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The Retour Poisson didn't escape unharmed by the violent current, parts of its scales were shattered and even bits of flesh were slashed by tiny invisible blades, nevertheless, it managed to resist until they reached what seemed to be their destination, however, they weren't alone .

Close to twenty Retour Poissons, of all shapes, colors, and sizes, were floating in the deep waters motionlessly . Aboard each of them, there was either a group of cultivators or players and, surprisingly, one of them was familiar to Lucy, who creased her brows as she cast a long glance at their leader .

She wore plain black cotton clothes under a long azure robe . Her long black hair fell on her shoulders and her abyssal pupils emitted an abnormal amount of suffocating killing intent . She was the new master of the Mountain Ba Sword Sect as well as Arthur's student, Jian Si, also known as, Cold Sword .

She matured a bit and her cultivation had risen to the peak of the Sovereign Realm . She managed to best all her peers and with the help of the teachings Arthur left her along with her clan's efforts, she became an indisputable expert in swordsmanship .

Her cultivation may seem low compared to the people present here but none dared to look down at her, after all, when Lucy and Arthur were inside the Red Tower, this girl had single-handedly slaughtered a group of God Monarchs on her own, gaining more infamy than ever .

Noticing spine-chilling gaze fall on her, Jian Si turned her head to the side and focused on one of the smaller fish only for her pupils to constrict . Only after a few seconds did she snap out of it and command her fish to get closer . Cold Sword quickly confirmed Lucy's identity and didn't try to ignore her, after all, they were never enemies .

Lucy never looked favorably at other women close to Arthur but it was clear that Jian Si was wholly focused on the way of the sword and never had ulterior motives, moreover, she accompanied her to that mountain where Arthur was going to reincarnate .

"Lucy?"

"Mhm . "

With her hands crossed, Lucy nodded her head as she stared back at the black-haired girl with a red sword on her back . Including Jian Si, there were five more people on clan master's Retour Poisson .

One of them was the Grand Elder of her clan and the strongest person . He just reached the Overgod Realm and he and Cold Sword allowed the Mountain Ba Sword Sect to become the number one power in Green-Leaf, excluding the kingdom, of course .

"What's wrong with Master?"

Jian Si jumped aboard Alda's Retour Poisson, startling her but as she the former seemed to be friends with Lucy, she kept her silence and didn't interfere, nonetheless, the clan master's sudden action did harbor the attention of the other groups, making them pay more attention to Lucy and the unconscious Arthur covered in ominous black flames .

In less than five minutes, almost all the cultivators and players learned of their identities but no one tried to provoke them as Lucy and Arthur's prowess and vindictiveness are very well known .

"It's a bit complicated to explain . What brought you here?"

"I'm just bringing my clan members to the secret Realm so they can explore it and, hopefully, chance upon good artifacts . "

Jian Si gave a brief reply before stepping closer to Arthur only to be stopped by Lucy, who held wrist and pulled her back .

"It's dangerous . "

The girl eyed her master for a bit before casting a sound-isolating barrier then asking again, "Aren't those the flames belonging to master's blade?"

"Yes, we're here to retrieve it . "

"Do you need my help?"

In response, Lucy softly smiled and shook her head .

"No need, I can manage . "

Jian Si didn't insist and, instead, looked at Alda and the rest .

"Who are they? I don't recognize their sect emblem . "

Cold Sword looked at the unfamiliar symbol on Alda's clothes, which had the shape of a sun with a hammer in its center .

"No idea too . Arthur has our Retour Poisson so I had to tag along with them . "

Jian Si examined Alda and the rest one more time before speaking again .

"They look shifty as hell . Wanna come with me?"

"Sure . "

Lucy accepted the proposal almost immediately . Traveling with Jian Si is much safer, furthermore, her Retour Poisson seemed much bigger and better . In case she needs to dive in deeper into the Rose Sea, the fish will do a better job than Alda's, for sure .

The White Specter casually nodded at Alda before taking Arthur's body and leaving the Retour Poisson . The short Over God was a bit relieved that the two calamities were gone but also slightly depressed that they couldn't build a friendly relationship .

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The Vow of the Rose Sea, which a secret Realm accessible only through the random current that appeared deep into the pink-colored waters, is a small world riddled with all kinds of dangerous monsters and rare magical herbs .

In terms of appearance, it looked no different than a big mountain range which circled around a pair of wide valleys filled with rose and red roses which made them look breathtaking .

The mountains looked similar, as if they were a copy of one another . Their peak was shrouded by a red cloud and their base was filled with a sea of broken and ancient bones .

Lucy, Jian Si, and the rest, appeared somewhere in the first valley . Upon their arrival, an earth-shaking roar resounded near them and a massive six-legged griffin leapt at them .

Sadly for the monster, before it was able to finish its sudden attack, its forehead was shot by Lucy's revolver . The Mana-filled bullet went through the monster's head and killed it on the spot, causing its body to lifelessly plummet next to the group .

The young disciples were scared out of their wits but Jian Si was only impressed and itching for a fight, not against Lucy, of course .

"There may be another secret Realm in here, I think that's where Makaze is . "

Lucy speculated as she admired the surroundings . The black flames enveloping Arthur took the shape of big dark blade stabbing his chest . They were slowly becoming more condensed and the aura they emitted was stretching further, causing all the weak-willed ones to keep a moderate distance from the unconscious parasite .

"I think that's the case too . We'll split up and look for it . "

Jian Si agreed with the specter then faced her juniors and instructed them to accompany the Grand Elder and carefully explore the outer-region of the two valleys, which is much safer for those with low cultivation .

That six-legged Griffin was a peak God Beast and its presence here meant that they are in the Inner-region of the two valleys . Although this place is a secret Realm, the way to reach it isn't particularly hard so there were a lot of information about it... like the monsters that inhabit it, the type of herbs you can find... hidden tombs and so on .

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Lucy had to carry Arthur with her so she didn't fly around or run at full speed for fear of injuring her husband . Nevertheless, her senses were on high alert and none of the monsters was able to get within two hundred meters of her, however, that was about to change very soon .

Less than ten minutes after her separation from Jian Si, Lucy was ambushed by a masked man . He was different than the cultivators she had seen outside, he looked and felt strong and his intention was clear from the start .

"Hello there, Lucy MoonStar-" He briefly paused as he glanced at Arthur, " . . . and Arthur MoonStar . "

"You are?"

"Ah! Pardon my late introduction . "

He politely bowed toward Lucy but, at that very exact moment, an ear-piercing gunshot resounded in the area . The man hastily jumped back and took out a small round shield, which was able to block the second bullet .

Despite resisting her second bullet, it was still not able to defend its aftereffects . A dark and spiky web made of Dark Magic burst from the frozen bullet . The web bypassed the round shield and attempted to trap the masked man but he managed to escape, though his shield had to be discarded as a portion of the dark magic had touched it .

He seemed to be aware of the dark magic's effect and was very unwilling to let it touch him .

"Haha please let me finish . I am the Purple Seat of Debauchery . "

"I don't care!"

