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Chapter 71

"Delia! A goddess like you dares to bully juniors? Seriously gods these days think they are above all or what?"

Zodiak's skeleton appeared in front of Lucy, when the pressure was lifted, Arthur appeared next to Lucy to support her, a moment ago, he couldn't even move from that pressure, it's like something was restricting his movements .

Delia, who was floating and only gazing at Lucy, was startled by the sudden turn of events, and when Zodiak's voice rang out, don't speak of her body, her entire being became afraid, she spoke in an inconsistent and hesitant manner while her bright silhouette seemed like it was shaking .

"S-senior Z-zodia-k? I didn't know you are in this L-lower Realm . . "

Zodiak slowly advanced toward her while lifting his right hand and snorting

"Hmpf! Scram from here, but before you go, give me your soul essence . . "

Delia, who was acting majestic a second ago, became extremely flustered, to meet someone as tyrannic and terrifying as Zodiak, she surely has one hell of a bad luck, yet seeing Lucy, some stubbornness appeared in her eyes, she unconsciously clenched her teeth and replied

"Senior Zodiak . . This . . . "

Before she could even finish, a small vortex appeared next to Zodiak, and the silhouette of Delia was sucked by it with a fast speed, the goddess shrieked as she was being sucked by that vortex, even with her godly powers, she couldn't resist .

Just as she was going to be sucked, the vortex stopped and what appeared was a woman who was about 1 . 75cm, long blonde hair and snow-white skin, the most astonishing thing is that she wore almost nothing, just a white cloth that barely covered her lower part and her bulging double peaks .

She was truly a goddess, but unfortunately, her hair looked disheveled, she looked fearfully at Zodiak, or more precisely, his corpse which was made of only skeletons .

"Girl, don't try to play things with me, give me your soul essence!"

Although he threatened one more time, Delia still stood there, shivering in front of him, as if it was a mouse in front of a cat, she didn't even dare attack or even look up to him .

"Senior Zodiak . . You know that it's f-forbid-den for u . u . . us gods to g-give our s . . . soul essence . . please . . "

The lifeless eyes of the corpse flashed red for a moment before Zodiak hand was lifted and a vortex several times bigger than the previous was created, this time, it wasn't a black vortex but a violet one with some loud screams coming out of it . .

"You know what's this right? I'll give 5 seconds, you better not play tricks and give me your soul essence or suffer the consequences, I don't have time to play with brats like you which still didn't even reach adulthood!"

Slowly, the goddess was being pushed into the vortex, and this time, her face paled even more as she saw the vortex and heard the screams, so without delaying for even a split second .

She spat a golden blood out of her mouth, it was just a drop but she seemed a lot weakened when she did that, the drop of blood slowly floated toward Zodiak who was looking at her coldly, prepared to finish her at any second .

Just as the skeleton was about to touch the golden drop of blood, it suddenly disappeared along with the goddess .

First, Delia wanted to get Lucy too, but seeing Zodiak here, she didn't even dare try to get Lucy, if she escaped that in itself is a goddam miracle, much less escaping with another one .

Delia suddenly disappeared and the big white crystal began shining even more brightly .

The eyes of the skeleton glowed blood red as a grey mist came out of the skeleton .

"Girl, you're overestimating your abilities"

As he said that, dozens of black talisman were created out of thin air and in lightning speed struck the glowing crystal, blocking all the light, in just seconds, the white crystal which was brighter than the sun, became a black ball covered with talisman .

Then the figure of Delia appeared yet again, she floated slowly to the ground while heavily panting, she didn't look like a goddess right now, if you add a collar then you would surely think she's a pretty slave .

Her majestic aura or calm demeanor disappeared since the skeleton appeared, for her, this is her worst nightmare, for someone like her, a lower God to meet him shows how unlucky she is .

Zodiak didn't stop, one golden talisman was created again and struck her at her abdomen, the poor Delia shrieked for a second before she calmed down, her face was so pale that anyone would think she's a corpse .

She already fell to the ground and could no longer get up, she didn't even have the strength to move because of the golden talisman along with the black talismans that struck the crystal .

Soon, the golden talisman entered her abdomen as if it was melting, then all of a sudden, the figure of Delia began shrinking slowly until it was the size of a fist .

It stayed like that for a couple of seconds until it transformed into a big white pearl, it looked breathtaking, and every now and then, it would glow with a blue light .

Zodiak held for a second before he turned toward Arthur and spoke after gazing at him for some time

"Here, this is your new pet, consider it a gift, but boy, don't count on me everytime you mess with someone more powerful than you, this corpse only has a bit of my conscience and can only awaken a

few times, by sealing that girl, I already used a lot of my reserve, don't go around causing a mess everywhere . . . "

As he was talking to Arthur, he frowned for a second before he said

"Deity Realm . . . I'm quite surprised, last time, I came you were barely in the Spirit Realm, yet now . . . never mind . . here, use this talisman, put it on your companion, her origins are special and any god can guess that so this will help her for the time being"

A violet talisman was created and floated next to Arthur, he was still shocked by what just happened, nonetheless, he took the talisman and nodded .

"Ahh, you are some troublesome brat! This should be Astria . . go look for the remains of my powers, there should be two portions here, it may help you a lot . . . "

Arthur nodded again without speaking, he somehow got the feeling that even if he asked, his questions will not be answered so he just didn't ask anything .

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Zodiak turned to look at the Pope and the archbishop, then appeared before them, they were astonished by this turn of events, for their goddess to become a 'pet'? This is simply a crazy nightmare for them, but none of that mattered as they knew it was their final day living when he appeared in front of them .

The Pope's body got sucked into that big vortex, as for the Archbishop, after Zodiak gazed at the old woman for a second, he struck her with a dark green talisman then appeared next to Arthur yet again .

"That old hag is not a bad person, so I spared her, her memories of what happened have already been erased, now then, I exhausted more than half of my reserve power in this conscience, remember, try to find the portions of my power, it'll surely help you, I don't know why but my magic fused with you completely, it is synchronized with you more than me, it's creators, it's really mysterious . . . now now . . it's time . . "

After he finished saying that, his corpse entered Arthur's storage and became lifeless, its eyes were not glowing anymore and the robe he wore disappeared .

When Zodiak was gone, the atmosphere calmed in the big hall and the silence ruled over the place, no one talked, Arthur gazed at the big white pearl for sometime before he stored it and took the talisman and gently put it on Lucy .

She was calm and for some reason, she was gently smiling, maybe she was relieved that her revenge is finally over, she felt at ease .

The talisman melted on her abdomen just like it happened to Delia, some changes happened to her, fortunately, it wasn't anything bad, only strands of her silver-hair turned violet, which made her look even more stunning, apart from that, nothing else happened .

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Arthur already knew that his army already broke through the gates and invaded the city, all the cardinals were killed and more than 70% of the Holy Church army was killed and the rest finally surrendered, after all, they couldn't bear it, orders or whatnot, it was clearly shown that it was a one-sided massacre .

His army withdrew from the city, the same thing for Lucy and Arthur, only the Archbishop was left and the rest was killed with only the surrendered soldiers kept alive since they achieved their purpose, then Arthur decided to spare them for now .

The city was literally in ruins, only some of the main buildings were kept intact and the rest were demolished, the war outside of the tower was bloody as the ground was dyed red with the blood of the deceased, this short yet devastating war between the sudden invasion of the undead army and the Holy Church was sure insane, this day would be known in the future as the 'Bloody Day' . .

The news of the Holy Church spread to the surroundings continents in just 2 weeks or so, the control and power of the Church became non-existent and several of the branches located in several cities have withdrawn to the HQ .

The emperor took control of the continent and became the official ruler, he couldn't be happier as he trusted his guts and didn't send soldiers .

As for the Demon Lord and such, they tried sending some attacks to the Human continent now that the Holy Church is no more, but they faced strong resistance from the royal soldiers as they were stationed in all corners of the continent, surprisingly, Arthur's undead was also among them .

Since he thought it would be a waste to send it back, he let the emperor borrow it, it would follow his orders for the time being until something happens and he needs them again, with the dark knights here, not even the Demon Lord would dare attack head-on .

Of the 50 dark knights, 47 were left, only 3 were barely killed by the 6 cardinals, however, Arthur summoned 3 others, to make it equal, and from the 50,000 undead, 39,000 were left, compared to the emperor's army of hundreds of thousands, it may seem a lot less, but their prowess is insane .

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Arthur already returned to the Ma Clan with Lucy, and he possessed all the corpses he managed to store in his ring, they exceeded 2,000 but unfortunately, they were not high leveled, their stats ranged from 800 to 1,500 with only the cardinals being 10,000+ .

Basically, his stats increased by 2 . 2 million, more or less and his mental power surprisingly increased by more than 200, he didn't forget to possess the Pope, however, all his skills were for the Holy attribute, which was a pity, there was even a strong soul attack .

Nothing interesting happened in those two weeks for Arthur and Lucy, she seemed a bit more cheerful now that the burden of the revenge is gone, they would pass every day either snuggling, being intimate or playing with little Saly, who with the help of Astrith, managed to LVL up to 79, it was really insane for a 5 years old to be that LVL .

Maybe it was even unprecedented, after all, who is like Lucy, who had a lightning beast which would leech her monsters in dungeons and let her easily kill them, there was also Arthur and Lucy who trained her and gave her the strongest skills .

In terms of strength, she can match a person LVL140, her stats were outrageous and her fighting style is perfect . one cannot stop praising her when they see her fight .

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Today, Arthur and Lucy were staying in their yard, relaxing with Saly, who was meditating . Astrith was taking a nap next to her .

Arthur was pondering about the skills Zodiak used, that terrifying vortex or the strange talismans, he also knew how to use them but didn't know how to create them, well technically, he did know how to, but not like Zodiak, who did it instantly and from thin air .

Just to create that Talisman to prevent teleportation, he needs a lot of materials and a spell, so creating it would at least need half an hour, while Zodiak made dozens of them in a split second .

He was really intrigued by them and wanted to learn how to use that, but unfortunately, he can't know, not until he finds the two portions .

He decided that he'll search for them, but for now, he'll stay here for some time with Lucy and Saly and when the time comes, he will go with them, perhaps if Saly is still not strong, she'll stay here, but there's no way he'll go without Lucy, not only he was afraid that woman would come again, Lucy also was a strong fighter and can help him a lot .

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In those 2 weeks, Arthur checked that big white pearl much time, Zodiak told him that it was his new 'pet' but he couldn't sense anything from it which confused him greatly, nonetheless, he didn't dwell on it that much and decided to check it when the time comes .

Lucy's revenge was done, and the only one left was his, his wife, Claudia . . . one day, he'll return to Earth and make a bloody river in it from the blood of all who wronged him, especially his ex-wife .

'Oh . . . Claudia, just wait . . . I promise you it won't be long before I come for you and all the others . . . '

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A month has passed since the 'Bloody Day', a lot of things occurred, but nothing too dramatic, Arthur passed his days peacefully with Lucy and Saly, the little girl worked harder and harder, as for him, he just relaxed with Lucy, and would sometimes train his techniques .

He checked the orb that Zodiak gave him many times, but he just couldn't figure out how to use it or even activate it, it's a shame but there's nothing he could do about it, yet .

Arthur decided to rest for a bit more in the Ma Clan then go look for Zodiak's remaining powers, he knew that people are coming for him, Zodiak's warning and that woman who attacked him last time were enough to alert him and make him on guard .

Zodiak said that there are portions of his powers left in this world, it may be hard to find them immediately but at least he got a clue, yes, it's 'Medusa' .

Since the moment he met them, he knew they had a relation with Zodiak, or else, how could you explain their ability to use the 'Dark Magic', it's just a pity that he didn't know their headquarters, or else he would have gone there immediately .

Nonetheless, he didn't plan to give up, he had the Ma Clan and other forces in his side, with their broad net of information, there's bound to be some clues about the whereabouts of this secret organization .

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"B-but Arthur, I want to come with you two!"

Saly was sitting on Arthur's lap while he was stroking her fluffy ears, she was pouting and acting angry because Arthur told her that they would leave in 2 weeks to look for something but no matter how she begged, he didn't accept her request to come and told her to stay here as it is the safest place .

"I told you, the place we are going is not that safe, if you can reach LVL300, then I'll think about it? Alright?"

Saly was still pouting, although she's young, she wasn't an idiot, moreover, her high intelligence allowed her to act more like an adult than a child, but in front of Arthur and Lucy, she would always act like a spoiled brat .

"Hey Lucy! Please tell him to take me too!"

Saly looked at Lucy, who was leaning her head on Arthur's shoulder, she took her hands while pleading to her, she knew that only Lucy can change Arthur's choice, furthermore, Lucy always doted on Saly and granted her all her requests .

Lucy gently smiled at Saly while softly saying

"Hehehe~~, little Saly, I know you have become very strong, but we can't bring you this time, it's extremely dangerous, please stay here, don't worry, next time, we'll surely bring you along, that's a promise, okay?"

