guilty about what happened in the past and always blamed herself for losing Lucy, nevertheless, she never gave up and always searched for her everywhere .

The multiverse was vast, almost limitless and to search every nook and cranny isn't easy . For dozens of years did she travel alone, trying to find her lost daughter, the amount of time, effort, and resources she spent is nothing to scoff at yet Katrina didn't care . All she wanted is to be reunited with her daughter and it finally happened, which is why she felt that it's her fault that Lucy ended up with an abomination, something that is the root of all evil .

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At dawn, the three met in front of the inn, ready to start investigating . Since they only had one clue, they decided to go to the Mission Board, which is where the Adventurers take missions .

First, though, they have to go to the Guild to check their rank . Only high-ranked adventurers can take difficult missions, nevertheless, none of them was worried that they get a low-rank, after all, their stats were outrageous .

"Aghhh I'm really not used to this peaceful place . "

The Joker whined as he walked and stretched his numb limbs . He was used to constant battles and he rarely slept in a calm and non-threatening place . The lunatic glanced at the youth clad in armor and asked

"Is that armor your lover or what? I've never seen you without it . "

All he got in response was a cold snort from Leiu, who didn't bother explaining himself . Arthur was also a bit curious about that too as the pale-faced youth always wears that armor, whether he's eating or reading . The only thing that's missing is the helmet, which was stored in another place ever since they entered this town .

"Hey did you hear about the new adventurers?"

"Yes, I heard there are three SS-ranked adventurers that appeared here yesterday . "

People were whispering to each other about the arrival of three powerful adventurers .

"I thought that Bela denied those claims . "

"Pfft she's just jealous because she's just S-ranked . "

The Joker listened to them while gloating over the fact that he became SS-ranked . It's a fresh experience for an eccentric person like him .

"I guess our ranks have been decided . "

Unimpressed, Arthur nodded his head and said

"It appears so . "

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The lady from yesterday slightly bowed her head seeing the three enter the building . As instructed, she was about to go and call over the Guild Master but the three vanished right after taking the special SS-ranked badges .

The Mission Board was just outside the Guild, so, after receiving those useless badges, the three went to check the board, searching for any mission that mentions a church .

There was only one S-ranked mission, few were A-ranked, and the rest were shabby and a waste of time for the trio . Fortunately, not many adventurers were standing in front of the Mission Board so they didn't have to wait in line or anything like that .

However, as Claud always said, bad fortune always follows Arthur . Coupled with the not-so-great luck of the other two, it's to be expected that trouble would come knocking on their door sooner than later .

Contrary to Leiu and Arthur, who wanted to avoid problems and get on with this matter quickly, the Joker was quite a playful fellow who always welcomed challenges .

"Hey, are you the three newcomers?"

A sexy-looking woman with long red hair and a fiery gaze walked up to them . She wore a long dark red robe and wore four shiny rings and a big pendant that emanated a bit of Mana .

Arthur and the youth chose to back away and ignore her but the Joker reacted differently, he looked at the incoming woman and grinned .

"Wassup beauty . "

As she saw this tall and strangely-clothed man talk informally like that, she frowned and stopped in her tracks .

"I asked you a question . "

Some low-ranked adventurers recognized the woman and started whispering to each other, trying to guess what's going to happen .

"She's Bela, the S-ranked solo mage . "

"I heard she's got a bad attitude . "

Arthur listened to them and exchanged glances with Leiu, who rolled his eyes and muttered

"I hate meddlesome people . "

"Not as much as I do . "-Arthur

Shamelessly, the Joker examined the woman from head to toe before excitedly whistling and saying

"Ya got some hot body, ma'am . "

The woman's lips slightly shook, she glared at him and spoke with a shaky voice

"M-ma'am?"

Confused, the Trickster around then behind her before replying:

"I see no other ma'am . Oh! Perhaps you don't like to be called that? Aigooo"

He slapped comically slapped himself while correcting his previous words

"My bad my bad, little girl . "

The woman was practically fuming now, she barely held herself back . While pointing at the three, she asked again

"I asked you if you're the newcomers . "

The Joker stretched his hand and put down her raised index while saying

"Little girl, don't you know that it's disrespectful to point at others . Ah! I'm too old to teach manners to kids . I heard there's a nursery close by . "

After looking at her up and down a second time, he added:

"Little girl, this old man is bored and has been itching for a fight . What say you? Wanna go at it?"