An illusory white tail and long ears appeared on Lucy, both of her eyes were covered in white flames and one of them was pulsating with a blue light .

Her form distorted before it reappeared before the masked man, who crossed his arm to block her punch but, to his surprise, the force behind her was simply monstrous . His body was sent flying like a kite, leaving a trail of blood behind .

He had gravely underestimated her physical strength and ended up suffering a lot . Lucy rarely engages in close-combat so very little was known about her stats .

"We're not enemies!"

The man spat some blood, wiped his lips before looking at Lucy with a strange expression that contained both curiosity and fear . He was confident in his abilities but the disparity was just too big so he gave up mid-way .

"I am from Black Rose!"

"And?"

Lucy raised her hand again, a miniature golden sun was slowly raising to the sky and emitting an alarming heat . Seeing this, the masked man clicked his tongue, turned around and fled like a startled bird .

Only after making sure he was really gone did Lucy retract the golden sun and return next to Arthur, who was protected by her Nine Lotuses and a wall of her unique fusion flame .

She had to fight that masked man while spending Mana on her fusion flame and the nine lotuses, which was costly but necessary to guarantee his safety .

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After the masked man from Black Rose fled, Lucy went to check if Arthur was safe before continuing to wander around the secret Realm .

The monsters lurking in the inner area of the valleys were quite strong but Lucy just incinerated them before they even got to attack or move a muscle . Despite having to carry Arthur around with the use of the nine lotuses, her speed was alarming, like a shooting star which flew from one place to another .

The cultivators who witnessed this was dumbstruck, shrunk their necks and didn't dare block her path for fear of meeting the same fate as the monsters .

Lucy wanted to find the entrance to Timos' small world, where the Dark Blade is located . She used the black flames covering Arthur to see if she's either further or close to the destination .

In less than an hour, she went around the two valleys then headed for the circular mountain range . As she got closer to one of the mountains, the black flames along with the condensed blade made of black light piercing Arthur's chest reacted fiercely, causing Lucy to abruptly stop and study them .

The White Specter heard a faint sound come from the nearby forest so she focused her sense but found nothing unusual . As she shifted her attention back to Arthur, she was shocked to see naught but air .

The place where his body was floating was not empty, her nine ice lotuses returned to her side . Lucy frantically looked around but Arthur seemed to have vanished into nothingness .

To make matters worse, an annoying person appeared, causing Lucy to become even more infuriated . Her body soundlessly laid on the ground and the silver revolver transformed into a long silver rifle .

She stuck a bullet inside, leaned her eye closer to the scope and aimed at the masked man from earlier . He was following her but was neither fast nor perceptive enough to pinpoint her exact location .

Without any hesitation, Lucy poured her Mana into the rifle then fired, causing an ear-piercing sound to come out right after the bullet was shot and struck the man right in the chest .

His body was sent flying like a kite, a gaping hole in his bloody chest . He rolled hundreds of time on the ground before he coughed a lot of blood and struggled to get up .

Lucy readied another bullet and was about to attack only for the whole secret Realm to start violently shaking . Out of the blue, the sound of shattering glass reverberated across the whole world, it was immediately followed by an unstoppable suction force coming from high above .

"Something destroyed this world!"

Lucy's expression worsened as the nine lotuses fully bloomed and emanated a blue aura which enveloped Lucy, who fly into the air and looked around .

Since Arthur disappeared, he must've unconsciously entered Timos' world, as for her, she cannot stay here much longer as the world is crumbling, just like what happened in Riarravar .

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As expected, a black hole made its horrifying appearance . It was like a vacuum, sucking the air, mountains, rivers, and so on...

Lucy activated her specter transformation, further boosting her stats and adding more to her defense . With lightning speed, she crossed a big distance and appeared next to the puzzled and struggling Cold Sword .

The black-haired girl was about to resist the suction using her Sword Essence but sooner or later, she would be pulled inside .

"L-lucy!"

Seeing the silver-haired woman appeared next to her, Jian Si was a bit relieved but she continued to defend herself . Fortunately, Lucy was there and provided a timely assistance .

"Please help my clan members . "

Seeing Lucy about to leave and bring her along, Cold Sword had to plead lest everyone else dies .

The White Specter frowned and momentarily closed her eyes before waving her hand . Right after doing that, she left the area, leaving behind a rising sun covered in blinding golden flames .

The Golden Crow flames should be able to slow the black hole's suction for a few seconds, which should be enough for Lucy .

Cold Sword was unable to resist the force which wrapped around her body and made her fly behind Lucy .

Fortunately, they were able to find Jian Si's clan members along with the Grand Elder, whose face as pale as a sheet of paper as he expanded all of his energy to conjure a barrier which protected his clansmen .

"How are we going to leave?"

Although they were temporarily out of danger thanks to Lucy, they are still stuck in this realm and the exit was probably destroyed .

Lucy didn't reply and, instead, took out the silver revolver, loaded it with a silver bullet and fired the air in front of her .

The bullet instantly disintegrated and magically opened a spatial portal in front of the panic-stricken group . Without any delay, Lucy ushered all of them inside then followed behind .

To everyone's surprise, when they appeared outside, which should be deep inside the Rose Sea, the place looked dramatically different .

The water was completely gone and high-up above, there was a ginormous spaceship that emitted countless white and red colors . Furthermore, the place was surrounded by dozens of robots just like the one Lucy saw inside the Red Tower .

"What's this? What's happening?"

Cold Sword held her crimson blade as she glared at the faceless robots holding large cannons .

"Everyone here is under arrest for breaching Law 418 of-"

A robot that was larger than the rest was speaking with a loud voice . it was made of black metal and seemed to be the leader .

Sadly, before it could continue, Lucy's figure flashed before it . She was holding a thin white saber which was thrust into the target's head .

At first, it met some resistance but the tip of the saber quickly melted the robot's head thanks to the grey fusion flame Lucy had used .

In just a split second, Lucy disposed of what seemed to be the strongest robot, however, this was but the beginning as, like a ghost, her figure blurred before appearing next to a bunch of robots .

Golden flames danced in the air as they burned the retaliation robots, which raised strange-looking barrier that barely held on for a few seconds .

Lucy manipulated both the golden crow fire and Yin energy, turning the whole place into Hell . The onlookers were rooted in their places, able to only gawk at the unfolding events .

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While Lucy was busy destroying the robots that surrounded the group of cultivators, Arthur was transported inside Timos' world, which was that very peaceful forest devoid of any dangers .

He didn't willingly teleport, it was the Dark Blade's doing as it wanted to reunite with its partner as soon as possible . It is no longer dormant and could be said to be whole again and, as Timos said, if the blade wants to fight alongside Arthur, it'll naturally call for him when the time is right .

Unfortunately, Arthur wasn't the only one inside this miniature world . Two other presences immediately sensed Arthur's arrival and appeared beside his body within seconds .

They looked like two young human males, bright and short green hair and identical facial features, they were, without a doubt, twins .

They didn't wear any sect or clan-related clothes, just casual grey leather outfits .