Hearing this, Saly could only slowly drop her head down and stay silent, no matter how stubborn she is, she can't insist too much, since she said she can't come then she can't come, maybe if she was stronger then they would have taken her, so while tightly gripping Lucy's hands, she slowly nodded her head while saying

"Okay . . Saly understands . . I'll go train and you'll take me if I reach LVL300 right? It's not too far away, I'm already 97!"

With that, she jumped from Arthur's lap and went outside to train, Astrith who was taking a nap not too far away, disappeared from his position and followed her, after all, it was his duty to protect her while she was not with Arthur and Lucy, and he himself didn't really dislike doing this, his relationship with her strengthened, plus she treated him to a lot of delicacies .

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The remaining time passed in the blink of an eye, Arthur and Lucy prepared themselves, and after saying their farewell to little Saly, they departed, the first thing they did is head to the E-clips company headquarters in the Itas continent to get the corpses .

It's been quite some time since he asked Belic and Robin to gather more corpses, their stats may be low, but if he possessed thousands, then his overall strength would increase by a significant amount .

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The journey didn't take more than 10 minutes, the trade proceeded as usual, the reaction of the old man and Robin was not like last time, I guess they got used it after experiencing it a few times .

Unlike last time, Arthur paid Belic for gathering the corpses, they gathered 1,012 beast corpses, Arthur didn't know how much they cost and he wanted to pay the old man for them, but Belic insisted on not receiving anything, saying that getting the help of the Ma Clan is enough .

Mentioning this, Arthur remembered that he promised Belic to help his Qin Clan, so yeah, maybe for him, helping out his own Clan is better than getting loads of Gold Coins, well, each got their preferences .

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After they finished the deal, the duo went to a secluded cave a couple of kilometers away from the Elven city and rested, well it was not resting but to allow Arthur to possess the corpses .

The stronger he got the better if an unexpected situation occurs like it always does, he better be powerful enough to cope with it, or else, the only outcome would be his and Lucy's death, which is something he definitely didn't want .

Before he left the Ma Clan, he asked Anastassia about 'Medusa', however, she didn't know much about it, but she gave him a useful information, which is to look for them in the Western continent, apparently, they show themselves a lot around that area, and all the continent is considered a wasteland devoid of any rulers except a few powerful beastmen clans here and there, there is no one who can truly threaten their existence .

So, the first destination for Arthur and Lucy is going to be the Western continent, it's on the other side of the planet or world, but with their speed, it wouldn't take much time to arrive there, so it was not that big of a deal .

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Their trip already began after he finished possessing all corpses, like last time, nothing special appeared, like a unique skill or something similar, however, his stats rocketed yet again .

TITLE : MEAT GRINDER / SEEKER OF KNOWLEDGE / ONE WITH THE SWORD / ARK???

Level: ??? Class: Dark ARK Parasite

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Realm : Deity

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Strength: 19 . 7m

Intelligence: 18 . 0m

Agility: 23 . 4m

Wisdom: 17 . 6m

Vitality: 16 . 2m

Dexterity: 16 . 8m

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Health 16 . 4m Health Regen 13871/s

Mana 17 . 02m Mana Regen 23299/s

Stamina infinite Stamina Regen ????

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Creation : 10

Attack: 17 . 01m Defense: 16 . 8m

Magic defense : 2 . 9m

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Enigma abilities : Telekinesis / Ancient Threads / Sixth sense / ARK??

Mental Power : 844

Elemental Resistances:

Fire: 100%

Water: 75%

Wind: 35%

Earth: 75%

Light/holy: 5%

Shadow: 30%

Lightning: 100%

Ice: 30%

His stats were really unbelievable, what's more amazing is his 'Mental Power', his guesses were that once he reached 1000 in Mental Power, then he will breakthrough to the Immortal Realm, and he really wanted that to happen because he knew that the difference between the Immortal Realm and the Deity Realm is much bigger than the Deity Realm and the Heavenly Realm, heck! He and Lucy barely managed to kill Tensui, taking in account that their stats are overpowered, if it were 2 normal people in the Deity Realm, there is no way in hell they could have done that .

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The trip was peaceful and without any problems occurring in the middle of it, they didn't travel at full speed, more at a moderate one, and in just one day, they were already on the borders of the Western Continent .

The first thing Arthur saw was a barren land, almost like a desert, but with no cliffs and mountains of sands, the weather was a bit hot compared to the other continents, and there were no sights of cities or towns, it's literally like a deserted land, well, he expected that much when he read lots of books about it, the problem is, where will they go now? Do they roam randomly or search for living beings and question them?

The Western continent is known to be the biggest one albeit it being a wasteland, too many wars occurred in it making it dyed red with the blood of countless races, it's also the continent which contains the most dungeons, furthermore, it is widely known that almost all the dungeons here are the most dangerous, they contain high levelled creatures, even Anastassia warned him not to enter dungeons recklessly .

Although she warned him, he didn't care much about that warning, he got Lucy with him and if it's not someone in the Immortal Realm or higher then they could deal with it easily, hopefully .

Arthur and Lucy decided to roam for a bit and search for any living being, then they can question him/her about the location of a city or a village, after all, they have to start from somewhere .

If he can only get his hands on a higher up from 'Medusa' then he can use 'Soul Search' on him, although it's a bit risky, it's worth it, he'll be able to know the whereabouts of their HQ and it'll save a lot of time .

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Fortunately, with their overpowered speed, it didn't take them much time to find someone, approximately after an hour or so, they found some people, or what appeared to be beastmen .

Normally, an hour is enough for him to travel thousands if not millions of kilometres, yes, it's insane, but he and Lucy were not travelling, they were inspecting every corner of the wasteland, if not, they would miss something, so that's why it took them that much time, although, it's considered a short amount to other people .

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Jackob was currently fighting an Earth Worm, it's the most common monster in the Western Continent, and probably the most annoying one, it never gives up on it's preys, it will even die trying to catch their food, they have large frames, probably 2 meters in height, plus, they are 4 meters long, their appearance is too disgusting, and their mouth contains hundreds of sharp teeth .

Right now, he was on an expedition with some other clan members to secure some medicine, although it's called medicine, it's just the saliva of the Earth Worm, as apparently, their saliva is an important material for alchemy crafting and can be used to heal curses or diseases .

His mother was a bit sick, and the only way to cure her is by an expensive Elixir or the saliva of the Earth Worm, it was not only his case, several other clan members needed that saliva for personal reasons, so they formed a small party and went for the hunt .

What they didn't expect though, is getting ambushed by 4 Earth Worms, they are not particularly strong if fought individually, but if you got surrounded, then it's troublesome to deal with them, plus, Jakob and the other 3 were not that strong, their LVL was only in the 60, as for the Earth Worm, they were between 50 and 70 .

He wielded a two-handed mace, it was rusty and hard to wield, but that's all he could procure, as for the rest of the members, they had either bronze swords or bronze lances, poor weapons but they got used to them after countless battles .

Since youth, they fought for their survival, so having poor weapons didn't mean they are weak, in fact, some beastmen can fight bare-handed and tear the Earth Worm into pieces .

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Jakob jumped to the side and smashed his mace on the side of the Earth Worm, it was not an accurate hit but it dealt some damage to the Earth Worm, the disgusting creature dived into the ground after being struck, but he didn't dare relax as another Earth Worm came at him from behind .

With almost perfect reflexes, he kicked the ground and jumped backward in a cool manner, the Earth Worm's sharp teeth struck his previous location and some green toxic liquid came out of its big mouth .

It was its poison, it was not deadly but it caused the 'paralysis' status for 10 seconds, which was more than enough for the Worm to devour its prey .

As he was delighted to have dodged that poison, he was caught off guard when another Worm came flying at him from below, since he was in the air, he couldn't dodge or do anything besides block with his mace, but it was too late as some of the green liquid already landed on some of his body, making him unable to move .

His jump was quite high and amazing, but the fall was pitiful and full of despair, he couldn't move, so when he hit the ground, he just layed there, motionless, but now that he took second and thought about what happened, it seemed a bit weird doesn't it?

I mean, they got ambushed by 4 Worms, so why the hell did 3 attack him? Where were the other 3 party members? Surely they didn't die, they were not that weak to die in just seconds .

As he was thinking about that, his eyes happened to land on running figures about 70meters away from his location, they were indeed those 3 party members, each held a fist-sized bottle filled with transparent liquid, he could already guess it's the Worm's saliva, and by the look on their faces, he knew they abandoned him, however, he didn't hate them or became enraged .

In this land, each has to take care of themselves, that was an untold rule, so what if they abandoned him? Each must only care about his own life, why should they sacrifice themselves for something as absurd as camaraderie?

Jackob's only regret is his inability to procure the saliva for his mother, nothing mattered apart from that, he layed their motionless, unable to move because of the saliva, and look at the incoming Worms which dived toward him like hungry dogs, their mouths were wide open as if they were going to tear him into pieces .

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The distance between the giant disgusting worms and the bound Jackob is shortening each second, until it was less than 5 meters, albeit their huge frame, the worm's speed is quite fast, which make it more troublesome to deal with it .

Jackob already gave up on escaping, there is no way he could free himself from the paralyzing saliva, so what is only left is just give up and accept his death, he closed his mouth and layed there, silent, his thoughts about his mother . .

However, even after a couple of seconds passed, nothing happened, the first thought that crossed his mind is that perhaps it's done? Maybe he died painlessly? It was a happy thing yet depressing, happy because he didn't feel pain, yet sad and depressing because he died and can no longer help his mother, but if so, then where is he now? The afterlife?

With that absurd thought in mind, he opened his eyes only to see the disgusting body of the 3 worms around him, but what was even more surprising is that they were frozen in a big block of ice, each and every one of them .

Apart from them, two figures appeared a couple of meters away from him, because he still felt a bit weakened, and couldn't comprehend what just happened, he couldn't exactly see their appearances, but he was sure it was a man and a silver-haired woman next to him, both of them slowly walked toward him .

As for the giant worms, they didn't move since they were frozen, Jackob was relieved as he breathed a sigh of relief, he didn't die, so why not feel a bit delighted? Yet he also felt a mix of cautious and fear toward those mysterious individuals .

First, why did they save him? For someone like him who fought countless battles and grew in a harsh environment like this place, it's weird to save someone out of kindness, there surely must be a reason they saved him, so he raised his guard against them although they saved his life .

Arthur and Lucy finally found a living being, well to be more precise, it was a small party, but as they approached, it seemed 3 of the people in that party left the last one alone and fled, it was kind of expected and neither Arthur nor Lucy was surprised, such acts were very common in this world, especially on this continent .

First, they were going to go question the 3 fleeing people, but after some thought, they decided to save the other one and question him instead, he may give some honest answers because they saved him, and the others may spit some lies .

Arthur doesn't particularly care about that beastmen's life, he was kind, yes, but not to the point of saving everyone that was in danger, he would only help friend and relatives, probably helpless people that were kind of his acquaintances, but helping strangers was a no-no for him, but that seemed really ironic when he helped Lucy, a complete stranger to him right? And Saly? I guess his character may have changed a bit after all that happened, maybe he softened or became colder, whatever happened, it doesn't matter as long as he did what he thought was right .

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Dealing with such weak worms was truthfully extremely easy, even Saly could slaughter hundreds of them, they didn't even seem strong, just disgusting .

With but a thought, all the 3 attacking worms were frozen with his Ice Magic, he didn't use it often or tried it, but against such weak creatures, this kind of magic is very effective against , furthermore, after possessing thousands of creatures, his Ice Magic is the most common amongst the special attributes, so he already got it in advanced, but what he really wanted to have is that strange ice the woman used in the tournament back then .

After having possessed a significant amount of corpses of numerous races, Arthur came to know that special attributes are really very rare, Ice is the most common, although I said common, it's just that it's the attribute that is commonly found amongst all the other attributes, from all those corpses, he never got the metal or wood or another attribute, which is a pity .

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Lucy and Arthur walked toward the beastmen who appeared to be paralyzed and layed on the ground, he looked at them with fear and cautiousness, but Arthur wasn't going to hurt him anyway, he could only chuckle and speak loud enough for the beastmen to hear him .

"Hello there, no need to panic! We were just passing by, we're definitely not suspicious, I saw you were in danger, so I saved you . . . "

Hearing this, Lucy could only sigh and slowly shake her head while mumbling

"You . . . from all the things you could have said, why say that?"

Arthur just scratched the back of the head while smiling, now that he thought about it, what he said was a bit suspicious, plus with their sudden appearance, how could the other party not feel fearful and suspicious towards them? Anyways, he kept looking at the beastmen, expecting an answer .

As for Lucy, she didn't try to correct or do anything, talking to strangers was not something she excelled at, only when talking to Arthur can she express her feeling and talk about whatever she wants, as for others, it was not like with Arthur, for example when talking to Anastassia or Sonia, she wouldn't talk much, maybe Saly was an exception as she loved chatting with that little girl, but other than her, there was none .

Of course, that didn't necessarily mean she can't talk, she just didn't want to talk to strangers, she also found it useless, plus there was Arthur to do the talking .

