

## **S vs Rebirth 351**

### Chapter 351 Flaw

"It doesn't seem there is anything bad about this Water Lord," said Anna while putting down a bunch of food on the table. She then sat down on the chair while stroking her belly. "Ugh, I'm too full."

"Even though I ate two times than you?" Noel glanced at her while shaking his head helplessly.

"My usual portion is small, you know. Although I said that I can burn the excess fat with my training, it doesn't change the fact I don't want to be fat." She pouted while looking around.

"What's wrong with being fat? Doesn't it just show you have enough to eat? With your status, it's not like there will be fewer people who want to marry you."

"There is nothing wrong except for health. There are more health problems. So, the reason is as simple as I don't want to get sick." Anna shrugged.

Noel shrugged, not having anything to say after that. He then walked to the bed and sat on it. "It seems that this place is a bit flawed."

"Huh? What do you mean? We haven't found a single weakness of the water lord. His government is basically perfect." She narrowed her eyes. She didn't know how Noel even came up with this conclusion. Every time they asked people, they would be singing praises about their beloved Valley Master. Yet, Noel claimed this place was flawed.

Noel raised one finger. "The fact that there isn't a flaw in this place is the flaw itself."

"Huh? What's wrong with being good?"

"No, there's nothing wrong with being good. I'm talking about something that is wrong when you are too good!" Noel shook his head and continued, "There is an example. What will happen if the royal family is being tyrannical?"

"They can exert their power when necessary, keeping the kingdom in check," Anna answered without hesitation. With that trait, it was easy for them to control the kingdom.

Then, Noel asked again. "What will happen if the royal family is being too tyrannical?"

"Too tyrannical? Doesn't that mean they cut down every... Ah!" Anna gasped, understanding his thought.

"Yes. When the royal family being too tyrannical, the oppressed will find dissatisfaction in their rule and that's where the rebellion starts. The same applies when the royal family is too weak." Noel sighed.

"That's also what happens when you're being too powerful.

"For example, if you're becoming powerful, the kingdom will favor your talent. But if you're becoming too powerful for the kingdom to control you, then there is a chance they will eliminate you no matter how loyal you are. Just the fact there is a threat to their rule is enough for them to kill you.

"That's why I said that there is nothing wrong with being good. It's just... If you are too good and have no flaw, that is the flaw itself." Noel explained.

"Being too powerful..." Anna understood his explanation, but what caught her interest was the second example. Noel and Anna had grown so much in their past life to the point they were the strongest in their kingdom.

Anna was loyal to the royal family, while Noel was the leader of the rebellion. Despite those two facts, the third prince and her teacher killed them after they exhausted their power.

In other words, both the third prince and her teacher might want them to fight each other and kill them. After all, the moment Noel died, Anna would be a huge threat to the royal family, considering she never married anyone from the royal family. On the other hand, if she was the one to die, the Third Prince wouldn't be able to sit on the throne because the people would pick Noel, who was the strongest as well as the kindest.

That was the reason why both of them were killed. They were simply too strong.

"..." Anna looked down, falling into deep thought. She never found the reason why her teacher betrayed her. But after listening to Noel's explanation, she could understand why she killed her.

"I see. So, being too good is a flaw." Anna muttered while pinching the bridge of her nose.

"Yeah. That's why the Demon Banner Army, the Tower Association, and the Royal Family are keeping each other in check. When one party has grown too strong, the other two will join hands to suppress the third party."

"I understand that being too good is a flaw, but how is it related to the Valley Master?"

Noel shook his head. "I'm not very sure about it yet. The threat can come from the inside and the outside."

"So, you're assuming that someone from our side is trying to use the Supreme Devil Organization to suppress this place?"

"Who knows?" Noel shrugged. He truly didn't know, but it didn't change the fact it was one of the possibilities.

If there was actually someone aiming for the valley master, they would certainly mark the Demon Relief Squad.

"Even if that's just a possibility, doesn't this mean we're in danger? No, it's more like the people who are going to the lake."

"No, not yet. They won't make a move in a situation where they don't have the advantage. If they're going to move, it's going to be the fifth day..." Noel sighed. "And that fight would be the biggest one we have ever faced."

Anna frowned. "If that's the case, shouldn't we prepare more?"

"What can you do right now?" Noel sighed. "There's nothing we can do except call for reinforcement."

"Well, preparing an escape route?"

"Jonathan is our escape route."

"Jonathan?"

"Yes. With the mountain ranges blocking our way, we only have two paths, either go to the Demon Territory, which is extremely dangerous or go through the entrance, which will be blocked by the enemies. Pick your poison."

"Ehm. But Jonathan... Ah, are you planning to use Jonathan's Telekinesis to lift us up over the mountain?"

"Exactly." Noel nodded.

"..." Anna seriously couldn't beat him. This made her realize again that Noel would be the greatest and most reliable ally she would ever have.

Noel, on the other hand, turned around as if hearing someone's voice. "Mhm? It seems they've returned. We should meet them."

Chapter 352 Decision

Noel opened the door and came out of the room together with Anna, finding Rose and the others had just come back.

"Welcome back." Noel smiled.

"There is nothing wrong around the lake. Rose and Zion have scouted around the area and haven't found anyone near the lake. I have also checked the lake's condition and it seems the poison has mixed completely. Although the running water is diluting it, it won't be able to clear the poison at least for another few months. So, it's better if we drain it." Stella explained.

"Oh, that's good. If that's the case, we can continue our work as scheduled." Noel nodded.

"Yeah..." Stella suddenly noticed Anna coming out of the room while stroking her stomach. "Oh, wow. Your stomach is sticking out... Don't tell me, you are pregnant Anna?"

"Preg-what?!" Anna widened her eyes in shock. "I was stuffed. I ate too much because of Noel."

"I was just joking. There's no need for you to get that flustered." Stella chuckled.

Anna shook her head helplessly, trying to calm her heart down. "Supposed I'm pregnant, who's the dad? Noel, you want to take responsibility?"

"Why am I getting dragged into the rivalry between you two?" Noel looked at both of them and moved away. Instead of talking to Stella, he moved to Rose and asked her, "Alright. Let's ignore these two idiots for now. I have to talk to you regarding tomorrow's project."