The youth on the right was holding a one-handed sword with an orange hilt in his right hand, while the youth on the left gripped a one-handed sword with a white handle in his left hand . The sight from left to right was symmetrical, with the exception of the color of the blades . It was as if they were the same entity .

"Brother, isn't that Arthur?"

The youth raised his sword and pointed it at Arthur while asking his twin sibling .

"It is . It definitely is . What's a fortunate coincidence . "

The second youth grinned and replied, his hand rising into the air and a swirling white Sword Essence dancing around his body .

"Kill him! If he dies, the oath is lifted!"

A croaky voice came out of the sword with the orange handle . It spoke with clear malice as a burst of orange sword essence came out of its sharp tip and shot at the unconscious Arthur laying on the bushy ground .

The owner of the sword was momentarily startled but didn't do anything to stop the orange sword essence . However, to everyone's surprise, when it got closer to Arthur, it clashed with the black flames then disintegrated into nothingness . It couldn't even touch Arthur's clothes, much less kill him .

Even Lucy was unable to get close to her husband, much less these two twins .

"The blade is complete! You need to kill him right now!"

The sword with the white handle joined the conversation and harshly ordered the twins, which couldn't understand what was exactly happening but still did as told as they were aware that their swords would never do anything that harms them .

In fact, these two swords were two of the Nine Cursed Swords . The one with the orange handle was called Dawn, while the other sword was named 'Eraser' .

Without any hesitation, the twins jumped at Arthur, their bodies emitting a staggering amount of Sword Essence, specifically directed at the unresponsive Arthur .

The two were sword cultivators and were considered strong, especially when they combine their powers . When the cursed sword reached Arthur, they were able to push away the black flames, however, the moment they made contact with Arthur, the attackers felt as if they hit an unbreakable block of steel .

They applied a lot of strength in their stabs but the Cursed Swords were only able to cut the clothes... that's it .

Dumbfounded, the two leapt away and looked at Arthur then at swords .

"Attack again!" Roared Dawn, unwilling to let this opportunity slip .

"Use all of your powers!"-Dusk

The Twins' expressions turned serious as they held the one-handed swords vertically across their chests and amassed their sword essences .

In less than five seconds, the place was split into two sides, one filled with a blinding white light and the other with an orange radiance . Slowly but surely, the two sides fused as the twins leaned against each other's back then shot at Arthur, their swords held to the front in a stabbing motion .

Unlike the last attack, the joined attack of the twins managed to wound Arthur, the two cursed sword dug deep into the parasite's chest and caused a lot of blood to gush out .

The twins pulled their weapons and were about to stab the same place again to finish the target but it didn't proceed as expected .

The new wound disappeared within two seconds, it just healed under the twins' eyes, making them unconsciously take a step back and stare at the man with a flabbergasted expression .

Unfortunately for them, their second attempt was enough to affect Arthur's consciousness and wake him up .

The parasite's body blurred and, before the two youths could react, they felt a monstrous force hit their bodies, sending them flying in the air . It only took a split second for them to be fatally wounded and suspended in the air with invisible threads which wrapped around their ankles, wrists, waists, and necks .

The parasite appeared before the two, his face expressionless and his abyssal eyes glaring at them . Although he managed to bind them, their Cursed Swords didn't give up .

They escaped their owner's hands, fused together into a long silver sword, and then shot at Arthur's head .

In retaliation, Arthur raised his hand and unleashed a burst of Void Magic, which caused the incoming Silver Sword to divert its flight and try to flee but it soon found itself trapped in a small black cube made of Dark Magic .

"P-please have merc-"

One of the twins managed to squeeze a few words but that only caused his head to fall from his body . Seeing this horrible sight, the remaining youth was enraged, he wriggled his body and tried to get out but that only led to his miserable death too .

Arthur snorted and waved his hand, storing the two bodies in his storage before floating closer to the dark cube and having a good look at the restless Cursed Swords

"O-great parasite! Let us join hands!"

"That's right! It's impossible to destroy us! Let us serve you instead!"

The two begged Arthur again and again but he turned a deaf ear to them . He left the dark cube and went toward the cave Makaze was in, after all, the blade's cries were becoming louder and louder, almost deafening him .

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Soon enough, Arthur arrived at gloomy cave utterly void of anything but a dark blade stabbed at its center . An eerie gale whistled inside the place, it was gradually becoming louder and more violent but, when Arthur set foot inside, it abruptly became much quieter as if it was welcoming him .

Step by step, he marched toward Evil Wind and when he was standing in front of it, he raised his right hand, which was covered in black flames .

"Welcome back . "

Arthur uttered those words then stretched his hands, held Makaze's black handle and gently pulled it off the cold the ground .

Arthur thought this was it but he couldn't be more wrong . The moment Makaze left the ground, the parasite's environment drastically changed .

The first thing he noticed was the passing breeze 'touching' his skin . The gloominess around him was replaced by endless greenery and a beautifully clear sky .

He stood there, dazed, for a few breaths before he snapped out of it when a voice entered his ears .

"We meet at last . "

Arthur turned his head and looked at the origin of the voice... a middle-aged man with long black hair, rough skin, and sword-like eyebrows . His eyes were naturally narrowed and he was oddly thin, almost like a skeleton .

This man, who was wearing ragged white clothes, was the person who invented the concept of blades, in general . He was Ventus Malum, The Gale Devourer .

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Ventus Malum grinned as he stared at Arthur .

"That look on your face tells me that you've figured out who I am... that's better, at least I don't have to introduce myself . "

Arthur maintained an odd silence for an inordinate amount of time before his lips parted and his voice echoed inside the calm yet eerie cave .

"Your presence here means that I won't be getting Makaze that easily, right?"

Hearing this, Ventus frowned and tilted his head in confusion . After thinking for a few breaths, he nodded his head and replied,

"You seem to be misunderstanding something . Evil Wind is in your hands, it's eternally yours and the Dark Oath binds you two forever . If you want, you can leave right now . No one will stop you... certainly not me . "

"Then why are you here?"

"In essence, Makaze is I and I am Makaze . The blade was born from my body and although my soul still remains, it's a fact that it holds my love, despair, hate, anger, and so on . . . It is a living thing before being a weapon . "

Arthur quietly listened to the Gale Devourer, who walked closer to the parasite, his dark blue eyes focusing on the blade covered in black flames .

"I have to say, Arthur, that you were lucky . Makaze is very compatible with your Dark Magic hence the birth of the Dark Blade Oath . However, what this blade excels at is Lightning and Wind . If you can master those then I daresay you'll be unbeatable . Not even Anduril, the greatest sword in existence, will match you . "

"I've already mastered Lightning and Wind . "

Ventus laughed as he heard Arthur's answer .

"Are you talking about the Mastery from Tiarius' downgraded system? That's not called Mastering an Attribute . For example, you can be said to have mastered Dark Magic right now . Your different kinds of lightnings and thunder aren't bad too but your Wind Magic is... severely lacking . Wind is the hardest to learn and master . Besides that talkative Roc, Midolf, I was the only person who reached the apex in Wind Magic .