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Half a minute passed with no response, the atmosphere was a bit awkward, Jakob managed to sit up as the paralysis began to wear off bit by bit, plus his resistance to it was stronger than normal people because he had been exposed to it numerous times .

"W-who are you? . . "

Jakob finally managed to utter those words, he escaped from calamity but he could not relax yet, maybe those two are even more dangerous than the worms, it's just that every person from here would feel suspicious and confused if they were saved like this .

"Ehh? I know that in this continent, everything is messy, but I think that most people know that if a person got saved by someone, they have to thank them first before asking anything else, or am I wrong perhaps?"

Arthur kept a distance of 5m or so between him and Jakob, he knew that his beastmen felt very cautious, so he didn't want to cause him more fear than he is already feeling, he just wanted to know the whereabouts of the closest city .

To be honest, with Lucy and Arthur's traveling speed, circling the continent a few time a day would be easy, crossing it all would not take a lot of time, it was possible, but what he needed was information, just going to random cities would not really help that much, if he just searched every village and city one by one, and inspecting its people and so on, then that would take a lot of time, so having someone provide necessary information for him is very crucial .

Jakob somehow managed to stand up, he cautiously stared at the couple while replying

"Y-yes, I apologize for my rudeness, thank you for saving my life . . uhh . . "

After thanking him, he couldn't think of anything else to say, if they truly helped him out of kindness, then he would eternally feel grateful, but such thoughts never crossed his mind as events like this where people are saved by strangers without expecting anything is impossible to occur in this wasteland .

"Good, so you know how to appreciate kindness, well then, we saved your life, what have you got to repay us?"

'I fucking knew it!' Jakob gritted his teeth as he unconsciously backed away from Arthur, he obviously has nothing to give him, so he could only helplessly gaze at Arthur and hesitantly say

"I-I have a couple of gold coins back home, if you're willing to follow me, I can give them to you . . "

Jakob did many contributions to his clan and village, so he was rewarded with money, and after more or less 5 years, he managed to save a couple of gold coins, it was not lot for rich people, but for the beastmen and the inhabitant in this continent, every coin, be it copper, silver or gold, it's worth a lot, after all, they were short on food, water and so on .

Unlike other continents, this one is very special, as recorded in the history books, this continent suffered from countless bloody wars, it was a battlefield for hundreds of years, it was not a place to live, no more grass or trees grow anymore, it's just 'rotten earth', there were canyons, cliffs, dungeons, but every single one of them didn't even have a single tree, it's a pity but that's to be expected after all these wars that happened here .

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Arthur walked toward the restless beastmen, still smiling, hearing what Jakob said, his smile became wider, but to Jakob, it looked evil rather than appealing .

"Ohoho, such things like gold coins . . they are useless for me"

Jakob really wanted to get the hell out of here, he didn't know what would this person do to him, after seeing him come toward him while smiling, he regretted not dying, maybe his fate was going to be worse than death? That's what most people in his situation would think .

"Then what do you want? Apart from that I really don't have anything else . . . "

Arthur was finally a meter or so in front of the beastmen, he gazed intensely at him while humorously saying

"No no! You indeed can repay me with something apart from the gold coins, hmm for example, your body?"

As he heard that, Jakob stared at him with a confused look, he really couldn't understand what he just heard, after a couple of seconds, he seemed to have realized something, with a still confused look, he shifted his gaze to Lucy, who was next to Arthur .

'Maybe he swings that way? . . . eh!? then this woman is maybe his sister? No way . . . or perhaps he wants to dissect me?"

Many absurd and crazy thoughts rampaged in his mind, but outside, he didn't utter a single word .

After an unknown amount of time, a cold yet pleasant to hear voice rang out .

"You really should stop, your joking scared the boy a lot . . . "

It was Lucy who talked, Arthur didn't joke around this much usually, so why would he do that now? Well, either way, it didn't bother her but the beastmen seemed to become more and more afraid and restless .

After stopping for a second, she resumed talking again while facing Jakob .

"We just want answers from you, that's all"

Hearing this, Jakob was momentarily startled before he managed to process what she just said, his mind was still confused by what Arthur said, but the woman finally said something reasonable, he unconsciously sighed and stared at Lucy .

Now that he took a closer look, he couldn't help but feel a bit of shock, this mysterious woman is really a top-class beauty, even amongst all the women he saw in his entire life, she can be considered amongst the top, well, he doesn't have the time to contemplate her beauty, plus, just by the way he coldly looked at him, he felt cold sweat and chills over his whole body .

"O-oh oh . . . if so, then I will try to answer as best as I can!"

He still didn't let go of his suspicions, but if it's only questioning, then it's no problem, he resolutely looked at the duo while waiting for their questions .

'Hopefully, they let me go after they are done with me . . . fuck! My luck is so bad, why must I run into them, especially this man! If he was really joking, then it's not funny! Not funny at all!'

Arthur nonchalantly clapped his hands as if a bit excited, then he said

"Alright alright! Just answer some questions okay? Hmm, first, tell us about the cities here, are there any major city or a capital? Any important places for the people to gather . . "

Just from their demeanor and appearances, Jakob already guessed they were not people from this continent, the worms were easily frozen, someone with strong magic like this would definitely be known if he was from here, plus the woman, how can someone with her beauty not be popular? Strong beastman chiefs loved collecting beauties, especially from other races, so such person wouldn't escape their radar, so the only guess is that they are from beyond the sea .

As he heard Arthur, Jakob didn't hesitate and earnestly answered .

"There does not exist any cities in this continent, only territories, each beastmen clan have a territory, depending on the force of the clan, the territory's size also varies, however, there is a somewhat big town on the west of the continent, it's called 'Kal Town', it would take more or less 3 months to arrive there, as far as I know, that's the only place where 'tourists' such as yourselves can go, there are some merchants and private auctions too"

Arthur touched his chin, deep in thought, then he proceeded to ask other question, Lucy stood next to him, silent and listening to Jakob . .

Deep underground, precisely where the statue of the pretty woman that Lord A previously kneeled in front of, there appeared a crack in the air, as it was shattering glass, the sound was not loud, almost non-existent .

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It expanded until it was the size of a door, then a black-clothed woman got out from it, she was exactly the same as the statue, voluptuous body with pretty curves and enchanting waist, and a dark ominous book hanging on the dark belt in her waist .

The room she appeared in not that big, but currently, it was filled with 8 people, each and every one of them was kowtowing toward the woman, not daring to look at her face without permission .

"Damned 'Lower Realm', can't even maintain my full powers, tsk tsk! I guess even with my current powers, it should be enough to deal with 'them' . . hmpf!"

The arrogant yet sweet tone of the woman rang out in a silent room, she sounded a bit annoyed and angry, and when her eyes landed on the 8 figures present, for some reason, she became even more annoyed

"HMPF! Can't you even finish a simple mission yet daring to show your ugly dog faces? I can't even believe I have to come to clean up your mess you made up! If it was not important for my plan, why would I come to such insignificant place?"

She then remained silent for half a minute before speaking again

"Divine Realm should be enough huh? "

She then remained silent for a second before speaking again while pointing at a random old woman from the 8 figures

"You! You'll be in charge of completing the mission from now on"

The old woman didn't dare talk, she merely kowtowed, again and again, all of them worshipped this mysterious woman and considered her their god, so how could they dare talk back to her? Much less disobey her .

The pretty dark-haired woman then disappeared from the room and appeared in the sky, floating above a forest thick of trees .

'They appeared in the East right? To think I have to come to deal with some ants because of these useless dogs! Nonetheless, they managed to kill an Immortal . . . I have to deal with them even if I have to search all this damn planet!'

With that, she disappeared once again, beginning her 'hunt', but what she did not know that Arthur himself was also looking for 'Medusa' to get Zodiac's powers and soon enough, the hunter will become the hunted!

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" . . . Our clan is not far from here if we begin walking now, it'll probably take us 2 days or so . "

It's already been 15 minutes since Arthur began asking the questions, and the good thing is that this beastmen Jakob answered perfectly, almost as if it was planned, Arthur knew that the other party was not telling lies, so he just clapped at Jakob a few times while saying

"Good good! It's really great to encounter someone so cooperative, I tell you what, why don't you guide us to your clan"

Jakob, who barely had the time to breathe, was momentarily startled, he hesitated for a second before replying

"S-sir, as I have already said, h-humans are prohibited t-to come to the c-cla . . n"

"Ha ha ha, no worries, we're demons, ain't that right, Lucy?"

As he said that, Arthur playfully looked at Lucy, who has been silent since a while ago .

The silver-haired woman nodded at Arthur while muttering 'Yes', but albeit that, Jakob was still restless and continued

"S-sir, demons are e-even worse than h-humans, the c-clan will not s . . . s-spare you! The relationship between our race and the others are very chaotic . . . "

"Will not spare us? Ha ha ha, alright alright, just guide us there and that's it, we'll not bother you anymore . . . "

Jackob knew that insisting will not matter, this man is extremely stubborn and persistent, he sighed and nodded at the couple .

Arthur summoned the black cloud, which is the fastest way to travel while carrying other people except for Lucy, Astrith wasn't here so that was the only way, he could also use the bone dragon, however, it was much slower than the cloud .

Previously, the cloud matched his speed but since his stats reached the millions, it's speed didn't match him anymore, which is a pity but it nonetheless was very fast, probably a bit slower than Astrith .

The sudden appearance shocked Jackob, he stared at it with eyes full of curiosity and fear .

"With this, we should reach your clan much faster, so why don't you hop on?"

Arthur didn't wait for Jackob as he embraced Lucy's waist and jumped on the cloud, it was approximately 5 meters long, so it's wide enough for the three of them .

Few seconds passed before Jackob snapped out of his daze and jumped on the cloud, it was not floating very high, so for someone with his stats, even when weakened, he still managed to easily do it, however, his gaze was on the nearby frozen worms .

They were probably dead, so getting some of their saliva is easy, he was very reluctant to let this chance go away .

"W-wait, can you p-please remove your i-ice? I need something from the wor-ms . . . "

It seems that it took him a lot of courage to say that, which confused Arthur a bit, there is no need to be this scared of them, maybe demons or humans are like monsters to beastmen? But it can't be to this degree, right?

Anyways, with but a thought, the ice melted and the dead bodies of the worms fell on the ground, they instantly died since the moment they were frozen by the ice, it's coldness is just too much for weak creature, especially when Arthur's intelligence is so damn high, of course, he didn't use all his strength, but even 1 percent of it is a lot . .

Jackob jumped from the cloud and went near the worms, he then skillfully removed their sharp teeth and some transparent yet disgusting liquid from their big mouth .

It only took him a few minutes to finish collecting all he needed, a broad smile appeared on his face, he now had so much saliva that he could make a fortune out of it, well by fortune, I mean a few gold coins .

He then hurriedly jumped on the cloud and sincerely said

"Thank you for waiting, these things are very important for me"

He didn't have a storage ring so he put all of that in his backpack which was thrown a couple of meters away, the smile never left his face, it's like he never was fearful of Arthur and Lucy earlier .

Since he got the cure for his mother's illness, then that's all it matters, so what if they come with him, they could take of themselves .

"The clan is toward the Wes . . "

Before he could finish, his eyes widened and he couldn't utter a single word, he even forgot to breathe from the shock .

A dark barrier was already formed around the cloud to protect from the wind resistance, and the cloud was flying with an extreme speed, even after half a minute, not a word came out of Jakob's mouth, he was just too shocked to be able to speak, basically, he became speechless .

It took them almost 2 hours to arrive at what appeared to be a populated area, the cloud's speed was heavenly for Jakob, but for Arthur? It was beyond slow, if he flew here, then it would barely take a dozen minutes .

"Hey, is this your clan's territory?"

Arthur finally spoke after a long silence, well he had been silent toward Jakob, but in the course of this short trip, he chatted with Lucy and read some books, as for Jakob, he just stood there, motionless, watching the surroundings which are blurring and changing every second"

"A-ah, w-what? O-oh, y- . . . yyyes yes! It is"

He could barely talk, he still couldn't process what just happened in the last hour, 'Fuck! What the hell! 1 hour? I couldn't even see the surroundings, this strange cloud is so fast . . . maybe I brought doom to my clan?'

"Alright, why don't we go to your home first? We don't want trouble from your clan . . . "

Although he said that, if they attacked him on their own, then he doesn't mind 'fighting back', after all, he and Lucy came in peace, whether they hated Humans or not, that was not Arthur's problem, furthermore, he's not Human, neither is Lucy .

"M-my home? Alright "

Jakob didn't really want to bring trouble to himself, however, he can't refuse Arthur's request, after witnessing his ice magic and the cloud, how could he have the guts to refuse? A weakling like him will die with a single attack like that Ice magic .

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It didn't take 5 minutes for them to appear in Jakob's house, it was just a one-room wooden house which barely looked like a house, calling it a tent is better .

Jakob separated from them a distance away, as for Arthur and Lucy, they just teleported from above to inside the small house .