"Sure. Let's ignore these two." Rose nodded and walked together with Noel.

"..." Stella and Anna paused for a moment before glaring at each other.

"Well, the more you fight the closer you are, so I have no intention of stopping you two. Just make sure you perform your duty during the mission or else Paul will report you to Captain Clara..." Zion added before running away. Of course, she didn't forget to say, "I wonder how will Captain Clara deal with you two... Maybe stitching your hands for weeks so that you have to do everything together? Or hanging you two somewhere until you look like dried fish? Ahaha, have fun."

"..." Stella, who had been in the Zero Squad for a while, obviously knew that their captain was capable of doing it.

Anna hadn't seen it yet, but she had heard of what happened in the past. So, she clicked her tongue and walked away. "You're lucky today."

"Hmph." Stella saw Anna returning to her room while wondering, 'Why does she seem so different when she's with Noel but very petty when she is around me? Is she interested in Noel or something?

'Now that I think about it, she has become Noel's partner from the start. It looks oppressive, but don't tell me... the reason why she has been together with Noel this whole time is because she likes him? Wait a minute, did she kill his family so that there wouldn't be anyone stopping her from having Noel? What's wrong with this kind of love?

'Or am I misunderstanding things? Since Noel has a grudge against the Stargaze Family, he's aiming for the daughter to pay them back. If this is the case, Noel is truly built differently.

'Either way, it doesn't seem she's hostile to Noel. In fact, she looks like she is trying to learn and impress him.' Stella had been observing her and even separating her from Noel this whole time. In fact, this was the reason why Anna became annoyed.

Anna just wanted Stella to leave her alone while Stella didn't want to do it in order to help Noel because of her lack of understanding about the relationship between the two. It just spurred conflict between them and made them look childish.

They were just misunderstanding each other's intentions.

Though, it didn't stop them from doing their work. Anna came out soon with the food they failed to eat. It would work as a snack during their meeting.

Anna just harrumphed when she passed her and continued on her way. Stella clicked her tongue while scratching the back of her head.

Meanwhile, Noel and the others had returned to their gathering room.

"...that's what I'm planning to do tomorrow," Noel explained.

"You truly have a purification ability?" Rose asked, not believing him.

"Yes. I can show it to you."

Paul thought for a moment. "Instead of draining the lake, you want to purify it... Although it's a good idea, we don't know how much Spiritual Energy do you need to purify the entire lake, you know."

"The lake is not that big, right?" Noel asked.

"True. It's not that big, but it's still a lake nonetheless." Rose nodded.

"Then, bring me with you tomorrow. I want to try to purify it. We're doing the rough calculation tomorrow, so it's the best time for me to try it."

"That's true." Paul thought for a moment before asking, "Rose. What do you think?"

"Normally, if we want to drain the lake, Jonathan will dig up a path for the water to flow to another place and seal it with soil. Of course, the rest of us will help him dig the hole for this water. In the worst case, we can still direct them around to spread it evenly. The poison might work against humans and demons, but it's safe for plants. So, it's fine if we spread it around the valley.

"But if Noel wants to purify it... Then, we'll have to see his ability first. If it's working effectively, I still don't think it's possible to purify the entire lake. But maybe half or even a quarter of the lake is possible. This way, the people don't need to wait for too long for the lake to fill up again." Rose nodded. "It's worth trying."

"Then, it's decided. Tomorrow, we'll be measuring the intensity of the poison to see our plan to drain it. So, Ben, Zion, Rose, Noel, and Anna will go to the lake. Stella and Jonathan will follow me tomorrow."

"Understood." They nodded, receiving their task. Though, they were confused why Paul wanted to bring Stella and Jonathan tomorrow. It seemed he had a different agenda.

Noel stayed silent while wondering about Paul's intention.

## Chapter 353 Water Purifying Ability

The next day, Noel and the others immediately headed to the lake. They had brought several items like buckets and a few tools to measure the poison.

The lake had a diameter of one hundred meters. It was quite big, but with their plan and strength, draining the lake shouldn't be a problem.

Noel asked, "How do you usually test the poison?"

"There are a few ways. Test it ourselves, evaporating the water, all using some reagents to incite the poison." Jonathan explained while staring at the lake.

"I see." Noel didn't know much about this work, so he had no comments.

"I'll bring you a bucket to see how much Spiritual Energy you need to purify one. You should be able to do some rough calculations, right?"

"Yeah."

Jonathan nodded and waved his hand to the others. "Let's get to work. Ben will take care of our sample. I will be conducting the test. Zion and Rose can split up to scout our surrounding while Anna and Noel would work together for the purification."

After assigning their work, Jonathan handed over the bucket to Ben so that he could acquire the sample for Noel and everyone else.

The bucket wasn't that big. Even Noel felt like he could purify the water in the bucket in an instant.

As soon as he received the sample, Noel closed his eyes, concentrating. He often used this skill to purify the water to drink, but this was the first time he purified poisonous water. So, he didn't know whether this ability would work or not.



The Spiritual Energy began to gather around his hand and gradually move toward the water. The water looked clear already, so there was no change in its appearance.

It took him three seconds to do the purification. As soon as he opened his eyes, he realized everyone was staring at him, wondering if he had finished or not.

"Is it done?" Jonathan asked.

"Yeah." Noel nodded with a serious expression.

"Well, I'll also test the sample and compare it to the poisonous one to see their reaction." Jonathan nodded and thought for a moment. "Since it doesn't seem to be a hard work for Noel, why don't you help Zion and Rose, Anna?"

"Ah, alright." Anna knew that she wasn't needed here. At first, she would become Noel's bodyguard, protecting him while he was purifying the water, but since they were just testing the sample today, he didn't need the bodyguard yet.

After Anna left, Jonathan began testing both samples together. The poison would trigger the demons, so they caught a few demons. Jonathan immediately lifted the water and formed a small ball before putting it into the demon's mouth.

As expected, the purification worked. When the demon drank the water, it didn't react too much. They were just following their instinct which was trying to kill Jonathan.