The woman angrily stomped the ground and left after saying a few last words

"The arena, thirty minutes . "

In response, the Joker only laughed and waved his hand as a goodbye . His brazen behavior attracted the attention of many adventurers, who thought that he brought doom upon himself . Some of the more knowledgeable ones were able to guess his identity so they became eager to witness this fight .

A battle between an SS-ranked adventure and an S-ranked mage is not common, moreover, The Joker's fighting style is still unknown to everyone .

Even Arthur wanted to see that man's fighting style . He already fought him but he was consumed by rage and the fight didn't last for a long time . He just knows that he relies on his cards and has an incredibly Physique, the toughest, in fact .

"Are you sure you want to expose yourself?"

After they separated themselves from the crowd, Arthur asked the grinning Joker . In response, the man shrugged and gave an honest answer

"We're going to stay here for a short time so why not enjoy ourselves? What's better than fighting a powerful person?"

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Thirty minutes later, the usually half-empty arena was full of people, both adventurers, and normal citizens . Arthur and Leiu seated themselves at the very front so get a better view .

The arena wasn't that large but it should be enough for the incoming fight . Both contestants stood thirty meters away from each other . The adventurer, Bela, was still incensed and wanted to beat some sense in this provocative man .

As for her opponent, he comically bowed to the audience then faced the mage, who started preparing herself .

two cards appeared on his hand, they shone with an ominous black light and a blinding red radiance before they mysteriously fused together .

'2♥ Heart's Haze! 3♣ Serpent Creed!'

A five of diamond card slightly bigger than a normal card appeared before the Joker .

'♦5 Magician's Hat'

The card transformed into a puff of smoke and was replaced with a strange black hat . The Joker elegantly held the hat and retrieved a weird white cane from god knows where .

The referee, who was watching this magic show, snapped out of his daze and dropped his raised hand, signaling the beginning of the fight .

Bela, who was ready to bombard the Joker, was shocked to see feel nothing but air in her hand as her big magical staff vanished all of a sudden .

To be more precise, a pigeon came out of the black hat and instantly switched place with the staff in the opponent's hand .

"Lemme see..."

The Joker examined the staff while ignoring the shocked gaze of both the audience and the mage . He tentatively waved the staff around, causing the ground to shake and several fireballs to materialize around him .

"Ugh it's a waste of time . "

He pointed the staff at the speechless Bela, causing the fireballs to fly at her, ready to scorch her . Although she lost her weapon, she was still able to use her spells .

A barrier made of fire was raised from the ground, protecting her from the incoming fireballs, which literally turned into fireworks the moment they hit the barrier .

This further confused the audience, who didn't know what the hell was going on . Even with his previous knowledge and good senses, Arthur was still unable to understand what the Joker did .

He glanced at Leiu only to find the youth totally restless as if he was sitting on sharp spikes .

"What's wrong?"

What Arthur was unaware of was that Leiu was a battle maniac, more than even the Joker himself . The Nameless Knight was a naturally born fighter, a killing machine, so, when faced with a mysterious yet powerful opponent, of course he'll want to fight him .

However, Arthur was different, he never found joy in fighting . Every time he fought, it's for a reason, and he never considered battling a fun 'hobby' .

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The battle didn't last long, merely three minutes and in that short amount of time, the Joker humiliated the mage in every sense of the word . He didn't directly hit her but he made her feel totally powerless and helpless . She willingly gave up but refused to apologize, instead, cursing him and calling him a 'prick' .

Since no missions mentioned a church, the trio had to go around and ask the townspeople about any suspicious place . Upon further inquiry, they came to know why there wasn't a mention of a church .

Apparently, there's a low-ranked mission about a bandit camp a few kilometers South of White Raven . They built a base around an abandoned church and have been living there for months .

Many low-ranked adventures tried clearing that place but none of them returned . The mission was raised from C to B and apparently, there's a group of adventurers that are going to raid that place two days from now on .

Unfortunately, time was pressing and Arthur wanted to go back as soon as possible so he isn't going to wait for two whole days just to join another group .

The receptionist lady suggested that they go with a group for safety purposes but neither of the three wanted to go with weak strangers . Although they're SS-ranked adventurers, she warned them not to be full of themselves lest they get killed . After all, it's a bandit camp and there must be hundreds of them, excluding their leader, who's apparently an ex (A+)-ranked adventurer .