Jackob was already sitting next to an old woman laying on a bed, she was profusely sweating and twitching a bit, as for her son, Jackob, he was mixing that transparent saliva with some powder, then he gently lifted her head to make her drink it .

The saliva was known to be very effective so Jackob was relieved the moment he saw his mother drink the medicine, after putting her back on the bed again, he turned around and bowed while saying

"Again, thank you for saving me and bringing me here, If I died, I would not have been able to save my mother, I'm not sure if you know or not, but in this clan, although it's called a 'clan' , each takes care of himself, it's just someone powerful leading weakling and calling it a clan . . "

Arthur merely nodded at the thankful Jackob, he just was lucky because he and Lucy happened to be passing by, or else he would have died, unfortunately, but it wasn't the case .

"Well, then . . . we will st- . . "

Arthur was just about to finish talking, when all of a sudden, a strange bell sound rang outside of the 'house', it was very loud, and rang many times, following it, cries and shouting came out of the several houses and tents .

Even Jackob's face paled a bit, he gritted his teeth and looked at the confused Arthur while saying

"It's called the 'War Bell', it's only used when an enemy Clan invades our territory or launches an attack . . "

Hearing this, Arthur didn't seem shocked or afraid, unlike Jackob, as for Lucy, she was as indifferent to that matter as ever .

The couple just sat on nearby chairs while and relaxed .

"If it's like that, then no worries, I see that you only got your mother right? If so, just stay here with us and you two won't be hurt, of course, if you want to flee or go, then that's your choice"

Arthur was not interested in those clans or wars, he just wanted to spot some people from Medusa, there must be spies here, right? Or else, where would they be, last time he found underground rooms, so there must be countless here too right? Going by the logic that is .

Jackob, still feeling afraid and anxious about the incoming enemies, was confused by Arthur's calm attitude, but thinking about the cloud and the ice, then this calmness is to be expected, nevertheless, he didn't stay silent and carefully said

"I know you two are strong, but an army of another clan, is huge, ours is probably in the hundred thousand, theirs too will have an astronomical number, furthermore, my house is in the borders of the clan's territory!"

Hearing this, Arthur merely chuckled while responding

"He he he, well, do whatever you want, but if you stay here, I can guarantee yours and your mother's lives, if you go, then I'm not going to save you . . "

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Jackob was stuck in a dilemma, he couldn't make a decision, and thinking about it, moving his sick mother is dangerous, the medicine effect needs time, so with that thought in mind, he gritted his teeth and sat again near his mother while looking around anxiously, cries and yells sounded, even the clashing of weapons can be heard .

"Relax, ha ha ha, I think you are underestimating us, boy . . . "

Arthur reassured the panicked Jackob, but it didn't have any effect, so he just shrugged his shoulders and leaned on Lucy, his head laid on her lap, with a final sentence, he smiled back at her and said

"I'm going to take a nap, I'll leave the rest to you, alright?"

Lucy softly smiled and nodded, then she continued stroking his black hair, this situation is not dangerous for them to take it seriously, but although Arthur was acting like that, a strong dark barrier was surroundings both of them, you may never know when powerful enemies can come .

He had confidence in Lucy's strength and unless an Immortal Realm person showed up, then no one can beat her, even a person in the Deity Realm will be melted by her magma .

What he was sure about is that, the people who reach the Immortal Realm will either gain a special power, or have a big boost in strength, or else, how can you explain Tensui's power? When he reached the Immortal Realm, his speed, strength, were defense incredible, even surpassing Arthur .

Also, when he arrived in the clan's territory, and with his [Sixth Sense] which increased to 5Km range, he was confident to be able to react in time .

Most of the people's Levels in this clan was between 10 and 60, maybe because it was in the edges of the clan's territory as Jackob said, but Arthur was sure that the strongest is at best LVL300 .

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Cries and weapons clashes resounded non-stop, Jackob sat next to his unconscious mother while looking anxious and afraid, after all, his house was located at the edges of the clan's territory, and in no time, they will be surrounded by enemies .

He would shot glances at the sleeping Arthur and the nonchalant Lucy every now and then, but he didn't have enough confidence in them to deal with the whole army .

It has already been a few minutes since the fighting started and the enemies roars and crazy laughs could be heard, every second passed the sounds got closer and closer .

These armies of beastmen are basically savages, Jackob knew that when he heard those laughs, a single clan popped in his mind, one that has cruel and ruthless people, which only care about themselves, although called an army, they destroy villages and other clans, slaughter all elders and men and keep women for slaves .

Beastmen are usually known to have a good relationship with themselves, even between clans, if a war happens between them, they would not completely slaughter the opponent, if one of them surrenders, then the winner will spare them, but the 'Savage Beast Clan' is not like that .

They had crazy people, even their leader is known to be insane and behaves, however, he wants, sometimes he would even kill his own people for entertainment, so apart from a few powerful beast clans, the 'Savage Beast Clan' is known to be very dominating and powerful .

Furthermore, Jakob's clan is considered powerful, but not to the point of being able to resist the 'Savage Beast Clan', one because once the savage clan attacks another clan, then they will deploy all their troops and spare none, and second is because Jakob's clan didn't have many troops like the invading enemy .

If the Savage Beast Clan has 100,000 troops, then Jakob's clan would have at best, 40,000, the difference was just too big, even if there was someone very powerful, he can't deal with thousands of people, that's what Jakob thought at least .

He already made a plan in his mind, once they were surrounded, he would surrender and hope they spare him, it was a slim chance but that's the only thing he could do, as for Lucy and Arthur? He thought that they would get rid of maybe hundreds then will be overwhelmed .

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After a dozen or so minutes, 3 beastmen holding machete-like weapons, dripping blood entered the small house .

They had a huge frame and numerous scars on their body, especially one of them which had a hideous face and an evil grin .

His gaze landed on Jakob and his mother but he didn't pay much attention to them, however, once his eyes saw Lucy, they began burning, even his hands seemed to shake from excitement .

Unfortunately for him, he didn't have time to contemplate Lucy's beauty, neither have lewd thoughts or anything of the sort, as he and his two comrades soundlessly fell on the floor .

It hasn't been 10 seconds since they entered yet they just fell on the floor like that, even the terrified Jakob stared dumbfounded, not understanding what just happened .

He may not know what happened, but it was just a simple attack from Lucy, for her, killing beasts like this is similar to killing monsters or ants, no difference at all, she didn't even turn her head, she was staring at the sleeping face of Arthur while stroking his smooth black hair .

Lucy had many ways of attacking, her advanced purple fire, the overpowered magma, even her physical attacks are extremely deadly, but she didn't show off much .

Two small yet dangerous needles were created and penetrated the enemies' heads, the needles were very small, but with the magma's heat and power, there's no way one could survive, this needle would even be dangerous to a person in the Spirit Realm, he may have a way to dodge it or somehow resist it, but it would cost him something in return, only against someone in the Heavenly Realm or above would Lucy need to be serious .

Plus, with stats like hers, creating such needles and attacking with them, who would be fast enough to dodge such fast attacks? One must know that the more stats one has the faster and powerful their magic is .

Lucy didn't stop at that, the bodies of the three beastmen floated next to her then disappeared suddenly, why would she waste such previous corpses, Arthur would 'harvest' everything later .

A minute did not even pass when more beastmen barged in, this time it was 5, and one of them held a staff, yet just like last time, they helplessly fall on the ground just like last time, they couldn't even talk or react .

Lucy didn't care if it was Jakob's clan or the invading clan, anyone coming in would be an enemy .

Enemies entered the small house again and again until the corpses count surpassed a hundred, Jakob's eyes were wide open, he didn't even notice that even his mouth was wide open .

Each person who entered instantly died, it's like a death reaper was standing and welcoming them, the more people died the more he came to understand why Arthur had that leisurely attitude .

He couldn't even see what killed them, they would suddenly fell to the ground with disbelief filling their eyes, then they would float toward Lucy and disappear .

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For the invading clan, a dozen or so people from the army disappearing were nothing, even a hundred, but the problem is that, all houses were destroyed, except a small house which looked like a tent, it was like a black hole, each person entering disappeared .

It didn't take much time for the enormous army to notice that, first they didn't pay it much heed, then they began focusing in it and noticed that each and every person who entered would not come out, it was really like a black hole .

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"Hey! Fools! This is not a fucking show, go destroy that tent! Or else I will strip you and feed the horse some aphrodisiac!"

A high in command beastmen ordered and yelled at his army, so without hesitation, more than 500 beastmen bombarded the house, there were a lot of mages obviously, although a beastmen aptitude to magic is not that great, they still can use it, it was not just that, arrows and axes landed on the poor house .

So, like that, the small house was annihilated, however, what surprised that commander and the rest of the army is that, although the house was gone, the attacks couldn't penetrate what seemed like a transparent yet dark barrier which enveloped 4 people .

Lucy and Arthur were sitting on chairs, the position of Arthur was a bit awkward as half of his body leaning on Lucy and his head was on her lap .

As for Jakob, he stared at his surroundings, dumbstruck, there was no more roof, walls or anything, just him and his mother sitting on the half-destroyed bed .

Many eyes stared at him with fury, anger, confusion and many other complex emotions, he truly didn't how to react or what to say, he awkwardly tried to smile but the smile wouldn't come out .

As for Lucy, she just acted coldly and didn't mind, if they dared attack, massacring them all wouldn't be a problem, after all, they only needed Jakob, so why not spare those?

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Mad Dog was a famous commander in the 'Savage Beast Clan' his position was second only to the clan master, he was a proud and arrogant person, he was also the one who gave the order earlier .

He felt suspicion about that small house so he ordered his army to destroy it, but what happened next dumbfounded him, his eyes landed on that barrier-like thing around the people who were in the house .

Apparently, there were 2 beastmen and 2 . . humans?

For him, humans were just slaves, women are used as toys and human men are slaughtered with no mercy, he gazed at Jakob and his laying mother for a second before he focused on Arthur and Lucy .

He was of course mesmerized by Lucy's beauty, for him, such beauty would be fun to play with, but he wasn't stupid, countless wars taught him that this woman is not easy or weak .

Hundreds of attacks were not enough to even crack that barrier, so he advanced until he was a meter away from the barrier and smiled while saying

"Hello there, I see you two are humans, I apologize for the previous attacks, I thought there was only beastmen here, hahaha, don't worry we're not here to cause trouble, so why not have a talk?"

He never paid Jakob any attention, he didn't even spare him a gaze apart from the first one, he talked while staring intensely at Lucy, who from didn't even spare him a single glance .

She didn't react and continued busying herself with Arthur, although she heard him, she totally ignored him .

Mad Dog cringed for a bit and didn't know what to do, he was not used to this kind of cold attitude toward him, who was he? He was the Mad Dog! He takes what he wants, so what if she's powerful? He will subdue her!

He first tried to be respectful and sneakily attack, but it didn't seem it's going to work .

"Hmpf! Don't say I didn't give you a choice! Attack! Demolish this dogshit barrier! NOW!"

As he said that, he used [Berserker mode] increasing his stats and took the red big two-handed axe from his back and struck the barrier, the nearby army also focused on the attacking .

Thousands of attacks landed on the barrier, the army was huge, a lot of it advanced to demolish the clan, but half of it attacked the barrier, basically, the long-ranged attackers and mages stayed behind to help Mad Dog and attacked from far behind, and the close fighters advanced to finish Jakob's clan .

10 minutes passed yet the barrier didn't budge, didn't crack or shatter, didn't even seem like it weakened, and that's to be expected, isn't it?

It was made by Arthur, it's a superior dark magic barrier, only a Heavenly Realm would be able to break it, anyone under that Realm can only dream about doing that, so what if there is dozen of thousands attacking? Their attacks were beyond weak, for Lucy and Arthur that is .

Jackob has already held his mother carefully and retreated close to Lucy, his face was pale and he was shaking a bit, he was hoping again and again for this barrier to not shatter .

20 minutes passed, and something finally happened, well, not to the barrier, of course, it's just that . . . Arthur's nap was over, with somewhat sleepy eyes, he sat up and gazed around him leisurely .

"Ah ah, stats everywhere . . . am I still dreaming?"

Jackob was confused, as for Lucy, she just giggled and softly nodded at him .

She then looked at Mad Dog, who was still attacking and using fire-based skills to demolish the barrier, his hatred intensified every second, he swore to never end until he broke this barrier .

"Fucking bastard! Wait until I break this barrier, I'll fucking play with you until you die!"

Mad Dog cursed again and again, but he never got a response, for 20 minutes, he was ignored as if he never existed, him and his army, however, when Arthur finally got up, Lucy cold gaze landed on the thousands of beastmen along with Mad Dog, she only said one word before hell surfaced on this bloody battlefield .

" . . . Annoying . . "

After that, there was a sea of purple flames, as far as the naked eye can see, it was terrifying yet a spectacular view, raging sea of flames burned the beastmen army, it's like they were in hell .

They felt intense and agonizing pain, yet they did not die, it was worse than dying, some even committed suicide and other loudly screamed .

Lucy's control of her flame was flawless at this stage, Arthur's ancient flames may be stronger, yet his control is a bit weaker than hers, she used flames since she was young, so how could her control of it be lacking?