But the moment they drank the poisonous water, their eyes turned bloodshot as if all the reasons in their mind had disappeared. The demon was rampaging and tried to break the cage even if they had to hurt themselves.

The reaction was so different compared to the pure water, proving the poison.

"Mhm... It seems that your purification works. How much Spiritual Energy do you need?"

"To be honest, I don't feel any change in my body. I think I need a pond to measure it."

"A pond huh..." Jonathan thought for a moment before lifting the soil. "2x2x2 meters should be enough, right?"

After making the hole, Jonathan moved the water from the lake to the pond and asked, "Can you do it again?"

Noel nodded and purified the pond. This time, it took him twenty seconds before he opened his eyes again, giving the signal that he had done the purification.

Jonathan tried to feed the demons with this water and didn't receive any exaggerated reaction from them. "I see. It seems to be working."

"Also, I don't think I have used even one percent of my Spiritual Energy..." Noel paused for a moment, contemplating. He almost forgot that his Water Purifying ability was still level 1.

Water Purifying (1/3)

'What if I make it to level 3? Won't this make my contribution bigger since I can purify more water? The system split the contribution according to the impact I've made. So, if I do this... I might help around one thousand people.

'The city has the population of eight thousand people... Except for the fight, which hasn't happened yet, the only way to save them is through this water...'

When he saved a city with Anna, the calculation came twice. The first one was when he helped the people with their water supply while the second one was after the siege.

He wanted to replicate this situation and got all the benefits. With enough Honor Points, he could level up a few Spirit Abilities.

Noel couldn't help but smirk. Exchanging a few Skill Points to level up the Water Purifying Ability was worth it.

With that thought in mind, Noel asked Ardagan to level up the skill in his mind before asking, "Jonathan. Can you increase the size of the pond? I want to see how much I can purify..."

"Instead of increasing the pond size, I should do this..." Jonathan lifted up the ground he had dug earlier and threw it into the lake, forming a wall that separated a portion of the lake. "This should be enough, right?"

"Oh!" Noel nodded with a serious expression. The size of this pond was ten times bigger than what he had purified earlier. With this, he should feel the change in his Spiritual Energy.

Without hesitation, Noel hurriedly used his ability. Due to leveling up the Spirit Ability, the effect and Spiritual Energy cost to activate this technique became lower.

Even though the pond size couldn't be compared to the lake, it was still quite big. Noel took a few minutes to purify it and he felt his Spiritual Energy decreasing, albeit by a small amount.

"This is..."

Chapter 354 Realization

"What's wrong?" Jonathan furrowed his eyebrows, thinking it wasn't possible for Noel to purify the lake.

But Noel, on the other hand, said, "I feel like my Spiritual Energy is decreasing, but I don't think it's at the level I have to be concerned about. In fact, I might be able to purify this kind of pond more than a hundred times."

"Seriously?" Jonathan and Ben widened their eyes in amazement. "You serious?"

Noel nodded. "Yeah. I don't have any problem in doing it."

Ben glanced at the lake. "Just by comparing the sample and the size of the lake... And the fact that we have two days to work on it... You might be able to purify the entire lake. Then again, we have to consider the amount of your Spiritual Energy. If you're a Spirit Master, taking care of this lake is feasible, but because you are still a Spirit Master... Let's see, half a lake within two days? Someone has to be by your side too."

"That's a very rough calculation. But I can kind of understand. Either way, we're going to do the calculation tomorrow, so for now, let's test how much Spiritual Energy it takes for you to purify around three to five percent of the lake. And how fast your Spiritual Energy gets refilled..." Jonathan shook his head helplessly. Even though it was good news, he had to make sure that Noel wouldn't overwork himself too.

The fact that Noel could purify the entire lake alone could change their plan. Hence, it was better to discuss the matter with Paul first.

"That's true. Though, how about purifying the entire lake? This way, we can give the city the best result." Ben narrowed his eyes, having another thought.

"You're the one doing the negotiation, Ben. What do you think of the valley master? Is he someone who will accept this and consider this mission a success? Or is he the type of guy who wants the contract to be fulfilled literally?"

"I'm not very sure. I might have to go to the castle again to discuss the plan and see whether he accepts it or not."

Noel raised his hand. "I think we should have drained a bit of the water instead of completely purifying it. If we take a look at our situation, it's clear that we're the baits. So, we still have to drain the lake to become proper baits, but..."

Jonathan understood what he wanted after seeing Noel staring at the artificial wall he had made. "So, you want me to dump a lot of dirt into the lake and divide the lake into several parts? Then, we'll confirm the draining part just by draining only a portion of the lake, while the real work comes from you..."

"Yes," Noel confirmed the plan.

"That's also a good plan." Ben thought for a moment. "I'll talk to Paul about this plan."

"Also, how do we prove that this water is purified?" Noel asked.

"We can ask the valley master about it. Usually, he can bring out a few criminals to test this poison. Though, we are often asking criminal who has a death or life sentence."

"I see. I don't have any problem with it."

"Yeah. For now, we'll continue to test the sample. I'm going to ask you to do a few things for me later, so don't use too much Spiritual Energy." Jonathan ended their conversation and began to work.

This was the first time Noel had participated in a test like this. It was a good experience for him, considering he knew how hard it was to solve the poison problem.

If his territory experienced the same situation, he knew how serious the problem was. Luckily, this water was running through one city, but if there were multiple cities on its path, the problem would become worse.

As a lord, he had to understand how much he had to prioritize this kind of problem.

While they were testing the sample, the other three had been going around for a while, trying to find a trace of enemies.

They could find a few demons here and there, but they couldn't find any trace of humans around. Zion even climbed the hill to see everything from the top but to no avail.

They were perplexed and started doubting that the enemy would attack them from behind.

However, Anna was the only one who didn't doubt this fact. Noel had confirmed their existence, so she had to find some proof to prepare for their ambush.

"The city fell in the past. The valley master and the people from the zero squad die... Assuming that the new zero squad is bad, I know I have to save these people. At the very least, Noel will get a better squad compared to the past.

"But how did they destroy the city? The Superior Demon shouldn't be able to cause any problem with the valley master protecting the city. Hence, there must be a third party that caused their downfall... It's just, where are they? Are they staying far away from here so that no one knows their position?