Still, it's not like any of the three cared, the Joker just defeat an S-ranked mage so easily so a measly bandit group shouldn't cause a problem . What's more dangerous, probably, is what's hiding in that church .

The card clearly showed an ancient church and it's their clue in this unfamiliar world . Individually, they were all strong, so for something or someone to summon them here, it must be to accomplish something absurdly difficult if not impossible .

"This better be worthwhile . "-Arthur

"Hahaha don't worry, my cards are never wrong . "

"Let's go to the weapon shop, I need a sword . "-Leiu

"Come to think of it, I'm in need of a weapon too . "

The Joker cheekily grinned at them while boasting:

"Unlike you two, my card are all I need~~~"



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Arthur bought a katana-like blade and Leiu bought a huge greatsword and casually put it on his back . As for paying, the Joker tricked the poor cashier yet again .

The trio didn't remain there for too long, they bought some rations to last them a few days and started heading South . The Joker some of his weird magic to store all the food and water in his cards .

With his hands behind his head and leisurely walking next to the other two, the Magician glanced at their two blades and asked

"So both of you are sword users? Interesting . Wanna fight?"

"It's not the time or place for that . "

Arthur tacitly refused but Leiu kept staring at the Joker, clearly wanting to battle . Stuck between these two battle-hungry lunatics, Arthur sighed and explained:

"Look, where's here to investigate the church . You two can fight when we figure out what's going on . "

They continued heading South and were met with no danger . There were some dangerous beasts such as bears or tigers but they avoided them to not waste any energy .

Unlike outside, their bodies are of mortals which means they feel hunger and fatigue so there's no need for pointless battles . After a few hours, the trio arrived near the bandit's base .

They started seeing some dirty-looking man with shabby armor patrolling the area . It's inconvenient to sneak like this, with the absence of his skills and or racial abilities, which allowed him to possess other bodies but Arthur had to make do what he had now .

Fortunately, the three were experts and moved with soundless steps, totally used to sneaking around . This made things easier as no one had to lecture the other or complain .

All the patrols they met were disposed of by the Joker, who threw his card and hit their forehead . The card easily slashed their skin and penetrated their skull, killing them on the spot .

It was an efficient and silent method which attract no attention whatsoever .

Very soon, they appeared in front of a 2-meter tall wooden wall which is neither sturdy nor thick . The Joker cut a hole through the wood using his card and entered the base along with the two .

They could see a big and dusty church that was half-destroyed, just like yesterday's picture depicted . The Joker killed 9 bandits but the place was still full of those mean-looking bastards .

As they hid behind a big boulder, the three discussed their plans .

"So... quiet or loud?"-Joker

"It's tiring to stealthily kill them one by one . "-Leiu

"Right, we should kill them all then properly investigate . They aren't a threat to us . "-Arthur

As they agreed on doing the same thing, the trio wasted no time and immediately got to action .

Their sudden appearance startled the busy bandits, which were either dozing off or doing some labor work . When three armed strangers appeared inside of their base and started slaughtering them left and right, the bandit panicked and sounded the alarm .

Unfortunately, the killing speed of the three was just too fast . Though they didn't have their skills, both Leiu and Arthur were still physically strong and are very good at using their blades .

Arthur's slashes were precise and swift, as for Leiu, he was an absolute monster . His greatsword, which has an incredibly heavy weight, was held by one hand .

He waved his hand around, killing two or three bandits at the same time and causing slight tremors . If Arthur's style is silent and deadly, Leiu's is aggressive and overbearing . As for the Joker, he was going around and dismembering the bandits using his card .

At times, he would throw his cards and kill the far away archers and then he would leap at someone and start throwing punches and kicks . He seemed adept in weaponless close-range combat, so much that his movement seemed natural and too fast for the naked eye to grasp .

In ten minutes, all 135 bandits, including their leader, were killed . The ground was dyed red with their blood yet the three didn't bat an eye at such a sight .

"Hahahaha it's the first time I've met merciless bastards like me! Hahahahah"

The Trickster joked around while patting Leiu's back . The youth shifted his gaze to the eerie and silent church . Apparently, the bandits camped around the church and didn't enter it, for some reason . Even the leader was in a big tent at the center, which was strange since fortifying the church is better than mere tents .

"Strange..."

As the three inspected the church and their surroundings, they noticed something abnormal and out of place . Whether it's near the wooden walls or at the center, there's was an over-abundance of Mana crystals . Bandits prefer money, gold coins, not some Mana Crystal which will do them no good .