The flames killed thousands easily, the most dumbfounding thing is that their skin didn't burn, no no no! they just cried endlessly until they just . . died, what actually happened is that they experienced pain, but not from the outside, but from the inside .

Arthur couldn't possess half a body or a burned body, but the strange thing is that he can even an empty shell, even if all organs, heart and brain was gone, he can still possess, but if the exterior was fully burned or missing a head or half the body, he can't .

He made a lot of experiences when he was in the clan and made a lot of conclusion and results which helped him learn more about his 'possessing', so that's why she killed them by burning their insides .

Hell's door opened and the huge army was burned to the ground, the sea of flames prolonged enough to burn the whole army, yes! You heard right! The whole damn army!

With almost 20 million points in intelligence, what's a sea of flaming which had a radius of dozen of kilometers? Maybe some of Jackob's clan army was burned too, but why would Lucy care? Unlike Arthur, she may be kind sometimes, but there were times when she has to be cold too, her attitude may have changed, but she was not kind enough to spare what seemed like 'kind people' .

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Jackob almost fell unconscious from the shock, he stared and remained speechless, now he felt fear not from the army, but from Lucy .

'Fuck fuck fuck fuck!!!! Why am I the one to meet them?'

In a way he was fortunate and unfortunate, they saved him, it's a good thing, but seeing their power right now, he felt like he did the wrong choice when he brought them here .

As for Arthur, he didn't express sympathy or pity for the dead, he just licked his lips and hugged Lucy while saying

"Ah, such a good gift from my wife when I just have woken up, I cannot be happier, ha ha ha!"

But Jackob didn't think like that, he gritted his teeth and fearfully gazed at Arthur and Lucy 'I met lunatics, definitely lunatic people, I'm doomed, they seemed kind earlier, but she just slaughtered thousands and didn't even flinch!'

He used to fear Arthur more but now? Pfft! Lucy was like a true death reaper, one must not be allured by her Beauty, she's the devil himself!

But oh well, she was a demon, so a demon or a devil, it's similar right?

"This should be 50,000 . . . no no 100,000? Should be that amount, HAHAHA, I cannot wait, however, it'll take time to get them all . . ."

With that thought in mind, Arthur waved his hand, and right away, a bottomless pit appeared, and 2 dark knights and countless skeletons appeared, Arthur just gave them one order, 'Be good delivery boys and gather those corpses for me'

The skeletons obviously followed his orders, with the dark knights leading them, it would also be much easier, although it cost a bit of mental power, it's no problem, it'll recover in no time .

After he did that, Arthur turned to look at the dumbstruck Jackob while still tightly hugging Lucy from behind and said

"Well, it's about time to visit you clan master, I need to ask him something, then we'll be gone from your life, promise! 'kay?"

He showed an honest smile toward Jackob, for the latter, it rather seemed like a demon god's evil smirk!

'Be gone my ass! You told me that earlier and you're still here!'

Although he thought that, Jackob could only nod in reality and silently guide Arthur, however, he was still reluctant, but before he could speak, Arthur spoke again .

"Ah, about your mother, don't worry, I'll let someone protect her, plus, who would hurt her when everyone is dead? Right?"

A couple of heavily armed skeleton warriors were enough to protect the mother, in an empty battlefield which contained countless dead bodies, who could hurt a sick woman laying who is unable to move?

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Jackob's house was a hundred or so kilometers from the main base of the clan . For high-leveled crossing that distance would not take much time, Arthur would cross it in less than a minute but for them, it'll be around 10 minutes, more or less .

Currently, Arthur, Lucy, and Jackob were back on the dark cloud, flying toward the main base of the clan .

Arthur had some questions to the master of the clan, after all, Jackob was just a normal beastmen, he didn't have any authority, so how could he know any information about Medusa?

As for the clan master, Arthur guessed that he definitely knew, why? Because Medusa is known between powerhouses here, they feared it and didn't dare attack or scheme against it, that was an information Anastassia herself told him .

As they were flying with high-speed, a house which looked like a small manor was built, it wasn't made of expensive materials, just normal stone and some wood, but its appearance was too eye-catching in a deserted place like this .

Around this small manor, there were countless houses, either made of stone or wood, there was also a lot of people tightly holding their weapons, be it spell-books, staffs or axes .

They were obviously waiting for the enemy, although they saw the purple sea flames, they didn't know what's happening, and Arthur was not planning on explaining .

"You stay here, no one would be able to threaten you"

After saying that, Arthur and Lucy disappeared from the cloud and teleported inside the manor, with his [Sixth Sense] he could already pinpoint the exact the location of the clan master .

Not only [Sixth Sense] allowed him to sense enemies from a high radius, he could also sense which Realm or Lv the inspected person is .

Even if he couldn't, it wasn't hard to find the clan master as a dozen of people were sitting around a table in a big room, except them, there was no one in the rest of the manor .

"Leonardo! You bastard! I didn't make you a general to just fool around, tell me what the fuck just happened! Didn't you just wake me up telling me that the enemy just attacked?"

A huge beastmen which looked like a tiger with some red fur and scars all over his body, roared at another beastmen in front of him, spit and saliva came out of the tiger-like beastmen as he yelled and roared .

"Clan M-Master, the 'Savage Beast Clan' was definitely attacking us, but all of a sudden, a strange purple sea of flames appeared, more than 2,000 our troops were burned!"

The clan master didn't seem to believe his subordinate and kept yelling and blaming him

"Did you turn fucking nuts or what? Sea of flames? Why am I not seeing any flames right now? Quit spitting bullshit and tell me the truth"

He saw many strange things in his life, but a sea of flames? And it killed 2,000 of their troops? He simply couldn't believe it .

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"Oh my! But your subordinate is not lying though . . "

A cold yet mocking voice resounded in the room, all the generals and higher-ups of the clan were present, including the clan master, they were surprised by the voice .

All of the generals were sweating profusely and cursed whoever dared say that, because whenever the clan master is angry, he would randomly punish one of them .

They turned their heads to the source of the voices, but once their eyes landed on the two figures, they were shocked, suspicious and angry .

For an enemy to invade their main base without anyone knowing, that was a disgrace to them, what was more annoying is that they were both Humans!

"No need to look so surprised . . . we're just paying a little visit"

Arthur kept his playful attitude while gazing at the beastmen, all of them had a LVL between 200 and 300 with the highest one being 384 .

Kolan(Beastmen) : Lv384

His level was quite high, no wonder he's the clan master, with that high-level, who would dare oppose him? They would surely be courting death .

"You! Who the fuck are you . . "

All the beastmen took their weapons and readied themselves, even the clan master was no exception, he took his sword from its sheath roared at Arthur .

It's surprising to see a beastmen who uses swords as most of the race uses two-handed weapons which are usually heavy, and that's to deal more damage .

They already got superior Strength, so all they needed is a good weapon .

Arthur didn't want to waste much time in here, just get his some of his questions answered and leave .

"No need to know that, so . . . I'm going to ask a couple of questions, each time you don't reply, one of the present people here would die, it's up to you to decide"

Although he said, Arthur wasn't too sure of this tactic, people like these rely too much on their strength and don't believe on friendship or 'saving a friend's life' each wanted to save his own life and that's it .

Kolan, who was the clan master, almost had his head explode from anger, his face turned ugly as he listened to Arthur .

For someone to act this arrogant in his territory, not only that, they were Humans too .

He didn't know how they arrived here, neither did he care how they did it, he just wanted to relieve his anger on those two .

Not only him, all the other beastmen couldn't control their attitudes as they launched themselves at the Human .

Not all of them attacked, but most of them did, there were 12 beastmen and 9 were already leaping at Arthur .

They were all melee fighters and had various weapons .

Arthur didn't move and didn't seem surprised, he just shrugged his shoulders and casually said .

"I was going to spare some, don't say I didn't give you a chance"

As he said that, there was an almost unheard sound which was followed by 8 heads rolling on the ground .

8 headless corpses fell on the ground, they were precise all those who attacked Arthur except Kolan, who was now frozen in mid-air .

Arthur's threads were more than enough to behead weak people like them, he wasn't someone who killed anyone he stumbled upon, however, if one dares to attack him then it's automatically his enemy .

The 3 beastmen who didn't attack where Leonardo, the one was yelled at previously, and two other beastmen, they looked at Arthur with wide eyes, they didn't even dare breath heavily .

They could only see 8 heads falling on the ground, they couldn't even resist or emit a desperate sound before dying, it was just too abrupt .

Arthur didn't even look at the headless corpses, he just coldly stared at clan master and calmly said

"Now, do you understand your current situation? Either you answer or you will miserably die"

Surprisingly, Kolan, who was super angry a second ago, completely changed his attitude, being held in mid-air and unable to resist terrified him and made him fear this Human .

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He wasn't stupid, his life was more precious than anything else, so what if he lowers himself to answer some questions .

"Yes yes! Please forgive me, I had eyes but couldn't recognize Mt . Tai! I'll answer so please have mercy!!!"

Even the calm Arthur was surprised by this sudden change, he never expected such change, it's like he's talking to another person, no wonder he's a clan master, he's cunning and knows when to bow his head .

Lucy furrowed her brows for a second as she witnessed this shameful behavior, but she didn't comment or do anything .

"Alright then, what do you know about 'Medusa' "

As he was respectfully listening to Arthur, Kolan's eyes constricted and he began sweating a bit, while shaking his head he humbly replied .

"This lowly one doesn't know what that is, please forgive me . "

Arthur didn't even flinch, he just waved his hand dismissively and coldly said

"Since that's the case, then I don't need you . . "

"Wait wait! I happened to remember something . . . ah yes yes! It's some kind of cult I think, they are very secretive and no one knows about their base . . "

Arthur listened but since nothing new was said, he became even more annoyed and spoke yet again while adding a bit of killing intent in his tone

"Not enough, you're just telling things I already knew, as I thought, you're useless"

Just as Arthur was going to behead Kolan, the latter interrupted him again, this time his face was pale and his eyes a bit teary, to think someone like this is a clan-master .

"Wait please please . . . Sir wisdom and patience and incomparable to any other, please spare this lowly one, I still know something about 'Medusa'!! Ah ah, they . . . they apparently have many bases under the several dungeons in this continent, that's all I know, please spare me!!"

'Dungeons? Hmm, it's a good place to hide, indeed . . . '

As Arthur pondered about what Kolan said, Lucy finally made her move and used magma magic to finish the crying beastmen .

It's not like Arthur was going to let him live, a person as cunning as him may be troublesome, even if he's this weak, no one knows what could happen .

The magma completely melted his body, leaving nothing in just seconds, which made the 3 surviving beastmen terrified, they didn't dare move as they gazed at Arthur and Lucy .

After some time, Arthur gazed at the 3 remaining beastmen and said

"Don't move, in a moment, someone will arrive and you have to obey him, if someone dares to even talk back to him, he will be immediately executed, understood?"

The 3 continuously nodded, after all, who dares refuse and die miserably like Kolan?

Not even a minute passed when Jakob arrived, the dark cloud flew through the window and disappeared when Jakob jumped out of it .

Jakob stared at the 3 petrified beastmen, he knew they were 3 generals of his clans, but no matter how much he looked, he only saw those 3 .

"From today onward, you're the temporary clan master, establish a base here, ahh! This is not a clan anymore, it's a sect, the Moonstar sect . "

As he said that, a bottomless pit appeared suddenly, making the present people even more fearful .

What came out of the pit was even more terrifying, it was a gigantic bone dragon, it totally demolished the small manor and flew in the air while roaring .

Not only that, but a bony skeleton that was about 3 meters in height was summoned too, it was a Death Lich, it had a staff in its hand and a black robe .

It costs 500 Mental Power, it's a lot but totally worth it, this Lich can battle with a low leveled person in the Spirit Realm so it's considered pretty strong .

"Those two creatures would obey you when I'm gone, from now on you will be recruiting people in the sect, doesn't matter the sect, as long as you think they are strong and loyal, then recruit them, anyone who dares rebel or betray you, kill them, the Lich and Dragon should be enough!"

After he said that, Arthur disappeared with Lucy, not leaving any room for discussion .

Jackob couldn't even react in time before Arthur and Lucy disappeared from the already demolished manor .

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As Arthur and Lucy flew toward the nearest dungeon, Arthur calmly said to Lucy

"Hahaha, it's rare to see you confused, as you heard, I spared them because it's time to establish a force in here, I don't know when that woman would come back and at that time, we must be prepared!"

Lucy merely nodded, a sect or a clan, it doesn't matter as long as she was with him and they were both alright .

Arthur planned to finally establish a sect, no matter the races, or the genders, as long as it's someone who obeys him and is strong, then it's fine .

The reason he left in a hurry is because he felt a bad omen of death, some kind of uneasiness in his heart, he didn't know why but he just felt he had to hurry .

Far in the East, in the Ma Clan, all the surroundings were destroyed, the trees were cut off and there were big and small craters all over the place .