"But if they are too far from the city, won't it mean they don't know what's going on around here? How do they know the city is under attack?"

Anna looked down, falling into deep thought. She might not be as clever as Noel, but she was, by no means, a fool. With these facts, she realized something. "Wait a minute. Noel is suspecting the water lord, but the water lord doesn't have a flaw in his management... Then, why did he want to die in the past?

"No, what if he was truly a good lord and the reason why the enemies stayed far away from the city was... because they had a source of information coming from the city. A mole?!" Anna gasped.

"If the city had a mole, then it could explain how they destroyed the city in my past life. But I have no proof right now, so..." Anna turned around and looked into the distance. "There are only a few paths to enter the city, so they must be camping in one of the paths. It seems I have to go further this time."

Chapter 355 Anna's Skill

"Hmm? Only both of you return? Where is Anna? We have agreed to regroup here before lunch, right?" Jonathan furrowed his eyebrows.

Rose looked around and frowned, not finding any trace of Anna. "Does she forget about the time?"

"Or maybe she has found something and is occupied with it at the moment?" Noel asked.

"There is a chance she's captured..." Zion narrowed his eyes. Which way did she go earlier?"

"There." Jonathan pointed to the south.

"I'm going to check on her." Zion glanced at Noel since he knew Anna the most. "What do you think, Noel?"

"Anna isn't someone who will get captured easily. Though, our enemy this time might have a Devil Bishop among them, so I agree with you. But even if you find anything, it's better to stop there. At the very least, we already know that there are humans hiding around there, which is a sign of the enemies. Instead of alerting them, it's better to ambush them when a Captain has arrived."

Zion nodded with a serious expression. "In that case, I'll go. Rose will maintain the surveillance."

"Got it."

The group immediately split up to do their new task. Rose immediately climbed the hill again, watching the entire area from above. After getting all the samples needed, Ben was in charge of cooking while Jonathan and Noel kept doing their jobs.

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While the others were searching for her, Anna kept wandering around the hill while looking for any sign of people around them. With the help of the demons, the Supreme Devil Organization didn't need a lot of people to attack them. Instead, they preferred a group of elites that could deal with the Demon Relief Squad.

Knowing this, Anna was trying to find any place where they could hide with a small number of people among the hills.

Anna narrowed her eyes. She remembered when she tried to survive in the wild alone due to Noel's scam, she would camp around the water source.

Hence, she instantly started at the upstream where the water hadn't been contaminated by the poison.

"Let's see, the upstream terrain is quite tough, but I can see a few spots that can be used as a camp..." Anna muttered. She raised her head to look at the sun, calculating the time. "I'm going to be late at this rate, but..."

The opportunity was in front of her. She let out a long sigh as if building her resolve. Instead of informing the group, she followed the river, trying to get into all the areas.

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Meanwhile, Zion had a hard time finding her. The area was vast and he had no idea how Anna investigated an area before.

"What's wrong with this Anna... She is a bit too special, isn't she?" Zion narrowed his eyes, looking at the ground. "There isn't a single trace of her footprint. I can do this myself since that's the point of my power, but Anna... she can even use her Spiritual Energy to lessen the impact her foot give to the soil?"

"This is not at the level of genius anymore. She is basically a monster in terms of controlling her Spiritual Energy. She also has the highest conversion rate in the kingdom. So, is this the current most talented person in the kingdom?" Zion was amazed and scared at the same time.

Her power was this strong even though she had just become an adult recently. Although Noel's talent was extraordinary, Zion felt Noel's talent a bit more humane since he could see Noel's rapid progress. On the other hand, Anna never ceased to amaze him with all her strength.

"And the only one who can find her is probably the Devil Bishop himself... I'm afraid she is also good at removing her presence. In fact, with this skill alone, she has the ability to challenge the vice captain of the Demon Observer Squad. If she becomes a Spirit Master or even Spirit Grandmaster, people might beg her to take their position."



Zion let out a long sigh. There was no point in getting scared of Anna since she was one of their squad members. Now that he had to find her, he immediately jumped around the area, trying to find any trace of her.

Unfortunately for him, there wasn't a single trace of Anna he could find. It felt like Anna was adept in the covert operation.

Even after thirty minutes, he couldn't find anything related to Anna. There was no footstep or even a trail on the trunk, branches, and dried leaves.

"..." Zion pinched the bridge of his nose. "Should I go back and inform them instead? This is going to be troublesome since I have no idea how to find her. It's better to bring some reinforcement to find her."

Zion was quick to decide. He turned around and jumped back to where he came from, following the path to regroup with his team.

But to his surprise, Anna was there, standing with everyone.

"What?!" Zion widened his eyes in shock and immediately checked on her, not believing she could get past him unnoticed. "You..."

"Oh, sorry, Zion. So, you were the one trying to find me. I thought the presence in the hill I felt earlier was from the enemy scout."

"Enemy scout, what?" Zion was bewildered even further. "What happened?"

"Well, well, Zion. Let's calm down for a bit. Sit down and eat." Rose handed a bowl to the dumbfounded Zion.

"..." Zion was tongue-tied. He was embarrassed to be bested by someone far younger than him. He sighed and asked, "So, do you mind telling me what happened? You mentioned enemy scout earlier... Don't tell me you found our enemies?"

"Yes." Anna nodded. "Though, I judge that it's too dangerous to observe them directly. So, I just look at their presence and leave without doing anything. Of course, I can lead you to them after this so that you can confirm their existence."

"Yeah, we can do that later. For now, do you mind telling me everything from the start? Do you know how worried I was because I couldn't find a single trace of your movement?" Zion sighed.

"Sure." Anna smiled. "It was..."

Chapter 356 Weird

Fifteen minutes earlier.

Anna was standing on top of a tree, staring into the distance.

'Kill...'

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This one word kept echoing in her mind. This was the side effect of having the Thunder Berserker Spirit in her body.

Due to its berserk nature, the Thunder Berserker Spirit kept letting out its instinct to challenge everyone.

Even she had a hard time stopping it in her past life. In fact, she kept practicing under her teacher's guidance in the past to control this nature.