Wind is formless and colorless, fast and lethal . It can kill cut everything, even the very fabric of reality... even the cycles you're desperately trying to break from . "

Ventus Malum sensed a slight reaction from Arthur, whose face remained as expressionless as ever .

"Unfortunately, I cannot pass my mastery to you because it has to do with a person's mind, how he thinks and views things, his thoughts about the environment and how each attribute acts, its role and reaction to various other things . However, I can still help you... what do you say?"

As he said that, Ventus was enveloped by a soundless wind tornado which made him float several inches above the ground .

"Help? Explain, please . "

"Sure, I will explain everything but do know that it won't be easy, nor will it be instant . It all depends on your will... your true emotions... your love and yearning for those close to you . "

As Arthur was conversing with Ventus Malum, things became very chaotic in the area where the entrance to the secret Realm was supposed to be .

Lucy was like a raging devil, jumping from place to another, each time pulverizing a robot or incinerating a large cannon . Her prowess made all the present cultivator gawk and take a defensive stance, afraid they'll be hit by the collateral damage .

The White Specter single-handedly fought the army of robots . Her Nine Ice lotuses would freeze anything that got close to her while her golden flames rose into the sky and cascaded on the enemies .

Close to one hour has passed since Lucy started massacring the robots from the system but she showed no signs of exhaustion . The number of enemies increased even after she had taken out a large bulk . Moreover, the enormous spaceship up above was providing assistance and shooting thick red lasers at the silver-haired woman, who was so fast that only her blurry after-image could be seen .

"What do we do, Clan Master?"

The elderly man accompanying Jian Si stared at Lucy with fear, his feet shaking . He could, at best, deal with two or three robots but the white specter was destroying one or two robots with each attack, furthermore, she was getting more and more ferocious .

"Take the disciples and leave when an opportunity comes . "

"What about you?"

"I can't leave her alone . They are after Arthur and not her . "

Cold Sword glanced at the strange black whirlpool which spawned at the area below Lucy . It was slowly getting bigger and some of the robots were firing at it continuously but the shots were all blocked by a large crystalline Lotus, which Lucy's Godspirit .

It fully bloomed and summoned a violent blizzard, turning the area snowy and absolutely bone-freezing . Usually, Overgods and Exalted Gods rarely summon their Godspirit as it's way weaker than them and needs to be controlled manually, however, Lucy was able to use it despite being busy with the countless enemies .

The moment Jian Si finished talking, a deafening explosion took place several hundred meters away from the cultivators . Fortunately, they raised multiple shields and barriers so they managed to block the impact but the robots were blasted far away and some even exploded into hundreds of pieces .

"Go! Now!"

Cold Sword ushered the grand elder then retrieved her red sword from her back and unleashed her murderous blood essence, coating herself with a savage crimson aura .

"Clan master!"

The elder hesitated but a threatening glare from the black-haired girl, who's still too young to manage a big sect like Mountain Ba, forced him to leave with the frightened disciples .

Instead of directly going to help Lucy, Jian Si flew at the enormous spaceship, who paid her no attention . The explosion caused by none other than Lucy, was the result of the miniature sun enveloped by the golden crow flames .

It covered the area in a sea of golden flames, blinding and suffocating . The flames burned everything in its way, melting the still surviving robots and temporarily clearing the place of the persistent metallic robots .

Lucy glanced at the expanding black whirlpool before grabbing Lonely Moon and pointing it above .

A thick beam of red light shot straight at her . Lucy injected her Mana into the silver revolver and shot two times, her right arm, which changed appearance, was letting an alarming amount of steam from the holes in the shoulder area .

The devil arm was even bleeding a lot as firing two shots exhausted Lucy, who took a deep breath then wiped the bit of blood leaking out of her lips . The two bullets, both colored purple, clashed with the laser .

The first bullet transformed into a large disgusting toothless mouth which devoured the whole thick laser . As for the second bullet, it shot at the enormous spaceship .

Although the spaceship was pretty far away, you could see a series of explosions occur in its base . The deafening alarms rang continuously as hundreds of black dots appeared in the sky, all well-equipped robots which changed their target from the whirlpool to Lucy .

To make matters worse, two special robots made their appearances . One was over a hundred meters tall and holding a black metallic shield bigger than itself, while the other was wearing a brown suit of

armor, in its hands, there was something similar to an advanced rifle, like the ones seen in Sci-Fi Movies .

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The arrival of the two threatening robots, which emitted a constant and dangerous stream of Dark Matter . This energy, which is by no means weaker than Nether Energy, looked like a mass of darkness, very similar to Dark Magic but highly unstable, to say the least .

The black shield held by the big robot seemed to be made purely from Dark Matter . It vibrated, causing the space to shake and shatter before fixing itself instantly .

The two robots faced the silver-haired woman, who had an illusory white tail swaying behind her and her eyes were enveloped by white flames .

The first one to attack was the gun-wielding robot . It raised its rifle-like weapon and pulled the trigger, shooting bullets that were even faster than Lucy's, moreover, the bullets were actually invisible .

Although she couldn't see them, Lucy was able to dodge with the use of her Time ability, which froze the area around her, severely slowing down the bullets and giving her enough time to evade and even retaliate .

The silver revolver emitted a blinding blue brilliance before a devastating bullet was shot . The bullet instantly became a ginormous golden crow which used its three legs to cascade at the robot wearing the brown suit of armor .

The mechanical and half-sentient soldier retreated behind its companion before firing three times at the golden crow . The other robots moved the black shield towards the incoming golden crow .

Unfortunately for them, not even the shield made from the Dark Matter was able to fully block Lucy's bullet . Blinding sun-like flames covered the area, breaking more than half of the shield and eating up the dispersing dark matter .

The massive robot was pushed two to three hundred meters, its metallic body charred by the golden crow flames .

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Lucy remained motionless as she held Lonely Moon in one hand and the recently enhanced thin saber, called Twilight's Vow, on the other hand .

Her emotionless eyes were focusing on the big robot, which struggled to stand up, however, what she didn't expect is for the other robot to literally vanish and appear in front of her .

It whipped with its thick armored leg, aiming at the specter's waist . Its attack was swift but Lucy managed to twist her body and use the saber to block .

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Although these robots were physically strong, when its leg met with Lucy's saber, it actually bent to the other side before being cut by the weapon and falling down below .

Lucy activated her Time Magic again, trapping the robots before stabbing the target with the saber, which had the fusion grey flame on its tip .

The robot had amazing reflexes as it managed to dodge being hit but, its fate remained the same . Lucy's fusion flame still managed to reach it and within two seconds, the thick brown armor along with the tough materials it was made of was gone, either incinerated or frozen into a block of beautiful white ice .

Lucy didn't even stop, her figure blurred as she flew to the sky, heading directly at the ginormous spaceship . She completely ignored the massive robots and the other robots, which didn't interfere for a bit .