Anastassia was in mid-air with Astrith next to her, both were in an extremely bad shape, in fact, she had one of her arms cut off and blood leaked endlessly from that wound, as for Astrith, his figure is a bit transparent and surprisingly dark blood was coming out of his body .

Not even 50 meters from them was a woman, she was holding a book in her hand and gazed at Astrith and Anastassia with contempt, a smile was hanging on her alluring face .

"Although you are in the Spirit Realm, you really are decent, it's a pity you'll die here . . "

As she said that, she razed her hand a mysterious energy rushed at Anastassia, who was breathing heavily .

But before that energy could reach its target, a strange black light came out of Anastassia, tattoos appeared on her body, and the dagger she held in her remaining arm became bigger and had some black light in it too .

Astrith also became much bigger, he opened his mouth and a red and blue beam was being compressed and ready to explode .

The two faced that energy, Anastassia speed became unbelievable as even the woman squinted her eyes in surprise, by the time she reacted there was only a black light left, her energy was somehow blocked by that beam of Astrith, as for Anastassia, there was no sign of her, she disappeared with Astrith .

"Tsk! To think she knew a forbidden technique, she's not ordinary, but oh well! Where could she run in this small world? Hahahaha"

As she said that, she transformed into a beam of light that flew into the horizon .

Chapter 77

The dungeon Lucy and Arthur were heading to was not that far away from them, so considering their speed, it didn't take them more than 10 minutes to arrive .

The dungeon was called 'Underground Mines', a shabby name, however, Arthur didn't mind that and dived into it along with Lucy without even posing for a second .

It was a high-level dungeon as the monsters were at least Lv350, there were ogres, double-headed ogres, minotaurs and similar creatures .

They were strong, if someone Lv350 or a bit lower entered the dungeon, then it will be extremely hard for him to clear it, but for Arthur? Each group of monsters he passed by was slaughtered mercilessly .

His threads did their job pretty well, they were sharp and fast, invisible to the monsters and able to insta-kill them .

He was going to stop for an hour or so before entering the dungeon, he wanted to possess all the corpses he gathered, there was a lot, although he didn't manage to store all the corpses of the army .

Nonetheless, there was no less than 10,000 beastmen corpse in his storage ring, which is an astronomical amount .

If you consider their stats to be around 5-6k then altogether it'll be around 6million! That will boost his strength by a lot, he'll also gain a meager amount of Mental Power from them, however, perhaps it'll be enough for him to breakthrough to the Immortal Realm?

He wasn't sure exactly on how much Mental Power he needs to break through, but his guess was 1,000 Mental Power .

Anyways, the reason he didn't possess them is because he felt something wasn't right, Arthur had a strange feeling inside him telling him to hurry up so trusted his guts and traveled as fast as he could to the dungeon to find the 'Medusa' organization, even if he didn't find anything, he'll still go back, the feeling he had was like a call out from the Itas Continent .

Notifications popped non-stop in front of him, Arthur didn't pay them any heed and dismissed them, monsters were killed left and right, if they were not in range of his threads then their fate was being burned by the purple fire of Lucy .

10 Minutes

That's the time it took them to arrive at the final room which had the boss, they didn't clear all the dungeons monster but they nevertheless killed all the monsters they stumbled upon and it definitely wasn't a meager number of monsters, it was at the very least 500 monsters of various races and Lvl's .

There was a mid-level boss which was a 5-meter minotaur, but the poor thing was instantly melted by the magma of Lucy, he couldn't even stand up or flinch before dying .

The final boss was also a minotaur, however, this one had red skin and a thick and long blade on his back, it was Lv500 and looked threatening .

Arthur contemplated it for a bit, he didn't kill it as a strange thought struck him .

While he was in the Ma Clan, Anastassia informed things he wasn't aware of, such as the dungeons .

Unlike the mid-level and low-level dungeons, the high-level dungeons are special, once you kill their final boss, it won't respawn, well it would but wouldn't be the same, the respawned boss would be much weaker compared to the original .

He didn't know if this dungeon was cleared or not, but if 'Medusa' really is here, then they would make sure this dungeon is not cleared to cover up their hideout, but that's a big if .

They could have cleared it and just didn't mind if the dungeon was cleared or not .

Arthur pondered for a bit before he summoned a 'Death Knight', this summoned knight was a bit similar to the 'Dark Knight', it had similar armor and weapon, but it cost double the amount required for the 'Dark Knight' .

Arthur's Mental Power recovered earlier than ever before, usually, it would take much more time but now that his stats have risen, the recovery became faster too .

500 Mental Power, that's how much it costs to summon them, their strength was immense as they could fight head-on with a person in the early stages of the Spirit Realm .

It was strong but compared to the bone dragon it was slightly weaker, it's a shame the bone dragon is with Jakob or else Arthur would have summoned it .

"Ahh, it would be a waste to kill you . . . really"

Arthur groaned while saying that, then he ordered his 'Death Knight' to attack the minotaur but he forbid it to kill the boss .

He just wanted to subdue the minotaur, it may be extremely hard and he was in a hurry so that's why he summoned the death knight to take care of it .

The reason he wanted to subdue the minotaur is for his sect, having a more powerful beast to protect his newly established sect would be amazing, after all, these monsters have potential to grow, unlike the skeletons .

It's true that the skeleton becomes stronger along with him, but the already summoned always keep the same strength, unless he summons new ones when he had his strength boosted, then nothing would change .

Arthur and Lucy are considered the sect masters, however, he wasn't planning on always staying in this world, much less in his sect, he may expand it in the future, but not for the time being .

There is still Earth and many other places that he had to go to, he cannot stay here for the rest of his life .

Anastassia also informed him a secret, well it was not a big secret but not many people of this piece of information .

It's that this world, or rather, this planet which is called 'Astria' is only considered 'A lower Realm' and that 'Gobu' and probably that woman which used the pink ice certainly came from another planet which is most likely a planet which is a 'Middle-Level Realm' .

She told him that unlike this planet, the place is thousands of times bigger and clans and sects are numerous there, her master was also from there but due to some reasons, he descended to this planet .

Even without her saying that, Arthur already had a guess about this, after all, he always wondered how powerful 'X' is, or how powerful is that damned woman who attacked him?

He only knew that there are 3 Realms beyond the deity Realm, which are respectively, Immortal Realm => Divine Realm => God Realm .

His guess was that the woman who attacked him was in the late stage Immortal Realm or probably a Divine Realm, as for 'X' he got to be in the God Realm .

Speaking of 'X', Arthur was a bit confused as to why 'X' didn't show up since that time, but he didn't think much about it, whether he comes back or not, it won't make much difference, he just wanted to thank him for what he did .

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The Death Knight ruthlessly beat up the red minotaur who stopped resisting after a couple of minutes, he truly couldn't react in time as the opponent didn't let him breathe for even a split second .

Arthur and Lucy were already gone from that room, Arthur was sure that the minotaur would be subdued, it's just a matter of time, a monster like him would be useful, he may be weak to him, however, to people like Jakob or even the clan masters, it is a powerful beast .

The dungeon was not big, to begin with, but it would take time to thoroughly search it, inch by inch, so Arthur split up from Lucy to make things easier, after all, two people searching together is useless, better split up .

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Arthur inspected the walls, the roof and grounds everytime he passed by a room, the dungeon was really like mines, there were mine routes and some pickaxes here and there but there wasn't any living being except the monsters .

He killed every beast he stumbled upon and focused on every detail as maybe there is a secret room or trigger to open up the hideout of 'Medusa' .

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Lucy was silently roaming the dungeons, monsters were falling left and right, she didn't need to move her hands or say any incantations, her overpowered purple fire burned everything in its way .

She was less focused than Arthur as her method of searching is completely the opposite, she destroyed the walls she found suspicious, if there is something suspicious then she'll inspect what's inside, if there is nothing, she'll continue searching .

Like this, half an hour passed with no results, Lucy and Arthur were inside the boss room, the minotaur was in a corner, it was looking fearfully at the Death Knight .

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It didn't dare even raise its blade to defend, it just received the attacks and emitted some pitiful screams .

Arthur didn't pay much attention at that, he was pissed that he didn't find anything, he didn't doubt the words of the clan master, in fact, he totally believed him and was more certain when he heard where the hideout is .

Hiding in this dungeon is really the perfect place, so the only problem is that he just couldn't find the place .

First, he didn't want to warn them but seeing that it will not work like this, he waved his hand and countless dark lightning bolts were striking everywhere around him .

They caused zero damage to the surroundings, nonetheless, he kept throwing them everywhere, his range increased as the demonic lightning struck everywhere until he heard a shattering sound .

The shattering sound came from a small room not far away from where he and Lucy were .

Without wasting any second, they headed for that room and once they entered, they saw that the wall which was blocking the route and making it a dead end was no gone, what was in place of it was a staircase leading down, there was no lights or torches .

Well, all the dungeon was dark as it was underground, but where the stairs lead to was even darker, however, something like dark and inability to see was a joke to Lucy and Arthur .

Darkness attribute may be focused on curses and such, but the main thing is 'darkness', so with both of them having that attribute in max advanced, seeing in darkness is the same thing as seeing in broad daylight .

After ordering the Death Knight to drag the minotaur to Jakob, he dashed to the staircase with Lucy, their speed was incredible as it seemed as if they were teleporting .

The only thing you can see in that total darkness was a yellow streak of lightning descending at a speed which the naked eye cannot see, even someone in the Spirit Realm could barely see a small streak of lightning, he can even mistake it as yellow thread extremely thin .

They descended for 1 minute before finally reaching a door, this underground staircase was really surprising, it only took them 1 minute because they were fast .

But the distance was hundreds of miles, if not thousands, to be able to build something this deep underground, it's fascinating, the door they faced was the same as the last one in Lumbra City .

It was a 2-meter iron door, reinforced with what seemed to be a magical barrier .

However, even when he saw this door, Arthur didn't stop and dived into it, something of this caliber was not worth stopping for .

With a loud crashing sound, the door was completely demolished and the two black-robed men who were supposed to be guards were dumbstruck by what happened .

"Wha . . what the fuck just happened! Who goes there!"

One of them shouted as he took out a dark sword which was on his waist, as for the other one, he was still dumbfounded as he stared at what was left of the metal door .

Arthur didn't speak as the only thought in his mind was to hurry up and return to the Ma Clan .

'Kill!'

Chapter 78

When Arthur saw the two black-robed men, he disregarded the option of questioning them .

First, because it would take time, usually people like them would only speak after getting tortured for hours or even days, second, he doesn't need to question them anymore .

Since it's confirmed that this is a secret base of 'Medusa', his only goal now is to kill all of them and try to find the boss or Zodiak's power .

He wanted to find it in here, but the likeliness of 'it' being in this base is almost non-existent, for such an organization like 'Medusa', it must certainly have at least a dozen secret bases, so what is the probability of Zodiak's power being here?

Anyways, whether he finds it or not, he decided to go to the Ma Clan to check on Saly .

The connection between him and Astrith was still on, however, since the distance separating them is too much for him to know if Astrith is in a battle or anything similar .

He even suspected that he would not realize it if Astrith died, he could barely feel the connection between them, much less know if Astrith is dead or not as even if he's dead, the connection will still exist .

This kind of strange connection was established when Arthur summoned Astrith the second time, he didn't clearly know its purpose, so he didn't think too much about it, for the time being, that is .

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The two black-robed men were instantly killed and absorbed into his ring .

Right behind them, there was a metal door similar to the one which was demolished, the room was small and there was nothing in here besides a table and 2 chairs .

It's amazing to think about those two men, sitting here and doing nothing, isn't it boring?

The metal door was melted by Lucy's magma in a split second, as the metal door vanished, two fast figures rushed from it and continued to run deeper and deeper into this underground base .

What layed behind the metal door was a dark and long corridor, it was not very wide, approximately 1 meter .

It only took them 10 seconds or less to arrive at the next metal door, the distance between the two rooms must have been a dozen or so kilometers .

Such distance is considered big, but for Arthur, crossing this distance in seconds couldn't be easier, even Lucy, who couldn't use any movement techniques could do it, their stats were just too high so it's to be expected to be able to do at least this much .

The metal door was melted yet again, but unlike the other room, what was in front of Arthur and Lucy was a huge room, probably a hall of some kind?

There were several black-robed figures, some were talking and others were sitting in a meditative position .

However, everyone noticed what happened o the entrance, what was supposed to be a metal door reinforced with some protective spells was now gone, they didn't even have time to react before the door disappeared .

The magma turned it into nothingness, what was in place of the door were two people, one dark-haired man with red eyes, and next to him was a woman with silver hair and similar blood red eyes .

"Ahh, it seems this is no ordinary base, good good"

Arthur gazed at the numerous enemies with a smile, some hope surged in him as the probability of finding Zodiak's powers in here increased .

'It would be great if this is the main base'

Although Arthur wished that, he really didn't believe it was the case, maybe because it was too easy to find it?

If some people heard what Arthur thought, and that finding this place was rather easy, they would surely cough blood and curse him non-stop .