Only when she had controlled this nature did she come out and experience the world. But it was already too late because Noel had grown strong enough to keep tricking her.

But this life was different. She had gained control over the berserk nature and amplified her ability from the very start.

"This is..." Anna sucked a cold breath because her sense was tingling. It was clear that there was a powerful being in front of her. "My instinct is telling me that proceeding forward is a bad decision."

Anna couldn't confirm it, but this was an instinct she had honed in her past life. Even though her body couldn't sense anything from that place, her soul was shivering in fear.

'I guess this is it. I can't confirm whether they're humans or demons, but it's clear that there is danger looming around. If we ignore this, we'll be facing our own annihilation.' Anna took a deep breath.

Although she was disappointed that she couldn't even come closer, she still turned around, leaving the area.

But to her surprise, not long after she went back, she felt another presence roaming the area. The presence moved nimbly around the hill while stopping in a few places as if finding traces.

Anna hurriedly erased her presence and leaped away from him, not wanting to alert the enemy. However, she was convinced that the danger she felt earlier came from humans, meaning that the dangerous place was the Supreme Devil Organization camp.

She never expected that the presence she felt actually came from Zion, who was desperately finding her.

At the same time, this also showed how sharp her sense was. She could feel Zion's presence from the berserk nature.

"This is getting annoying," Anna muttered inwardly. "In my past life, this instinct almost took over my mind multiple times. And in this life, I have some control over it. My mind and soul are strong enough to withstand nature, but my body still can't accept this berserk nature..."

"Sadly, there aren't any treasures that can help me control this instinct. And even that Thunder Berserker Spirit wouldn't help me. He's truly an insane spirit for asking for more blood..." Anna took a deep breath to calm her mind before continuing her journey.

She didn't want to be away for too long since it would make them worried.

"...and that's the story. I didn't expect the presence I felt earlier was yours." Anna made an apologetic smile. She was too restricted by time, so she didn't check on him.

Zion scratched the back of his head, embarrassed to know that Anna could find him instead of the other way around.

"This is truly interesting. To think Zion would be losing." Rose smirked, teasing Zion.

"I'll be training my perception after this." Zion clicked his tongue. Though, he didn't forget to say, "But at least I'm glad that nothing happened to you."

"Mhm. Sorry to make you worry." Anna smiled.

"Anyway, we have a lot of work to do today. Don't relax just yet." Jonathan nodded, confirming everything.

They resumed their work after eating. Zion, Rose, and Anna went to the dangerous area to find the dangerous existence. Zion couldn't find the presence, but Rose, whose senses were far stronger compared to the rest of the group, confirmed its existence. In fact, she was surprised that Anna could feel it from far away.

Meanwhile, Noel and Jonathan kept testing a few things to make sure that the treatment would be perfect.

As soon as they finished their jobs, they recalled Zion and the others so that they could go back to the city.

"Alright. We've finished our job. It's time to go back," said Jonathan while walking to lead the group.

The rest nodded their heads and followed him, but Noel couldn't help but notice something amiss on Anna's face.

Her face was slightly pale. It seemed she was a bit uncomfortable.

"What's wrong, Anna? Are you hurt anywhere?"

"No, it's fine." Anna shook her head with a smile, not wanting to worry anyone. In fact, she had been feeling the instinct getting stronger and stronger ever since he felt that presence. Even she didn't know what was wrong with it.

"Is that so?" Noel was still curious since this was the first time Anna had acted this way. In the end, he walked at her pace, making sure he was beside her if she ever needed assistance.

Anna thanked him for the gesture while gritting her teeth.

'What's wrong with my spirit? This is the first time I've ever received this backlash.' She muttered inwardly. 'What's wrong with you? Can't you calm down?'

'Kill...'

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Her vision gradually turned red as if her eyes were covered in blood. The cool wind made her shiver.

'This comes out of nowhere...' Anna wrapped her body with gentle Spiritual Energy to ease her instinct. This happened all of a sudden. 'What is truly happening to my body...'

She maintained her silence the whole time, wanting to go back to her room to meet the Thunder Berserker Spirit.

Inside her body, a muscular man was sitting on top of a boulder. The yellow lightning sparked all over his body, rampaging around.

Despite all the lightning discharged from the body, this spiky yellow haired man maintained his calm expression as if he'd gotten used to this situation.

He was sitting alone, waiting for his host to arrive.

"It seems she hasn't realized anything... Even in her past life, she never bothered about my power. All she did was try to control this power and ignore all my words. I wonder what she will do in this life."

A sly smile appeared on his face as if he was planning something by exerting all his instinct to influence Anna's mind.

Chapter 357 Tool

As soon as Anna reached her room, she sat on her bed in a lotus pose before closing her eyes.

In an instant, the scenery changed into a barren plain. There was a man sitting on top of a boulder, and the sky was dark, with lightning sparking in the sky.

"What are you doing with my consciousness?" Anna gritted her teeth, thinking this was caused by the spirit.

The Thunder Berserker Spirit calmly opened his eyes, looking at Anna without any emotion. He simply said, "I've done nothing."

"What do you mean nothing? Just take a look at this place. Because of it, my instinct is going berserk." Anna bit her lips.

"I think you're misunderstanding something, Anna Stargaze." The spirit frowned and said with a cold tone. "I have never intended for this to happen. However, a spirit has to match their power with the host. It's impossible to do so, but we're the ones forcefully doing it so that we can give you power.

"And just like you, humans, we also have our own traits. You're the one who should take care of this remaining trait."

"What? I have to take care of your trait?"

"You don't want to do it?" The spirit smirked. "If you don't, then it's simple. I can leave your body anytime. Not all spirits could do it, but you seem to be underestimated us, Humanoid Spirit, too much."

"Leave my body..." Anna's body trembled. If the spirit really moved out of her body, all her strength would disappear. When that happened, she didn't know what others would do to her.

The spirit itself was the one converting the energy in the Demon Crystal into their Spiritual Energy. If the spirit left her body, she wouldn't be able to get stronger anymore. Even if she could retain her Spiritual Energy, she would still be considered a cripple.