Staring at the crystals, Arthur had a very bad premonition .

"I think I know what we'll find . "

He voiced his thoughts while thinking of the past, about that incident in the emperor's palace . He gazed at the other two and from the looks on their faces, they were aware of something too .

"It's those fuckers again!"

The Joker loudly cursed while spitting on the ground . As for Leiu, he clenched the hand that was holding the greatsword .

"Cthulhu . Is that why we were sent here?"-Leiu

"You're talking about those ugly looking monsters with many arms right? They're called Cthulhu?"

Arthur nodded his head and explained:

"Yes, they're abominations that shouldn't exist . Last time I met them, they were storing large quantities of those Mana Crystals though I didn't get to know their use . "

"We're still not sure if it's them or not but the probability is high . "-Leiu

Silence dominated the atmosphere for a minute or so before Leiu talked again:

"We should prepare ourselves . With our current strength, fighting them isn't going to be a walk in the park . Are you sure you want to enter?"

The Joker excitedly smashed his fists together and said

"I'm always up for a thrilling challenge!"

The two stared at the silent Arthur, who was pondering about something . He glanced at the closed door then at the two of them before speaking:

"We're in this together . Better finish it till the end . "

The Trickster laughed while the youth nodded his head . The three walked toward the destroyed church and pushed the dusty door, which creaked .

For a normal door, it seemed heavy and a bit abnormal but it didn't cause a problem for Leiu, who was the one who pushed it . Their three silhouettes disappeared in the darkness beyond the door, which slammed shut .

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"What the hell?"

The Joker exclaimed as he looked around the interior of the broken church . Apart from some dusty and destroyed seats, there was nothing but blue crystals of all sizes and shapes .

There was even one big crystal that almost reached the ceiling at the far end of the room . Strangely, this wasn't like a normal church as there was a weird painting on a partially destroyed wall near the big crystal .

They couldn't see the whole picture as the wall had countless cracks but they could see two entities fighting each other, one light and one dark .

"The concentration of Mana is very high . "

Leiu commented as he picked one crystal and examined it . There were no monsters or enemies, just this eerie room and the numerous crystal scattered all around .

"I read that, in some cases, these crystals can summon evil Gods through faith and prayer . "-Leiu

"Why would they summon a god though?"-The Joker

"Many reasons... to annihilate this world or rule it . "-Arthur

They were merely speculations but they couldn't be ruled out . Each of the three chose a corner and started searching clues . Arthur searched through the old documents, which only had incomprehensible incantations . Leiu toured the room and was checking if there's a hidden room or a portal .

As for the Magician, who's sensitivity to Mana is the highest out of the three, he stopped next to the big crystal and planted his palm on it . He stood still for five minutes before he started moving his hand, trying to locate something .

After a while, his finger clicked on a hidden button which caused the crystal to violently shook . Beautiful crystalline stairs that led underground appeared from within the crystal, causing the Joker to laugh .

"HAHAHA there's nothing that can escape my eyes!"

He beckoned for the other two then started descending the stairs . Leiu quickly followed, leaving Arthur, who did the same after stuffing the documents in his pockets .

"It's getting thicker . "-Leiu

While examining this strange place, which was too illuminated by the stairs and shiny walls, Leiu commented . The concentration of Mana here was so dense that you can see small blue particles in the air .

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"What's wrong?"

A figure with dark-skin and pointy ears which was staring at some kind of a map, raised its head and glanced at its kin, which barged in with a frown on its face .

"There are invaders . "

The leader waved his hand dismissively and said

"Deal with it, I have no time to waste on ants . "

"Chief, they're not the bandits . "

"It doesn't matter who they are! Just get rid of them!"

As the chief angrily banged his hand on the table, the subordinate bowed and hastily left .

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The trio descended the stairs for two whole hours before they finally reached the end of this long staircase . What met their sight was a civilized place with buildings and an outrageous amount of Mana Crystals . However, what really caught their attention was an enormous crystal that was at least one kilometer in height .

It resembled a tower and it emitted a mind-numbing amount of pure Mana .

Just as they appeared, the trio suddenly jumped, each toward one direction . In the place they were at a second ago, three fast bolts struck, causing a small crater .

"Three!"-Leiu

"East, North-West, South-West . "-Arthur

Arthur relayed the enemies' position while darting toward the East, not bothering to explain what to his companions .