The illusion barrier laid to hide the base was similar to the one hiding the powerful clans, only someone extremely skilled in barriers and seals would be able to discover, yet he just bombarded all the place with his Demonic Lightning . . .

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Purple fire and countless invisible threads rampaged left and right, people were dying at a rapid pace as Arthur and Lucy showed no mercy, they didn't even speak, they just advanced and killed everyone they saw .

The place was like a maze as there were no more corridors or stairs, just big halls, and some small rooms, there were hundreds of black-robed figures, and their numbers increased by the second .

Some of them even used 'Dark Magic' and tried resisting the invisible sharp attacks or the purple waves of flames but it was utterly useless, they were either cut into pieces or burned to ashes .

After they have advanced for about 500 meters, an old man and several figures behind him appeared out of nowhere and blocked Arthur's path .

Just as Arthur was to slaughter them, he stopped as he saw the old man's Lv .

Kenishi(Lord S) : Lv1273 (Spirit Realm)

Honestly, Arthur kind of expected to see people in the Spirit Realm, Tensui was Immortal Realm so seeing some people in the Heavenly or Spirit Realm is not surprising .

"Stop! Why have you com . . "

The old man was planning to try to stop them and question them, however, once he looked at their appearances properly, especially Arthur, his eyes widened and he couldn't even continue speaking .

"Y-you . . . !! How come you are here?"

As he heard Kenishi, Arthur furrowed his brows and causally replied

"Ah? So you know about me? This makes things easier . . "

The old man didn't seem to have heard Arthur as he stared at him with great shock and disbelief .

It was like he just saw a ghost, Arthur became more confused as the behavior of the old man was strange .

Even some of the people behind him appeared surprised, some stared coldly at Lucy and Arthur and some had a mix of fear and shock mingling in their eyes .

"Yo . . . you should not be here!!! How are you even alive . . "

Arthur who was confused a second ago suddenly appeared in front of the old man, then without even letting the enemy react, he grabbed him by the neck and squeezed tightly, almost choking the old man, who snapped out of it and gazed at Arthur with fear .

The people behind the old man didn't just stay there and watch, they were preparing to attack Arthur when all of a sudden, dark red magma hands came out of the ground and bound them, the pain was agonizing as the parts being held by the magma hands were being melted by the second .

These people were obviously trained and a bit used to pain, although some of them groaned, none issued a loud scream or yelled pitifully, they just tried to struggle but it's didn't work no matter how they did .

"What do you mean how am I alive? Speak! If you're just going to waste time then I'll just try to find another one who will answer"

Arthur wanted some answers to his questions when he saw the weird behavior of the old man, so that's why he did all that, although these answers he sought for were not urgent since an opportunity arose, then why not grasp it and try to force this old man to answer?

" . . *cough* . . . you . . . it's definitely *cough* you!! You are that man who killed *cough* Tensui! You're alive, it's *cough* *cough* impossible!"

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Kenishi then gasped for breath and continued after he managed to breath for a couple of seconds .

" . . . Ha ha ha, you are *cough* so dead . . . *cough* Lord has *cough* descended to get you . . . and you *cough* delivered yourself to our doorstep *cough* . . *cough* ha ha ha ha"

Listening to the old man, Arthur frowned and pondered for some time, the uneasiness he was feeling was definitely not fake, and this old man said 'Lord' . . .

"Your lord or whatever, where is he?"

The old man didn't respond to Arthur and continued laughing while coughing from time to time, anger arose in Arthur as the man didn't answer, so he tightened his grip on Kenishi's neck, choking him and slowly killing him .

"You have 5 seconds to answer or else you'll be killed! Where . is . your LORD!"

Albeit the threats of Arthur, neither Kenishi nor any of the bound people uttered a single word .

5 seconds passed and nothing happened, so Arthur didn't bother with Kenishi anymore, he snapped his neck, killing him which was followed by the deaths of the other people who died by the hands of Lucy's magma .

"Something is not right Let's go back . now . . . "

"I know, I have been feeling uneasy since some time ago "(Lucy)

Arthur picked Lucy and transformed into a streak of lightning, he didn't bother with the other figures as he left the secret base, the uneasy feeling become stronger as he felt something calling out for him from the East .

He didn't stop as he flew toward the Itas continent, he used his max speed to arrive faster and earlier .

The more he got closer to the Ma Clan the more the uneasy feeling became stronger .

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The distance between the Western continent and Itas continent is by no means short, it's at least a million kilometers .

And with Arthur's speed, he could cross 700 or so kilometers in a minute, so going by this speed, it would take them about a day to arrive, and that's considering the distance is just one million kilometers .

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It has been 26 hours since Arthur started flying non-stop with Lucy near him, he didn't go to Jakob to check about the sect or even bother with the Red Minotaur .

He just entered the Ma Clan territory but just by seeing the broken illusion and protective barriers, his face paled, the ground was totally destroyed as if a power happened here .

What was in the past a calm and dense forest is now a ravaged and destroyed land, there was a dozen of craters the size of a building scattered everywhere, making it look more like a battlefield than what was essentially a peaceful habitable environment .

In the middle was an extremely big crater, its width was approximately 500 metres and it was located exactly where the big pagoda belonging to the female area of the Ma Clan was .

There were no signs of living being, even with Arthur's sixth sense, he couldn't sense any living being, he wasn't worried about the disciples .

Only Saly mattered for him, of course, he cared for Anastassia and the others, but not like Saly, he regarded her as his own daughter, so how could he not feel anxious .

Even the usually calm Lucy was anxious, she tightly held Arthur's hand while gazing at the destroyed area .

With their speed, it doesn't take much time to inspect the whole clan area, after all, its territory is only a hundred kilometers at best .

Arthur and Lucy landed on the ground and carefully searched for a living person, Arthur's Sixth Sense was constantly activated .

It didn't take them much time to find a person, it was actually Anastassia .

She was laying in a small pond, which turned red from her blood .

It didn't seem she was fighting recently, she was unconscious and she looked absolutely horrible . One of her hands was cut off and the other was no worse as it was probably broken . There were bloody holes in her chest and wait and some cuts in her legs, one look at her and would assume she's dead .

Arthur picked Anastassia as it was not time to follow his own rule about 'not touching any other woman' .

No matter how cold he was toward another woman, Anastassia was a good person who helped him and gave him a shelter, he considered her a friend so it was not time to act like that .

Lucy retrieved a small bed from the storage and put it near Arthur, who slowly put Anastassia on it .

Then he retrieved all the healing potions he had and slowly put it in her mouth, it was not easy to make her drink it but there was no other choice .

He could only guide the potion's liquid to her throat with his telekinesis, in times like this, it was very useful but using telekinesis inside a person's body is very difficult, it even cost a lot of Mental Power .

"I'll go look for Saly, you wait here and check on her . . . "

Lucy spoke with an anxious tone, although they found Anastassia, she couldn't calm down, Saly was equally important to her just as she is to Arthur .

She could not afford to lose her!

Lucy ran as she circled around the area, checking any place which could hold living being, any rubble or houses, albeit the destruction, there was some intact houses, however, all of them were empty .

After checking all the female area in no less than 15 minutes, she proceeded to the male area

30 minutes passed and finally, Anastassia's eyes opened, she had no strength to move, much less raise her head, she could only open her eyes slowly .

She was a bit delighted to see that she was alive but that happiness on lasted for a split second before she felt bitter and sad .

"You finally awakened . . . "

She heard a familiar sound but she couldn't lift her head to look at the origin of the sound, but she didn't need to, this voice was obviously Arthur's!

"Art . . *cough* *cough* Arthur *cough* "

"Take it easy, you survived with these dire wounds, it's already fortunate . . take things easy and only talk when you think you can . . . "

Arthur wanted some answers quickly, but he wasn't heartless to the point to force Anastassia into speaking even though she's this injured .

He gave her potions that even gods would wish for, but she was surely going to die, so it's already a miracle that she survived, one could say she only survived until now because of her strong will .

Albeit hearing Arthur, Anastassia struggled to talk and tried lifting her head .

"No time *cough* a woman came . . She . . . *cough* very strong . . . *cough* I couldn't fight back *cough* . . . she told me to inform you that she'll be waiting for your arrival . "

After struggling to blurt that out, Anastassia finally passed out again

Chapter 79

It has been 3 days since Anastassia passed out, Arthur and Lucy took her to a small house which was not devastated by what happened at waited for her to wake up .

Lucy became more and more anxious as after searching the whole clan's territory, she found no trace of Saly, even Astrith was missing .

Apparently, a lot of people died, it's like a clan extermination as the Elders and the section chiefs all died, Arthur didn't know what happened exactly, but one thing is certain, it's that the opponent is very strong .

Anastassia spoke of a woman, so his first guess was the woman who attacked him that time, but if so, then why would she attack the clan instead of him?

That was a bit confusing, nonetheless, he couldn't guess the whole truth so he patiently waited for the unconscious Anastassia to wake up .

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"Hey Arthur, d-do you think she's okay?"

Lucy was leaning on Arthur as she asked him with an anxious and sad tone, after searching many times, she couldn't find Saly .

She deeply loved the little girl and considered her part of her family, if something happened to her then how could Lucy forgive herself?

Arthur was also restless and worried, but in situations like this, one cannot act recklessly, although he was very fast in terms of traveling and such, he can't search the four continents for Saly, it would take a lot of time, especially if he were to search every corner .

Anastassia was present and she most likely knew what happened here and to Lucy, so it's better to wait for her to wake up .

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At the 6th day, Anastassia finally woke up, the serious injuries were healing slowly which was a good thing but she still couldn't move properly .

It took her a lot of effort to lift her head and sit on the bed instead of laying on it .

Arthur and Lucy were near the bed, sitting on wooden chairs and staring at Anastassia, who had a sad look on her eyes .

"Are your injuries okay?"

Arthur didn't bombard her with questions right away, no matter how worried he was for Saly, he couldn't ignore Anastassia and just expect some answers from her while disregarding her current state .

"Not fully healed but it's possible to move"

Before Arthur could open his mouth to talk again, Lucy interrupted him as she spoke to Anastassia .

"Where is Saly?"

Anastassia wasn't particularly surprised by this question, after all, she knew how much they deeply cared for Saly and for Lucy to ask her that was expected, but anyone could see sad and regret were shown in Anastassia's eyes as if it was her own fault .

"She was taken by that woman I'm sorry"

It was too late to apologize but she nevertheless did it, it was the only thing she could do right now, with her body in this state, unable to even walk, how could she help them?

"Taken? Where was she taken? And who is that woman?"

Lucy never ceased asking questions and she wanted to immediately rush to the place where Saly was taken to save her .

"She didn't say the exact place . . . that woman only said 'Underworld' "

"Underworld?"

Lucy was confused, she stared at Arthur but he too was as confused as her, it's the first time he heard of this place .

Usually, when thinking of the Underworld, it's like the hell, or the opposite of heaven, or in some cases a place where the dead resides .

After staying silent for a while, Arthur spoke again .

"What about Astrith? I'm sure he is not dead because if he was, then I could summon him again . . "

"I don't know either, the last time I saw him was when he followed that woman in some kind of a portal . "

Lucy was gripping Arthur's hand as thinking of Saly being alone in an unknown place made her even more worried .

That kid just got out of hell when they took her with them, but it's not been that long yet she was taken again, and this time it's by an even more powerful person .

. . .

Arthur knew that he won't find Saly easily, If he were to begin searching through the books and asking people, it would take some time, but the woman said she'll be waiting, but for how much time? 1 day? 10 days? A month?

He wanted fast answers and the only one he could think of was . . .

As Lucy was thinking about Saly and Anastassia was resting on the bed while gritting her teeth, a skeleton appeared out of nowhere .

Arthur decided to ask Zodiak, he didn't know if he would reply or even wake up, but he should at least try .

Anastassia stared at the skeleton with a puzzled expression, as for Lucy, she didn't react as she was absentminded .

"Sir Zodiak, can you hear me?"

Honestly, Arthur didn't know if this would even work, Zodiak only wakes up in dire situations and up until now, he woke up only 2 times and last time he said that he didn't have much energy left, so the possibility of him waking up is quite slim, however, Arthur chose to bet on that slim chance .

Arthur called Zodiak many times, he repeated the calling over and over again until something finally occurred .

The skeleton rose by itself and like last time, a black robe covered its body .

" . . *Sigh* brat, I may be dormant, but I can still hear what happened, if not for your annoying callings then I wouldn't have woken up, every second I'm awake is consuming what's left of my energy . "

The lifeless eye-sockets of the skeleton beamed with bright red as a dark aura enveloped the small room .

Anastassia stared at Zodiak with wide open eyes, still not believing what just happened .

"Senior Zodiak, please forgive me, but I need your help in something . . "

Arthur was not someone who begs for forgiveness like this, in fact, he never did it before, but Zodiak was a special case .

Not only has he gained Zodiak's powers and treasures, this Senior also saved his life two times, he didn't seem a bad guy like the myths said .

Zodiak waved his skeletal hand dismissively at Arthur while saying .