"..." Anna fell silent, not understanding the entire situation. First, her instinct was going rampage. Second, the Thunder Berserker Spirit had gone all the way to threaten her. This was the first time he behaved this way.

Seeing her confused expression, the Thunder Berserker Spirit harrumphed and said with a cold tone. "I thought you would be better after getting the second chance. It seems that I've put too much faith in you."

"Second chance... How do you know about that?" Anna's body trembled. "Wait. Don't tell me, my reincarnation is related to you?"

"I'm not directly involved." The Thunder Berserker Spirit shook his head. "But you could say that I still played a role in giving you a second chance."

"How in the world..." Anna tried to recall every piece of information in her past life about the spirits, but there was no record related to this reincarnation.

"Noel should have been the one to reincarnate. Unlike the self-centered you, Noel was a better choice. He took great care of his spirits and tried to understand them. It could be said, the spirit has its own trait, weakness, and strength. He understood them and tried to find a way to utilize everything in his own way. He is special because he doesn't do anything like others.

"How about you? What do you think about spirits?" The Thunder Berserker Spirit narrowed his eyes, giving a cold gaze. One wrong word might make him leave her body.

"I tried to understand you as well." Anna gritted her teeth. "I tried to control the instinct, I—"

"Stop." The Thunder Berserker Spirit was annoyed. "I, I, and I! Yes. That's what you are, Anna Stargaze. Everything is about you."

The Thunder Berserker Spirit leaped off the boulder and stood before her. Lightning began to spark around his arm and turned into a dragon. "This is how you showed off in front of that man, right?"

Anna widened her eyes because the spirit was extending its hand toward her as if she wanted to murder her with this ability. She instinctively raised her own hand and used the same technique, thinking she wouldn't lose.

The moment the lightning dragon on their arms collided, a thunderclap resounded, giving an additional force.

And as expected, Anna was launched into the air and rolled a few times on the ground.

"Gah." She coughed a few times while holding her right arm. It felt like her fingers were crushed by the lightning.



"Even with the memory of your first life, you can't even take a single attack from me despite using the same technique. Are you even trying? Didn't you say you learned how to control my instinct? Didn't you want to say you tried to control my power in your own way? And what is this?"

"You're different from Noel Ardagan. He cares about his spirits, and in exchange, the spirits support him with all their might. That's why he can get stronger quicker and keep up with your pace despite not having any memory about his past life."

Anna gritted her teeth and shouted, "I have tried to do everything, including controlling this berserk nature. What do you want me to do!"

"Again, you said 'I'. You have treated me like that even in your past life. Do you think we're a tool?"

"I have never treated you as a tool!"

"Then, have you ever asked anything about me other than my power?"

"I..." Anna couldn't answer that question.

"Have you ever checked my condition, my trait, personality... anything about me?"

"..." Anna couldn't even open her mouth at this point.

"Have you ever thought that the method you used to control the berserk nature might actually hurt me?"

Anna looked down. She had done all kinds of things in order to control the instinct. Even the spirit before her never showed any dissatisfaction whenever she visited him, of course, for more power. So, she thought everything was fine... No, she always took it for granted. She was never concerned about him.

The Thunder Berserker Spirit stood in front of her and looked at her coldly. "I ask again, Anna Stargaze. Have you ever treated me like a living being instead of your tool?"

#### Chapter 358 Dissatisfied

Just like the spirit said, Noel had treated his spirits differently. He always asked about their opinions, making sure that whenever he utilized their power, it didn't harm them.

The spirits could feel Noel's feelings and helped him as well. In his past life, the spirits took a softer approach so that Noel didn't go into a very dangerous place just for an opportunity. Ardagan didn't give him an impossible mission. All the missions that looked impossible had been considered thoroughly, so before giving him any mission, he knew that Noel would be able to complete it.

That was why when Anna was here to change everything, the spirits gave him a more dangerous mission and a bigger reward. They took care of his Spiritual Energy Reserve and so on.

Noel created a mutual relationship with both Ardagan and Heisk.

Meanwhile, Anna was different. Back when she tried to control her berserk instinct, she tried everything from killing numerous people to satisfy the need for blood or even using herbs to weaken the spirit, which caused the instinct to be weakened as well.

She never asked her spirit how to control this berserk nature and what's function of this berserk nature was except for power amplification.

When the spirit revealed everything to her, she couldn't say anything. There was nothing she could say to appease the spirit. Although indirectly, he had played a role in her reincarnation, allowing her to make everything right.

She wasn't aware of this case, but she also never asked the spirit about it. She didn't have extensive knowledge about her own spirit. All the information she had was coming from outsiders like her teacher and other experts.

"..." Anna bit her lips. She might have changed Noel a bit, but she had overlooked everything else.

She lowered her head while regretting her action. "I'm sorry..."

The spirit glared at her while asking, "Do you know that the berserk nature has two sides?"

The spirit formed the same dragon as earlier and shot forth the dragon. The lightning didn't spark at all and the dragon swallowed the boulder he sat on earlier. After that, the dragon returned back, carrying the whole boulder.

"The gentle rage instinct. Unlike an explosive storm, this rage is like a calm deep sea before the storm."

After that, the dragon spat out the boulder before ramming its head to the boulder.

"And the second instinct is the explosive rage."

The dragon suddenly let out a thunderclap as if showing its rage and exerted two times of its original strength, crushing the boulder into pieces.

"Meanwhile, what you're trying to control is completely in between these two, the completely unrefined rage. It might be able to give you some power amplification, but in exchange, your instinct will try to take over you. Do you know any of these? No, right? You never asked."

The spirit's voice felt like he was hurt, sad, and disappointed.

Anna couldn't help but remember all their conversation from past life. Even though she always demanded more power from him, the spirit had been trying to warn her about this potential. But she never listened to him. She didn't care about his opinion, thinking she had done everything right.

But it turned out everything was a mistake. If she had learned these two instincts, she would have been able to defeat Noel in her past life.

"Do you know my instinct has no weakness? It's not trying to make you berserk or anything. It's not even trying to take over your mind. My instinct is simply telling you the state of your current power. It measures the power in your ability, allowing you to change its approach according to what you want.