The Joker threw a grey card upwards, which burst into a red light that dispersed into three directions, locking onto the opponents like glue .

'Ghost Rat Trail: Activated!'

Each ran toward one of the enemies, Arthur unsheathed his katana and leapt at the dark-skinned creature . The enemy started retreating the moment they missed their bolts, unfortunately, the invaders were much faster than they had initially thought .

Meaning, these creatures greatly underestimated the trio's strength . The first who successfully killed their opponent was neither Leiu nor Arthur but the Joker, who easily caught up to his enemy using his cards .

He used the card like a magical flying carpet and appeared before his enemy . Four cards were simultaneously thrown, each meant to hit a limb . Surprisingly, the enemy was fast and stronger than those weak bandits .

Two cards missed their target but the other two successfully hit the left hand and leg of the monster, who rolled on the ground and tried to jump away only for a monstrous force to drop on him .

The Joker spared no second and grabbed the monster's throat before pulling the head out of the body .

Arthur threw the katana at the dark-skinned monster then jumped from behind and kicked the back of the katana's hilt, causing it to impale the monster in the ground and finish it once and for all .

Leiu's kill, however, was more brutal as his greatsword causing a cyclone that pulverized the enemy, leaving nothing but some meat paste and blood .

Arthur dragged the dead monster and dropped it next to the other two, who grouped together .

"They're a bit similar to elves . "-Leiu

"Dark Elves?"-The Joker

"No, Dark Elves have lighter skin color . "

He raised the monster's hand and showed them the tall nails

"They also don't have such tall and sharp nails . There's also this weird tail . "

This creature was similar to elves in more than a way but it definitely wasn't a dark elf . Furthermore, it was much stronger than a regular dark elf . Although they easily got rid of them, that doesn't mean they're easy .

In fact, each of the three who attacked them could defeat an A-ranked adventurer .

"Since they tried to sneak-attack us, they must be aware of our presence . "-Leiu

"I don't like this place... let's blitz it and get the hell out . "

"That gigantic crystal is a bad omen . We're outnumbered . We should leave, for now . "-Arthur

Even Arthur opted for leaving as it's not advantageous to fight numerous unknown enemies in unfamiliar terrain . There were dozens of buildings so there must be a whole civilization living here, barging in and killing everyone just to gather some clues is nothing but reckless and suicidal .

The three agreed to do a tactical retreat and rethink their plan before returning here . At least, there was no Cthulhu and these dark-skinned monsters seemed to be the nocturnal type, meaning that they probably won't go to the surface or try to cause trouble .

The Joker was reluctant to leave without a proper fight but the uneasiness he was feeling forced him to accompany Leiu and Arthur and leave this place .

So, after one last look at the ginormous crystal tower, they climbed the stairs and reappeared in the old church after two hours .

"What do we do?"-The Joker

As they left the church and walked around in the bandits' camp, the three looted some gold for their daily necessities and went back to the town .

"We still don't know everything about this world . The library in White Raven isn't enough, we should go to a bigger one . "-Arthur

"I heard the biggest library is in the capital . Apparently, the king's personal library has all records of the past . "-Leiu

"I guess it's decided then?"The Joker

Arthur's suggestion was enticing and, in their current situation, they must gather information about Riarravar or they won't be able to go back .

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"They killed three of our own then left?"

The chief glared at the shaking subordinate and then glanced at the mutilated corpse that was killed by Arthur .

"They simply came in to kill those three and then leave?"

The chief kept asking but the subordinate had no answer so he just maintained his silence and prayed not to be punished . Fortunately, the chief had more important matters to think about .

"Cover what happened and tighten the security near the tunnel . We can't tolerate any mistakes before the summoning . "

"Yes, chief!"

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The Kingdom of Calvanar ruled the Central Continent for five hundred years and is prospering every year . White Raven is one of many towns that are near the capital of Calvanar .

The Capital is called Calv-City and is the home of the royal castle and many other Guilds . The main branch of the Adventurer's Guild is situated there and that's where Arthur and co planned to go before visiting the local library .

The Bandits were quite rich as the trio looted over 200 gold coins from the corpses, which was an astronomical amount, enough to let them leave like princes .

Arthur used some of the money to buy a few hidden weapons and the rest were stored . They boarded a carriage which took three days to arrive at Calv-City . Their minds were still troubled by the underground city near White Raven but lingering would do them no good .

They weren't invincible and fighting an army of those creatures isn't feasible, for now, at least .