"I know I know, you want to ask about the underworld right? I've been with you this whole time so I know your attitude"

Zodiak sighed again before he continued speaking .

"Underworld, if that woman was talking about the same Underworld that I know, then I must tell you that going there right now is impossible for you . It's a dangerous place, in fact, it's one of the most dangerous Realms, so that woman must be at least in the God Realm . If I'm correct, then she went back to her world quickly because her powers in this Realm are restricted and if she stays too long then she'll weaken permanently, this is also part of the reason that you don't see any powerful being in the Lower Realms . "

As he carefully listened to Zodiak, Arthur's face turned ugly as he unconsciously clenched his fists . To think that Saly is at a place like this made him even more nervous .

Zodiak noticed how Arthur became even more anxious but he(Zodiak) didn't say anything, he just kept staring for sometime before he resumed speaking, but this time, it's with a softer tone .

"I know what you are thinking, brat . But I have to warn you that going there is simply suicide, you'll die before even reaching that woman . For her to even be able to come here indicates that she has a powerful backing!"

Even though Arthur heard that he still couldn't hold himself and just obediently stay here . Without hesitation, Arthur got on his knees and said .

"Senior Zodiak, I beg of you, send me and Lucy to there, we only need to way to go there and that's it!"

Arthur's action was followed by Lucy, who got on her knees too next to Arthur . Begging was always something not to be done easily, some people would rather die than beg or get on their knees and perhaps Lucy and Arthur would have never done that in the past .

But now it was different, they were begging for a chance to save Saly, there was clearly no other way to go to the Underworld with their current strength so Zodiak was their only way .

" . . . *Sigh* , Usually I only think rationally, even in situations like this, brat, sooner or later you'll know that decisions like this, made from the heart are reckless and will only lead you to your death! If you want to save someone then you have to prepare It seems I've got no choice but to send you, however, you have to know that this will be the last time as all my energy would be spent to send you both, only if you get another portion of my powers will I be able to wake up again . . "

The small room began to distort and twist itself and in just seconds, what seemed like a space rift which was about 2 meters was created .

"Go . . . you'll appear in a random place in the Underworld, oh and one more thing, if you somehow manage to meet the woman, get her book! I can sense that it's the other half of 'the book of the damned', it'll be a great help for you I hope we meet again, brat . . "

As he said that, Zodiak's body went back to Arthur's storage, and the only thing left in the room were the three of them and the space rift .

Anastassia was still dumbfounded and couldn't process everything, as for Lucy and Arthur, they were preparing to go into the space rift .

Before they entered, Arthur turned to look at Anastassia, who was sitting on the bed and said while waving his hand .

"Almost all your clan was wiped out, I'm really sorry about that, I don't know if you want to stay here or not but It'll be better if you go away since the other clans won't stay still . You can head to our sect on the Western continent, these 3 will obey your orders and will take you to the sect if you want . "

After he said that, Arthur and Lucy disappeared into the rift, the space rift vanished too leaving only Anastassia in the small room .

Just as the rift disappeared, a bottomless hole appeared in the room and seemed to stretch even outside of it and suddenly 2 huge bone dragons and a Death Knight which was riding on a 2m dark steed appeared out of the hole .

The bone dragons were a bit smaller and weaker than the one in the Western continent, Arthur didn't know why but it seemed that the first bone dragon mutated and became much stronger .

As for these bone dragons, each was Lv650 and the Death Knight was at the Spirit Realm, it cost Arthur 700 Mental Power but it was worth it as it'll at least protect Anastassia if something happened .

The small room was destroyed by the bone dragons and what was left was only a bed and a person sitting on it .

Anastassia finally snapped out of her daze and looked at those 3, after some time, she struggled to stand up and said with a low voice

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"Let's go . . . "

Chapter 80

When Arthur and Lucy stepped on that spatial portal, their surroundings blurred for a couple of seconds before they found themselves in some kind of a blurred tunnel .

It remained like that for a couple of minutes until they suddenly found themselves in a barren land .

The sky was gloomy and red, there were no clouds and the ground was black-ish with some strange rocks which Arthur couldn't recognize .

All around them was just desolate lands, no trace of living beings, monsters or even vegetation, some would even describe it as hell .

Although Arthur came here with Lucy, he didn't think things through and didn't know what to do from here, he doesn't know anything about the Underworld except a few things he read from Zodiak's books .

For example, the one and only ruler of the underworld is some immortal individual who is known since ancient times to be extremely powerful and overbearing, his name was Hades .

It has been a long time since he was seen but no one believed that he died or was injured as he strength was unquestionable in the Underworld .

"This "

Arthur didn't notice it at first but when he tried to move, he found it a bit difficult, of course not to the point of being unable to move but it's just that it was harder, he felt an invisible pressure which limited his movements .

Lucy also couldn't move freely as the pressure affected her . They were both puzzled about this but it's not like they can get rid of it . Arthur even tried using the Demonic Lightning inside his body and at the surroundings but to no avail, it didn't seem to be a curse or anything similar .

As they were pondering about the cause of this pressure, Lucy said .

"It must be because it's a higher-Realm compared to Astria . "

It was the only plausible conclusion they could come up with at the time being . Astria, which was the world Arthur was reincarnated to, is known to be a lower-Realm and compared to the Underworld, which is a High-Realm .

After getting adjusted to this 'pressure', they didn't stay still but instead, they began flying north . It was just a hunch but Arthur felt it was the right direction, moreover, since they were blindly traveling, it was better going with a hunch than roaming the place randomly .

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Albeit Arthur and Lucy's current strength and their strong attacks, Arthur still felt anxious and worried as unlike Astria, this was a world full of strong people and people in the Immortal Realm may be everywhere whereas they can barely defeat one when they pair up .

He has Makaze and his various powerful magic, but even so, the difference between a Deity Realm and an Immortal Realm is just immense, just remembering the fight from back then made Arthur worry even more .

Arthur already took Makaze out of the storage ring and tightly held it in his hand as he prepared himself for any sudden attack from unknown enemies .

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After about 15 minutes of flying through the barren lands, they finally encountered what seemed to be people .

It was actually a huge group of people, unlike Arthur and Lucy, they were slowly walking on the desolate ground and some of them looked horrifying .

They were actually zombie people, some didn't have limbs and others didn't have eyes, they wore tattered and dirty clothes and seemed to be following specific paths and not roaming aimlessly like the movies Arthur saw in his past life .

It was fortunate Arthur discovered them with his [Sixth Sense], which can stretch to a couple of kilometers . Arthur didn't fly toward them immediately, first, he landed on the ground with Lucy and began walking toward the huge crowd of zombies .

Their appearances were covered, he wore black clothes and a somewhat huge hat that covered his facial features, it slightly resembled a bamboo hat, as for Lucy, she wore deep blue clothes and covered her head with a grey hood which was even more effective than the hat .

So, with Makaze sheathed at his waist and Lucy at his right, Arthur strolled toward the zombie army but the latter didn't seem to notice them even when the two of them were a hundred or so meters from them .

Noticing that the zombies were ignoring them, the couple closed the distance slowly to not attract much attention .

When they were just 30 meters away, some shouting could be heard from the front of the crowd .

Unexpectedly, neither Arthur nor Lucy could comprehend what was spoken, but that's to be expected as they were in an entirely different world .

Arthur's knowledge about languages would be endless, he could speak so much languages that he stopped counting after 100, although most of them were weird sounding languages belonging to beasts, it still counted as a proper language .

Beasts and animals do not talk and only speak in a rather simple manner such as screeching or roaring, due to possessing countless corpses, Arthur learned many languages .

Maybe they were talking a special language of the Underworld and to learn it, he just needs to possess one corpse but unfortunately, there were none .

" _____?"

" _____!"

" _____"

Two people seemed to be talking at the front, Arthur didn't dare spread his Sixth Sense from this close range, you never know what could be hiding amongst those zombies .

He didn't appraise all of them but most of them were at the Spirit Realm with some of them being at the Heavenly Realm!

It has to be known that at Astria, a single Spirit Realm individual can be considered a king if not a god, yet here, a bunch of dirty zombies was all without exception in the Spirit Realm .

Seeing this made him dread attracting attention even more . The crowd of zombies was consisted of at least a few thousand zombies, Arthur's Sixth Sense only spread to the edges as he didn't dare sense what was leading them but one could easily tell that it's a powerful person .

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Finally, Arthur and Lucy joined the zombie crowd, all of the zombies seemed to be walking silently with no reaction, but some were quite lively as they chatted among themselves with an unknown language .

Arthur and Lucy stuck together as they walked slowly with the crowd, they didn't talk nor make any unnecessary movements and just silently followed .

The talking from a while ago subdued and the zombies didn't seem to mind the shouting as if it was a casual thing .

Very soon, Arthur started seeing some zombie corpses on the ground, there wasn't a lot, just a dozen or so but each one of them was headless with no trace of the head .

Normally, possessing a headless corpse would be useless but it may not be so if it were a zombie, or so thought Arthur .

He couldn't go near a corpse and casually possess it, so he waited for a chance to stumble upon a corpse without deviating from the crowd and he finally did but he still couldn't possess the corpse .

Even after that failure, Arthur still didn't give up, he decided to try something risky, which was possessing a zombie .

Since his last evolution, he became able to possess living being without controlling their bodies, it should be enough to gain his stats and skills so Arthur decided to try that .

The problem was; would the zombie notice something amiss? Even if it was just a Spirit Realm zombie, it could still alert the crowd which would be a disaster .

Dealing with the crowd is an easy thing for Lucy alone, let alone adding Arthur, but if there are some dozen or so Deity Realm zombies or even an Immortal Zombie then it would only be suicide, even escaping may be a problem .

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Arthur didn't say anything to Lucy, he just grabbed her sleeves and lead her near a zombie which was close to them, he was more or less like the other zombies, with some injuries all over his body but no blood whatsoever, the clothes were stained and dirty and in a horrible state .

A stinking smell was coming out of each and every zombie but Lucy and Arthur still held it in and ignored it .

The zombie was just 2 meters from them so Arthur closed in and swiftly possessed him . The process of possessing was quite weird as his figure would suddenly become a small black whirlpool, the size of a finger and enters the target's skin .

By the next second, notifications began popping up as Arthur invaded the zombie's body .

You have successfully possessed Zombie #487157

Your stats have been increased, for more details please check your status window

You gained a new skill(passive) [Odor] : You emit a stinking smell but gain 10% additional defense against magical and physical attacks .

This can be toggled between ON/OFF

You gained a new skill(passive) [Underworld Language] : You can now speak/read/write Underworld Language

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Arthur gained a couple other skills but they were weak compared to what he already had so he disregarded them, zombies seemed to rely on their strong physics to attack and defend coupled with that passive .

TITLE : MEAT GRINDER / SEEKER OF KNOWLEDGE / ONE WITH THE SWORD / ARK???

Level: ??? Class: Dark ARK Parasite

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Realm : Deity

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Strength: 29 . 99m

Intelligence: 29 . 99m

Agility: 29 . 99m

Wisdom: 29 . 99m

Vitality: 29 . 99m

Dexterity: 29 . 99m

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Health 29 . 99m Health Regen 19999/s

Mana 29 . 99m Mana Regen 29999/s

Stamina infinite Stamina Regen ????

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Creation : 10

Attack: 29 . 99/m

Defense: 29 . 99m

Magic defense : 3 . 2m

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Enigma abilities : Telekinesis / Ancient Threads / Sixth sense / ARK??

Mental Power: 943

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Elemental Resistances:

Fire: 100%

Water: 75%

Wind:35%

Earth:75%

Light/holy: 5%

Shadow: 30%

Lightning :100%

Ice: 30%

He checked his but unfortunately, his stats didn't change except the Magic Defense .

When Anastassia was unconscious, Arthur already used those 3 days to possess the corpses he stored from the beastmen army, he possessed more than 10,000 corpses but after his stats reached the 29 . 99 million, they stopped there .

The only stats that still increased is the Magic Defense, but it was pretty hard to increase it due to it only present in special existences .

His prowess did indeed increase by a lot but he still didn't have a lot of confidence against people in the Immortal Realm .

Arthur didn't continue possessing the corpses as it would be a waste, even the Mental Power ceased increasing which made him feel more hopeless, it was the only factor for him breaking through to the Immortal Realm and it was most likely the 1000th mark, it was close yet so far .

He still had a lot of corpses in his storage which can grant him skills but he already had so many skills that he didn't need anymore, it would be useless as he wouldn't use them .

From simple cooking or tailoring to blacksmithing or fishing, he had them all, some are even in Advanced but that's only because he possessed too many people who had that specific skills .

As to why he never uses the simple sword skills like [Slash] or a speed skill [Rush] is because it's useless at this stage .

His speed was faster than activating a skill like [Rush], in fact, it would only make him in a disadvantageous position, and [Slash] is a skill which creates a minimal slash made from sword energy but Arthur was a person who mastered swords and sword energy can be created at will, even with his fingers or legs .

His only way now was to find a solution and try to break through to the Immortal Realm as it was probably the only way to increase his stats too .