"What? Are you going to say the word 'kill' disturbs you? That's not even my instinct telling you, it's yours. My instinct is simply amplifying that thought. When you awakened me in the past and experienced my instinct for the first time, have you ever heard that word?"

"!!!" Anna's body trembled. She awakened her spirit at the age of ten. At that time, the instinct was still pure and all it did was increase her fighting intent. She felt like she wanted to keep challenging people to get stronger. That was all it did.

Everything changed slowly after she met her teacher. That word began ringing in her head, telling her to kill everyone.

In other words, she was the culprit of her own berserk state, not him. She took her teacher's words seriously and murdered everyone she didn't like.

Anna was tongue-tied.

The Thunder Berserker Spirit let out a long sigh, filled with disappointment. He asked one last question. "My instinct is just your typical fighting intent. But have you tried to see all the effects the instinct gives you? Have you tried finding the difference whenever the instinct kicks in?"

"You should be aware that my instinct sometimes warns you, sometimes excites you, and sometimes calm you down. It's because my instinct can measure the strength of the opponent, remember their strength, and even recognize them from afar. Sadly, you have never utilized it to the fullest."

The Thunder Berserker Spirit sighed and waved his hand. "Whatever. I've told you everything I wanted to say."

Suddenly, Anna's consciousness faded away, returning to her original body.

"This..." Anna looked left and right, realizing she had returned. She hurriedly meditated to meet her spirit again to apologize, but no matter how hard she tried to do it, she couldn't enter her consciousness anymore.

"I..." Anna panicked. She didn't know what to do in this situation. But her instinct told her once more, reminding her of the last thing the spirit said.

'It's because my instinct can measure the strength of the opponent, remember their strength, and even recognize them from afar.'

Her body trembled as she remembered what had happened today. Her instinct started going berserk when she found the enemy. She couldn't find the person's identity back then, but with this information, she realized something.

"I felt my instinct kicked in like this in the past. It came from the Devil Bishop from the Supreme Devil Organization, known as Blood Berserker. Don't tell me all this time, it's been telling me their identity? But I never..."

Anna's body felt weak as she started clutching her head.

"Aaaaahhh..." Anna bit her lips, regretting her action. If she had taken her time to know her spirit, if she didn't be too complacent and listened to her spirit, if she had cared for her spirit like Noel... everything would have been different. She didn't care about it and took everything for granted.

Her only thought was changing Noel, even though she swore that she wanted to correct all her mistakes.

Despite her actions, the spirit still tried to help her. Tears started forming in the corner of her eyes. She regretted everything. She thought she had gone in the right direction, she didn't realize that she never questioned if all the things she did whether to Noel, to her spirits, and to all the people she had met were correct or not.

"I... I... I'm sorry..."

Chapter 359 Information

Anna looked down with empty eyes. After listening to the spirit, she realized that almost her entire life was a mistake.

On the one hand, she could push all the blame on her teacher, who had taught her the noble's conduct, the treatment, and all her characters. On the other hand, she would become the same Anna as the one in her previous life if she blamed her teacher. It wasn't because she wanted to protect her teacher, she just wished to correct all her mistakes.

"It seems that my entire life is a joke." Anna let out a long sigh, wondering what she had to do after this.

The instinct had calmed down, but because she had understood the meaning behind that rage. In fact, if she actually understood her own instinct, she wouldn't face this kind of problem.

She took a deep breath and lifted up her shirt, still finding the Spirit Seal on her waist.

"I still have the second chance... I need to consider everything I've done so far to make sure I don't make a mistake anymore." Anna gulped down, knowing this was an arduous task.

Even so, she had to do it. As soon as she got her resolve back, she grabbed some papers and listed everything she wanted to do.

There were some smaller things, but she had four important tasks.

"I have to regain the trust of the Thunder Berserker Spirit, continue as Noel's ally, remove everything related to my teacher, and lastly, focus on my task in this group. I don't have too much time to do all this... The Supreme Devil Organization had lost their piece to bait a lot of knights to ambush them. So, I'm wondering if they are going to make the same attack but with a different person?"

Anna's expression darkened. She had prevented some of the incidents, but this surely would bring a lot of change to the future. So, she had to consider the change and their persistence.

"Taming demons... This is the biggest problem. In the past, the Supreme Devil Organization has tamed many Peak Level Demons. Other than that... two events are about to start, the Demon Relief Squad extermination, and the..."

Anna fell silent for a moment before going to the door as if she wanted to do something.

Surprisingly, she found Stella, who was about to knock on the door. There was a bowl of soup and two pieces of bread in her hands.

"Ah." Both of them blinked their eyes a few times, not knowing what to do. The atmosphere became awkward.

Stella hurriedly handed the food. "Here. You have locked yourself up for hours, so I believe you haven't eaten anything yet. Since no one wants to bring it to you, I have to do it myself. It's definitely not because I'm worried about your condition, alright?"

As soon as Anna grabbed the plates, she turned around and walked away, "Then, I have delivered it to you."

Anna was speechless, never expecting Stella to lie like that. There was one person who would do it even if anyone else didn't like to go. It was Noel.

The fact that Stella was the one bringing the food here meant she was volunteering herself.

Anna had a complicated emotion in her heart. It felt like she could understand Stella a bit. It was true that they were often bickering with each other, but Stella was just worried that she planned to do something to Noel.

Other than that, she treated her like a part of the group.

A small smile appeared on Anna's face as she couldn't help but say, "Stella..."

"What? Are you going to thank me? I'm listening." Stella harrumphed while leaning her ear toward her as if asking her to say it.

On the contrary, Anna gave her a piece of important information. "I have once got a mission to save the people and at that time, a Devil Bishop came. You could confirm the mission with Noel and the vice captain of the Demon Observer Squad.

"I think I have a good grasp of what a Devil Bishop could do. And when I found their trace, I could pick up two things from the presence alone.

"The first one is an extraordinary fighting intent. It's like a beast treating everything around him as prey. The second one is the smell of blood and killing intent. I don't know what those two mean, but can you tell them about it?" Anna explained the trait of the Blood Berserker.