When they tried chasing after her, they were met with a shocking meteor shower which pulverized everything in its way . The shield-wielding big robot was defeated with just one flaming boulder, the lava covered its body and turned it into a puddle of melted metals .

Lucy's unconceivable speed allowed her to quickly arrive under the spaceship, which kept dispatching hundreds of robots and shooting at her using the enormous cannons situated all over its base .

Even when she had no place to run to and had to meet the shots head-on, Lucy was still able to get out unscathed thanks to her absurdly high defensive stats and her Yin Physique .

Lucy wasted no time, she stored the revolver and the saber, readied her Devil Arm and used all of her strength to punch the Spaceship . She was smaller than ant in comparison to the target but her strike caused considerable damage .

The whole spaceship shook for a few seconds and the place of impact was destroyed beyond recognition . The nearby robots and cannons were frozen along with a huge area of the spaceship, causing the alarms to turn silent and things to quieten, but that only lasted for less than ten seconds before Lucy savagely punched again .

Her 'Devil Arm' let out clouds of steam, so much that the sky was filled with a dense fog that blocked everyone's sight . Every time her fist hit the spaceship, it would cause a ringing sound to reverberate then an unstoppable Ice to spread from one place to another, freezing everything in its way .

When Lucy just finished her fifth punch, she paused and looked around, her chest going up and down as she was panting heavily . She expended a lot of energy but there were no signs of her stopping anytime soon .

She clenched her transformed and scaly hand only to see the spaceship elevate higher in the air . A massive hole opened in at the front of the base and, from within, a cannon that was, at least, two kilometers long, made its appearance .

Inside the spaceship, although things were very chaotic outside, the robots were silently guarding specific areas . The robots present here were much weaker than those outside so Cold Sword was able to assassinate them and go deeper inside .

The place was very well-guarded but as the ones in charge were focusing on Lucy, who was slowly demolishing this advanced fighter Spaceship, they didn't pay any attention to intruders .

Jian Si held her red sword and slashed horizontally, cutting three robots in two before appearing before them and crushing their remains with her unique murderous Sword Essence .

"Where is the Control Room?"

The black-haired looked around but found nothing of importance . The spaceship kept shaking and the more she advanced, the more alarms sounded, and the more deafening they became .

After a few minutes, she arrived at a huge circular area with many robots trapped inside large tubes filled with water and suspended mid-air . The robots looked very human but the metallic objects on their forehead and abdomen were proof of their real nature .

*Initialization of the Buster Cannon . *

A robotic voice echoed inside the relatively wide room, startling Cold Sword, who clenched her sword and hid in a dark corner .

She saw two tall and armless robots walk from one of the many doors leading to this place . The robots had hair made of countless thin strands of brown cotton, which was very odd to see, moreover, they wore purple dress disproportionate to their builds .

Jian Si watched them for a while and only made a move when they took out cubic objects and engrossed themselves in preparing something .

The girl was like a ghost, appearing next to the robots almost instantaneously . Her savage aura caught the two robots by surprise, however, her sword, surprisingly, hit nothing but air .

By the time she reacted, Jian Si sensed danger coming from above so she twisted her body mid-air, making herself face the roof, then used her sword to block the incoming fast attack .

The red sword clashed with the robot's unusually big leg . Jian Si resisted for a second before her body smashed on the ground . She clenched her teeth and quickly rolled to the side, barely dodging the second robot, which used the same attack and tried to hit her with its long and robust leg .

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Jian Si didn't hold back at all, she jumped back and held her sword with both hands then unleashed her crimson Sword Essence .

She raised the sword and used [Heavenly Slash], one of the skills Arthur imparted on her and by far the strongest skill in her arsenal . Unlike Arthur, she doesn't use the System so [Heavenly Slash] is treated as a technique by her and is slightly harder to use, nevertheless, the girl managed to master in such a short amount of time .

Furthermore, the attack didn't resemble Arthur's . While his was a creepy and big flying black skeletal head, Jian Si's [Heavenly Slash] was actually a Translucent red world .

The wolf released a deafening howl before leaping at the two armless robots . The unstable murderous sword essence was uncontrollable, devastating everything in its way and even pushing the two target a distance from the center of the circular room .

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At the same time, Lucy was struggling against the retaliation spaceship, which no longer dispatched the fighter robots and used the hundreds, if not thousands, of cannons to blast the white specter away .

Her appearance dramatically changed, her spectral flaming tail became lengthier, her clothes were now made of golden fire and the scales covering her Devil Arm were now crystalline blue, emitting small white particles, which, upon a very close look, turned out to be minuscule ice lotuses .

Lucy was about to strike the spaceship again but her body momentarily frozen, causing three cannon shots to hit her, however, they did no damage whatsoever, she was just sent flying a few kilometers below .

After stabilizing her body, Lucy vanished and reappeared a long distance away, a blue leaf appearing under leg . Her movements seemed slow but with each step, she would teleport to another place, rendering the auto-functioning cannons unable to locate her, much less fire .

In just a few breaths, Lucy appeared where the black whirlpool was supposed to be, however, in its place, there was an unconscious Arthur . Lucy quickly checked his condition but he appeared perfectly fine, in fact, he seemed about to wake up very soon .

His eyes were fluttering and he was letting out audible groans . Lucy wrapped her left arm around his waist and 'teleported' again, barely evading no less than nine red lasers coming from all directions .

The nine ice lotuses spun around her whilst her Godspirit took the front, fully blooming and bursting with a bone-chilling breeze which transformed into a violent blizzard that affected this area's weather .

The sky darkened and the spaceship started shaking then was slowly but surely being frozen from one part to another . In less than twenty seconds, the massive floating ship was turned into a block of ice .

Unfortunately, the ice shattered soon after that and the enormous cannon which remained silent ever since its appearance, started letting out unpleasant buzzing sounds .

Black particles appeared around the cannon then fused together and merged with the buzzing artifact . Lucy snorted and raised her devil arm, which released a blue aura that formed a direct connection with the Godspirit, causing it to become double its size and increase its Yin Powers .

A translucent barrier the couple and just as the cannon was about to shoot, it suddenly went silence, making Lucy confused, nevertheless, she used this opportunity to turn around and flee .

With Arthur back safe and sound and Makaze sheathed on his waist, there was no reason to keep fighting the spaceship anymore .

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Back inside the spaceship, in the secondary control room, Jian Si was heavily panting as she ruthlessly kicked the unresponsive bodies of the defeat armless robots .

She used all of her strength and emerged victorious, fortunately . However, her invasion was finally noticed and countless robots started appearing from all the doors leading to the control room .

Seeing the guns pointed at her, Cold Sword grasped her red sword and mumbled something before jumping in the air and sweeping her crimson sword . A tornado made of sharp red sword essence made its appearance, it slashed apart from the nearby robots and allowed Jian Si to escape through an opening but not even two minutes later, she was surrounded again, this time by an even stronger variation of robots .

A bit after that, Cold Sword was cornered and unable to counterattack anymore . She was heavily wounded and her hand was shaking as she clenched her grip on her sword, afraid to drop it .