This Devil Bishop was known as a ruthless man. He could crush everything with his fist and his killing intent could make one feel they were sliced into pieces.

"A beast and killing intent..." Stella furrowed her eyebrows. Before she could ask anything, Anna had closed the door and a small voice echoed from the door, saying, "Thank you."

"..." Stella clicked her tongue, realizing she couldn't win even with this trick. At first, she thought she could easily tease her for a while with this, but the plan failed because of this important information.

Not knowing what to say about this information, she returned to the group, telling them about the trait while wondering if any of them knew about it.

They all looked down, contemplating.

There was only one person that had a different expression. It was Rose.

"You serious?" Rose gritted her teeth as her body trembled.



"Rose? What's wrong?" Paul frowned, not understanding such a reaction. "Do you know who this person is?"

"How could I not know?" Rose slammed her fists on the table. Killing intent began to come out of her eyes. If she didn't hold back her anger, she would have destroyed a portion of the room.

"Who is he? To think you have this kind of reaction..." Paul frowned.

"Fifteen years ago, my village was destroyed and I had to survive in the wilderness if I didn't want to die, allowing me to gain these senses. But..."

Paul's expression turned grim as he understood the meaning. "So, he was the one who destroyed your village..."

Chapter 360 Plan

"So, he was the one who destroyed your village..."

When they heard it, they sucked a cold breath. They also expressed their anger by furrowing their eyebrows.

"Who is he?" Stella asked.

"Back then, I also felt the same thing. He was releasing a natural killing intent and he was a cruel person beyond one's imagination.

"I could see the cult symbol on his subordinate's hand, so I joined the Demon Banner Army because of it. After that, I kept following his news, trying to become stronger so that I could kill him.

"However, I never expected that he became too much stronger that I still couldn't touch him..." Rose took a deep breath before saying, "He is now a Devil Bishop of the Supreme Devil Organization. He is known as Blood Berserker."

"!!!" They widened their eyes in shock after Rose called his name.

"Blood Berserker, are you serious?!" Paul gasped.

"Yes." She nodded with a serious expression.

"Blood Berserker... one of the cruelest Devil Bishops... It was said that he had forced a father to eat the flesh of his family. He had brutally mutilated many people in front of their loved ones... and he..." Paul couldn't even say all his deeds because it was beyond cruel.

The others didn't expect they would be fighting against this person as well. If Noel wasn't suspicious about the Supreme Devil Organization, they wouldn't have called a captain. And if they were attacked by this person, there was no telling what he would do to them.

While the others were contemplating about what to do, Ardagan startled him with another mission.

[Mission: Help Rose's Revenge.]

[Description: Kill the Blood Berserker with whatever means.]

[Reward: ???]

'Hmm? A hidden reward?' Noel remembered the time he got a blank reward, the reward was quite big. After all, it was a mission about the Sword Saint.

Although he didn't know how big the reward was for this, it was worth the shot.

He raised his hand. "Excuse me. Since we know that this cruel person is trying to aim at us, we should kill him."

"That's easy for you to say that, but you have no idea how powerful the enemy is..." Paul pinched the bridge of his nose.

"I think I know. A Devil Bishop is similar to our Captain in terms of strength, right? In that case, why don't we invite another captain?"

"The nearest captain is four days away from here. And sending the message now will force us to extend our progress for a bit longer. I'm afraid..." Paul sighed, not finishing his words. Noel should have understood what kind of variable would occur during the extension.

That was why Noel added, "But you have a perfect reason to do this."

"A perfect reason? I don't understand what you're talking about."

"It's probably about his purification ability," Jonathan added. "By telling the Water Lord that he can purify the water, I'm sure he doesn't mind extending our time limit. After all, the town will be benefited from it."

"Purification... The nearest captain is four days away. Even if he is fast, he needs one and a half days to reach here. So we have to extend at least six days... Will that even work?" Paul scratched the back of his head.

"We don't know whether it will work or not, but I think it's better to discuss it with the Valley Master after this," said Stella.

"Indeed. If we can surround him with two captains, we could kill him." Zion nodded in agreement.

"That's right. We have to kill him." Ben also agreed. "I'll do my best in the negotiation to extend our time limit."

"Everyone..." Rose felt moved. She knew they did this for her. And the one who started it was Noel.

Feeling her gaze, Noel turned around and smiled. "I'm disappointed that I'm too weak to help you directly, but if my ability can help your revenge, then I'll do my best."

"You took the word out of my mouth." Zion nodded. "Then, I can be a direct messenger. With my speed, I should be able to reach that place within a day. So, you have to extend the time limit for only one day. What do you think?"

The rest couldn't help but agree. Since they had figured out their enemies, Zion didn't need to find their trace anymore. He could focus on becoming their messenger.

Rose felt gratified for everyone's help. She knew that if she wanted to get her revenge with her own strength, it would be close to impossible to do it. After all, her spirit was an illusion spirit, which wasn't directly related to combat, while the other party had an extremely powerful strength in close combat.

So, the best way to exact her revenge was by getting help from others. And this was a perfect plan because they could surround this guy with two Captains to make sure they could kill him.

And Noel should have seen through this plan even before he suggested this plan. She couldn't help but pull Noel into her embrace while smiling brightly.

"You, little..." She patted his head while saying, "You truly know how to make a plan. Let this big sister pamper you."

"Haha." Noel chuckled. "I can't do much though. And whatever you're planning to do, it's better to wait until we successfully kill this guy. This is just the beginning."

"Right!" Rose smiled. "When that time happens, I'll spoil you with all my might."

"No, no. You can't. I have to train."

"Hahaha." Rose laughed. She was excited because she could avenge her family and put their soul to rest.

"Just look at this, Paul..." Jonathan leaned to Paul while whispering, "Isn't he a natural?"

"Now that I think about it, he is. Is it because he was a noble?"

"I think it's his charisma."

"Either way, I think it's better this way. With Noel here, I think the group can improve further. Who knows that everyone's problem can be solved this way, including you too, Jo."

"Well, I won't comment on it, but I'm glad that he's the one joining our group." Jonathan made a small smile.

Paul patted his shoulder as he had to make sure to handle the negotiation well.