Knowing that there was no way out, Jian Si was about to self-destruct her Dantian and kill as many of the enemies as possible but the sudden appearance of a large phoenix covered in fire startled her and the robots equally .

The phoenix screeched loudly then crashed into the hundreds of robots, turned them into nothing but ash . This wasn't the end, however, the fire bird flew again and tore a hole through the spaceship, creating a tunnel leading directly outside .

Before she could react, someone grabbed Jian Si and flew out of there . The phoenix remained behind, spreading its fire all over the already breaking ship .

Only when they were outside did Cold Sword manage to have a good look at her 'savior' . He was a young man with short blond hair, blue eyes and handsome facial features .

Actually, if Arthur or Lucy saw him, they would instantly recognise him . He used to be a very famous figure on Earth but after being inflicted by the virus and taken by the System, he seemed to have simply vanished .

He was none other than Usui, formerly known as the Flame Emperor .

It wasn't just Cold Sword who contributed in stopping the Buster Cannon . Usui also went all out and even betrayed the System in order to help Lucy and Arthur .

As he was very devoted to the System and did everything that was ordered, his companions didn't expect him to suddenly start rampaging and even attack them .

An hour after her fight against the System's Spaceship, Lucy used a special Spatial bullet to teleport herself and Arthur to a random low-realm .

When she exited the spatial tunnel, they found themselves in some kind of a dusty storage room filled with half-filled sacks .

Lucy gently laid down Arthur then checked his condition again and it was at that time that the parasite mumbled something before slowly opening his eyes .

The first thing he saw was a mesmerizing silver-haired woman staring worriedly back at him and, quite unexpectedly, he didn't react the usual way .

In fact, he freaked out and, unable to control his strength, jumped back down . His eyes were cautiously looking around before focusing on Lucy .

"You!! Who are you?!"

Seeing his actions, which didn't seem like an act or a joke, Lucy creased her brow . It was easy to guess what was happening to him but difficult to figure out the reason behind it .

'Was it because of retrieving Makaze? Or did something else happen in Timos' world?'

Whatever happened, Lucy wasn't going to give up or abandon him, obviously .

"Don't you remember? I am Lucy . "

She didn't approach him as she saw him glare at her coldly, not a hint of trust displayed in his eyes . It was exactly like when they first met, when he distrusted anyone and anything .

"Lucy? I don't know you!"

From the looks of it, it didn't seem like he only forgot about Lucy . He noticed that black sheath on his waist so he hurriedly unsheathed the sword and pointed it at Lucy, though his form was wrong and not a hint of Dark Magic could be felt .

It wasn't that he lost his powers, he just didn't know how to use them or rather, forgot how .

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By the time Lucy finished talking to Leiu and the latter vanished as fast as he appeared, Arthur exited the Adventurer's guild.

The parasite was overly cautious and even after activating his Stealth skills, which rendered him basically undetectable by almost everyone, he still looked around after ten or so steps.

Lucy noticed the green card on his hand, which indicated that he officially became an Adventurer and was able to gather a bit of info about this small world.

She kind of predicted what he would do but she still followed him out of curiosity and affection. Even if his stats are still absurdly inflated, he doesn't know how to properly use them and even though there is nothing that can threaten his life here, she still remained very close.

Only when Arthur left the bustling village and stopped in a random place inside the eerily quiet forest did Lucy choose to reveal herself.

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When the man's eyes landed on the mesmerizing silver-haired woman, he hastily jumped back and looked at her with a frown. He knew she was the woman from before but the caution he was showing was to be expected knowing his character.

"Why do you keep following me?!"

He coldly spoke to her while unsheathing Makaze, which had a bit of lightning dancing around it.

Seeing this, Lucy softly smiled, spread her hands innocently and replied

"I told you that I'm your ally so it's only natural that I accompany you."

"I don't need you! Scram out of here!"

"It won't happen!"

Seeing her stand her ground, Arthur's eyes narrowed and, by the next second, he jumped at her with a moderate speed and swung his sword, which burst with yellow lightning.

The Dark Blade whistled in the air and soon reached Lucy, who didn't react at all. Just as Evil Wind was about to strike her, it was easily stopped by a frosty layer which covered Lucy's skin.

Arthur panicked a bit and swung his sword again but the result was the same so he anxiously retreated and looked at her with an unreadable expression.

'It seems he's contemplating whether to continue fighting or run away.'

As the parasite started slowly backing away, Lucy spoke again,

"I have no intention of hurting you. Just let me follow you."

"No. I don't trust you."

"You don't have to. Furthermore, it's not like you can stop me."

She pointed at a random direction and continued,

"Go ahead, try running. I guarantee you that you're not faster than me."

For an inordinate amount of time, Arthur stood there like a log, not saying or doing anything. Lightning buzzed around him but he remained unresponsive until Lucy took a couple of steps towards him, causing him to snap out of his daze.

He glared at her for a few brief breaths before clicking his tongue, sheathing makaze and leaving, not bothering with her anymore.

Although he wasn't skilled in fighting anymore, it didn't take a genius to know and 'feel' that Lucy is much stronger than him.

From Arthur's point of view, he reincarnated not long ago, and provoking a powerhouse won't help him at all. Of course, he doesn't trust her at all but, also, he can't stop her if she wants to follow him.

Earlier, when Arthur entered the Adventurer's Guild, he only registered himself as an adventurer and asked a few things about the town's vicinity, he didn't take any tasks.

After his short confrontation with Lucy, the parasite walked farther from the settlement, and in a bit less than an hour, he met with an overgrown lion with a red fur and a flaming tail.

It was a Lv46 monster that can threaten the townspeople and its appearance made Arthur hesitate for a couple of seconds but when he decided to attack, the poor beast was turned into sliced meat with just two slices from Makaze.

Its skin was charred and its bone turned into ash, though when Arthur possessed it, its body quickly regenerated. As he witnessed the incredibly meager increase in stats, Arthur left the new host and let out a sigh before glancing at Lucy, who stood three meters away, her blood-red and sky-blue pupils never leaving his figure.

"Until when are you going to follow me? Are you that bored?"

Hearing this, Lucy giggled and retorted, "Who said I'm bored? It's quite entertaining to see you go around and slay this and that."

After that, Arthur proceeded to ignore her again and killed a few more monsters, each time he learned a new thing about his arsenal of skills.

First, he relied on Makaze but then he mastered the already mastered magic skills. He used the Hell flames, which had a deep dark red color. He used Lightning, Water, Wind, and even Space Magic but the last one was difficult to handle.

Even Dark Magic was used but it wasn't as strong as before as he doesn't know how it works. In the end, he stuck with the Vermillion Bird's flames, which seemed to be the most effective against the monsters found in the forest.

He would shoot a small but fast bullet made of the Divine Beast's fire. It was always a one-shot and although the increase in stats was small, Arthur always possessed his dead victims.

As Arthur was about to search for the next prey, he heard a nearby rumbling sound which was followed by the fall of multiple big trees. Less than half a minute later, three swift silhouettes appeared from the base of a mountain not far off, they were all profusely sweating.

The middle one, a woman with long red hair and a kind of revealing armor that matched her crimson hair, looked at the motionless Arthur, her expression turning joyous for some reason.

She signaled for her companions to follow her lead before they stopped before the unresponsive Arthur, whose attention was focused on the trees, which kept falling and the loud noise was getting closer, which means that something is definitely chasing those three.

"Hey friend! Are you an Adventurer?"

The woman flashed a smile at Arthur, who glanced at her but didn't reply. Lucy was just behind him but the woman didn't seem to notice her, or rather, none of them could see the camouflaged specter.

"You're Lv31 so you must be one, right?"

She looked above Arthur's head, where his 'Lv' was displayed thanks to her Appraisal skills, which is much inferior to Arthur's.

Once he appraised all three, he saw their Lvs, names, age, titles, and so on...

Without even waiting for the parasite to reply, the woman stretched her hand, which was holding a strange-looking brown grass.

"Hold this and wave it around."

She expected Arthur to comply, after all, she's considered famous and he must have recognized her, however, the reality was way different than her expectation.

The man looked at her as if she was an idiot or a lunatic. He even comically tilted her head and gave her a dumb stare, causing the woman to crease her brows and try to force the grass on him.

On the side, Lucy was about to interfere as the thought of having another woman close to Arthur bothered but, from the looks of it, she didn't need to act at all.

Arthur slapped the woman's hand away then raised his hand, which burst with orange flames. The woman couldn't even let out a squeak as she and her two companions were enveloped by the fire and turned into cinder within two seconds.

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Author's note: First of all, I would like to apologize for the long absence. I'm finally back and daily updates are back with me. I've had a few personal problems and now that they're solved, I can focus back on this story.

Arthur's merciless and instant actions didn't surprise Lucy, who broke into a knowing smile as she saw the now incinerated bodies of the adventurers get blown away by the turbulent and hot wind.

Considering that Arthur was currently amnesiac, it's his first murder, from his point of view, however, he didn't show any reaction and proceeded to shift his attention toward the incoming large beast right after throwing a cursory glance at Lucy, who winked at him and crossed her arms.

Facing the grotesque beast charging in his direction, Arthur attempted to use his Space Magic but the result was more devastating than he had thought. He pinched the air with his thumb and index and caused the space to shatter and a fountain of blood to appear.

The unsuspecting parasite was momentarily startled and about to be blown away but nothing too dangerous happened to him as Lucy, like a ghost, appeared behind him and wrapped her arm around his waist before slowly backing away from the blast.

He tried to struggle, at first, but it was but a futile try as he couldn't match her monstrous Strength. Everything ended so quickly but the ruckus he caused was large enough to alert the relatively far town and, in no time, several high-leveled Adventurers would definitely show up.

"Let go!"

Arthur wriggled his body and 'managed' to break free from Lucy's arm. He glared at her for a couple of seconds before transforming into a bolt of lightning and leaving the area.

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The same day, late at night, Lucy was maintaining her silence but frowning as she looked at her husband, who was laying on the bed, his body slightly twitching. Makaze was letting inaudible cries and flashing with an ominous dark light, making the White Specter perplexed.

Though it hasn't been long since he 'met' Lucy, Arthur quickly grew accustomed to her persistent presence and continued to act as if she wasn't here. He had laid on the bed and wanted to rest as he felt a bit tired, mentally, that is.

This and his trembling body made Lucy confused about his situation. He barely used any Mental Power and with his infinite Stamina, he shouldn't feel exhaustion so the current situation was illogical. His amnesia shouldn't have affected his stats or strong mental state.

The parasite tried to fall asleep but, in the end, the silver-haired woman standing next to his bed like an immovable mountain did get on his nerves.

For a short while, everything was eerily silent and even a bit awkward but the atmosphere drastically changed when Arthur jumped out of his bed and attacked her.

He mustered all of his strength and pushed her against the wall, one hand on her throat and the other pressing on her shoulder, trying to immobilize her.

Lucy was so deep in thought that she only reacted after she was caught but breaking free was an easy thing to do, nonetheless, she didn't do anything and only stared back at his cold eyes.

"What are you? What do you want from me?"

In response, a mesmerizing smile blossomed on the woman's face.

"Can't I just join your adventure? I'm sure you'll need the presence of a woman... sometimes."

Right after saying that, an unstoppable force pushed Arthur's hands away and, before he was able to retreat or react, Lucy retaliated. Her two arms stretched forward, interlocking behind his neck and pulling him towards her.

The parasite's pupils constricted as the woman planted her lips on his but it only lasted for two seconds before he pushed her away, his expression worsening with every passing second.

He was about to say something else but was unable to as a head-splitting pain assaulted him, forcing him to stagger back a few steps. Vivid images flashed in his mind, making the man let out a groan before staring at the wall for an inordinate amount of time.

When clarity returned to his dazed eyes, he stared back at Lucy, who was still smiling at him.

"I know you cannot trust me but that's not what I'm telling you to do."

She took a few steps forward, stopping right before the silent parasite. Her finger touched his chest before gently going all the way to his chin.

"Use me. I'm very powerful and... I can have many other uses."

She pushed the unresponsive Arthur on the bed before mounting him. This was but the beginning of the pretty active night the two experienced. Lucy pretty much forced herself on him and did all sorts of things to provoke his sexual desires, causing him to finally succumb and unleash his repressed desires.

The next morning, Arthur woke up from the comfortable sleep and the first thing he saw was a half-naked Lucy in the midst of wearing a sexy red bed robe. He instantly remembered the events of last night and felt a bit regretful over losing control.

Noticing the man's gaze, Lucy turned around, smirked and confidently said,

"If you're still unsure, we can form a slave contract. That way, you'll be certain that I won't betray you."

Arthur remained silent for a bit before replying,

"Fine, let us do that."

As if she expected such an answer, Lucy retrieved a white slave collar from her ring along with a written contract. She calmly handed it to Arthur, who thoroughly read it before the two proceeded to do it.

He was a bit nervous as he thought she'll try something or hesitate but the woman accepted all the conditions he mentioned and showed no objection whatsoever, though this only raised his suspicions.

Only when the contract was finalized did he let out a sigh of relief. As for Lucy, she used simple Magic to hide the collar before giggling and nonchalantly sitting on his lap, causing him to furrow his brows.

"What? Are you still adamant about refusing my love even after I became your slave?"

Arthur clicked his tongue and proceeded to ask all sorts of questions, after all, as his slave, Lucy cannot lie to her master. However, the answers she gave him were the same as the ones from before, meaning that she never lied or hid anything from him.

She told him how they first met and how they're a married couple but the absence of the memories made Arthur unsure about the truth even after hearing it.

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The same day, at noon, Arthur and Lucy left the town for good and headed East, where there have been sightings of unidentified and hostile machines. Unlike Arthur's attitude yesterday, he changed his goal and wanted to learn about his masked past and what happened after he died on Earth, though his relationship with Lucy was still shaky and not built on mutual trust yet.

Meanwhile, inside a gloomy room which had nary furniture and was illuminated by a few torches with either green or purple flames. A youth was sitting on a rusty metallic chair and unlike his usual appearance, he wasn't wearing the jet black armor and, instead, he had a simple white shirt and long brown leather pants.

Leiu leaned on the chair and let out a long sigh, his mind preoccupied with many things. On a small table right next to him, there stood a small creature, half black and half white.

The Watched, Bilgart, flapped his wings before turning his head toward the silent youth. The crow gazed at Leiu for a very long time before speaking with a deep voice,

"She really is an exceptional woman but, will she be able to do it?"

Leiu snickered and retorted, "What makes you think she won't?"

"You and I know very well why she won't follow the same path. Were Arthur to regain his memories through falling a love with her a second time, it'll only trigger the rest of the following events, however good or bad they are. Knowing the unfavorable future that awaits her lover, will she really go through with it or opt for a safer way to save him?"

"That's the thing about Love, Watcher. It makes people do the unthinkable and... never mind."

Leiu let out a sigh, slowly got up, and exited the room, leaving the two-colored crow alone. As he saw the vanishing back of the Nameless Knight, Bilgart flapped its wings one last time before disappearing while leaving behind a couple of words that were heard but none but himself.

"What will happen when Love and Brotherhood clash? I wonder..."

Chapter 690

"How do I restore my memories?"

Arthur and Lucy was sitting around a small campfire, both taking an unneeded rest before they continue their new journey. Now that she became his slave, Arthur became less wary of the White Specter and didn't suspect that she's lying, nonetheless, he still didn't fully trust her.

His behavior towards her, however, became relatively better and less aggressive. Moreover, Lucy would use any opportunity to get close to him and try to seduce him. Whether it's linking her arms around his, jumping on him or performing seductive poses. In fact, even right now, she was doing it.

She was wearing a very short white dress which revealed almost the entirety of her thighs and her well-developed but not bulging breasts. The parasite, at first, would look away but after experiencing this more often than not, he would just enjoy the sight but restrain from doing anything, unfortunately for his wife.

"I don't know. Perhaps by experiencing past events, you'll slowly regain them."

"Past events? Like what exactly?"

Lucy put her index on her lips and giggled before winking at him and responding,

"Like repeated sexual intercourse? Or cuddling?"

Hearing this, Arthur let out a long sigh, stood up and got rid of the campfire, seemingly not paying attention to what was just said.

Actually, both were heading toward ancient but mysterious ruins on the edge of this world. From what they've gathered, it's a dangerous zone riddled with perils and the active machines protecting the place managed to even kill some of the high-leveled adventurers.

Arthur was very interested in the ruins and wanted to go no matter what. As for Lucy, her only goal was to accompany him wherever he goes... the destination and enemies mattered little to her.

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Five days after their departure, with the use of a very fast Spirit Boat in Lucy's possession, the couple reached the edge of this small and neglected world.

Unlike planets or stars, a realm like this one has an end and when you reach it, you'll be able to gaze at the empty Void, which is not easily reached, never mind breached.

What welcomed the sight of the parasite and the white specter was a mess of void and a shiny, glorious metropolis dyed in a golden, eye-catching radiance. The city seemed to be in its own Spatial Dimension, which was somehow connected to this world through a narrow passage riddled with thousands of fly-sized buzzing machines wandering around.

"Legends speak about a very old race well-versed in architecture and crafting all sorts of stuff. One day, all the members of that Race blinked out of existence, never to be seen. They left their belongings here and cities such as this one are built by that intellectual race."

Lucy pointed at the minuscule yet fast and powerful machines while adding, "Those machines too, were built by them."

"I can't see their Levels."

"It's because they don't have a Level. They are unrelated to the System and, in your current state, you can, at most, handle ten of them so stay behind me and let me lead the way."

Although unhappy about being underestimated despite his sky-high stats, Arthur still decided to follow his new 'slave' and let her clean up the cramped passage.

Thanks to Lucy's cultivation and her absurd stats, breaking through the passage and eliminating the machines was a piece of cake. The moment she set foot inside the passage, all the targets were instantaneously frozen and rendered useless. The thousands of fly-sized machines crashed into the ground and broke into blue particles.

Within less than a minute, Lucy and Arthur passed through the supposedly well-guarded passage and entered the other dimension, their eyes were welcomed with an almost blinding light coming from above, the one originating from a ginormous sphere-like object no different than the sun itself.

Arthur wasn't used to his overpowered body and ultimate skills, he couldn't even properly use his Sense, however, Lucy was the total opposite, which is why, when they arrived in that dimension, her body shuddered as a genuine dread surged inside of her.

She was an Exalted God and her Sense was able to stretch to all sides of the city, which wasn't really that big but the source of the feeling of fear she was experiencing wasn't coming from the machines guarding this place.

Her reactions were swift as she turned around, grasped Arthur's hand and immediately flung him, precisely toward the way they just came from. The parasite only reacted when he was flying in the air, back in the other small world.

He managed to safely land and arrive back in front of the passage leading to the golden metropolis but before he could figure out what happened, a burst of energy reverberated across the area, sending him flying hundreds of meters away.

Back inside the metropolis, Lucy, who just successfully shot Arthur out of this place, wasn't able to defend herself in time. A crimson silhouette appeared next to her and with just one blow, she was sent flying like a kite, leaving a trail of blood in her wake.

The blow was so powerful that her ribs and two of her limbs were no longer functional. She wasn't even able to activate her Devil Arm. Her increased recovery wasn't able to heal her serious injuries.

The assailant attacked a second time and it was then that Lucy's body burst with the fusion flames, which momentarily clashed with the attacker but it only lasted for a short period before the White Specter was flung again, her body crashing into one of the golden buildings. Her body, now dyed with the scarlet liquid, was limp and in a pitiful state, her eyes were closed as she had fallen unconscious.

The crimson silhouette which attacked her wasn't the merciful type. It arrived in front of her unconscious and broken body. Only when it stopped moving around did its appearance become much clearer.

Its savage aura which was strong enough to split the earth just by its very existence, the pungent smell of blood which would even make Vampire vomit.

This was a special existence with the appearance of a soldier wearing bloodied armor, a rusty bronze sword and a missing head. One of the thirteen Mythical Being and, by far, the strongest of them, the Headless Soldier.

He showed no hesitation as he raised his sword and slashed down at Lucy, planning to finish her off. The bronze sword wasn't coated with Sword Essence but the being's bloody energy, which easily overpowered Lucy's fusion flame.

Just as the sword was about to cut her body in half, it was met with a subtle resistance, which grew stronger with every passing second. The Headless Sword retracted his sword and stabbed again but the outcome didn't change.

The source of this resistance showed itself in no time, it was a simple red card with the picture of a joker holding his forehead while grinning evilly.

Black and grey threads of light burst out of the card and quickly enveloped the Headless Sword, which jumped back and cut a few of them but wasn't able to escape.

In the end, the threads of light bound the Mythical Being, which released an earth-shattering cry.