SORCERER'S HANDBOOK

Chapter 731: Raven

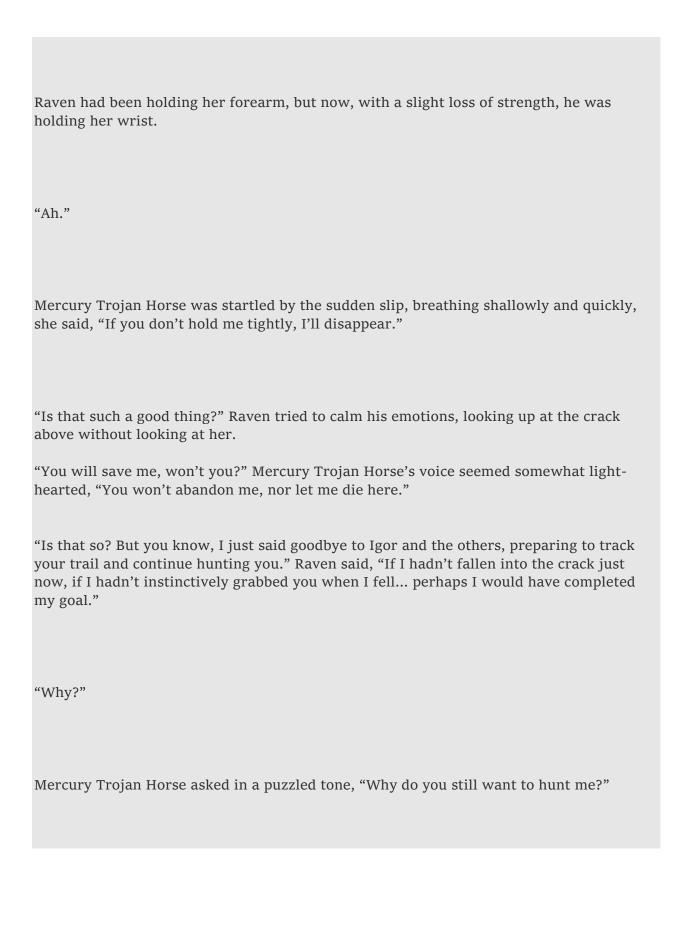
Raven had tried being relentlessly hunted by evil cults for three days and nights, never closing his eyes for a moment; he could prop himself up to fight despite being paralyzed from the waist down, and continued to battle blindly after losing his sight. He had once clashed head-on with physical sorcerers with skin as tough as steel, and he also had experience in entangling with water sorcerers who combined flexibility and strength.

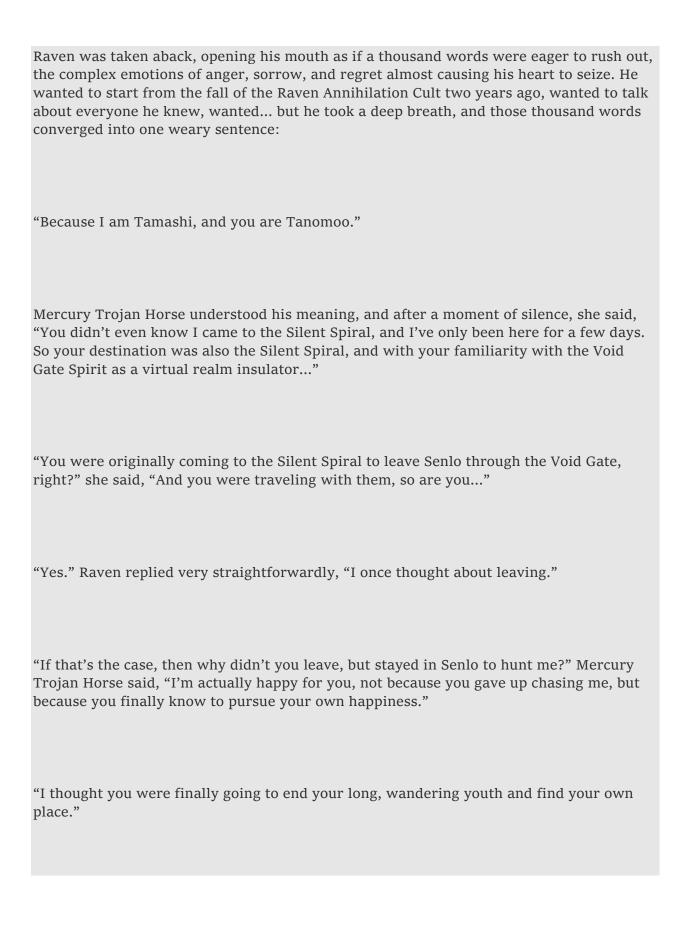
Anyone who knew Raven, whether enemy or friend, whether they liked or disliked him, would not deny that Raven was a ruthless person who was indestructible, unyielding, and unbreakable.

While chatting, Ashe and Igor once remarked, "It's as if his heart is made of iron, his intestines are cold, and even his veins flow with black blood."

It seemed as though the Virtual Realm had cursed him while also stripping away his weakness. The term "fearless" was practically tailor-made for him, but unlike Harvey, who would embrace death with reckless abandon, Raven was more like someone who would charge forward with a grey fox blade, actively welcoming life's final challenge-after the Raven Annihilation Cult was destroyed, he feared nothing.

Yet this stainless steel saint walking through the decaying world now found his arm trembling slightly, almost unable to hold the grey fox blade steady, causing him to slide down another meter, while Mercury Trojan Horse slid down 1.1 meters-she couldn't hold onto his arm, her delicate hands would break with even a little force, and if Raven didn't hold her, she would slide down herself.

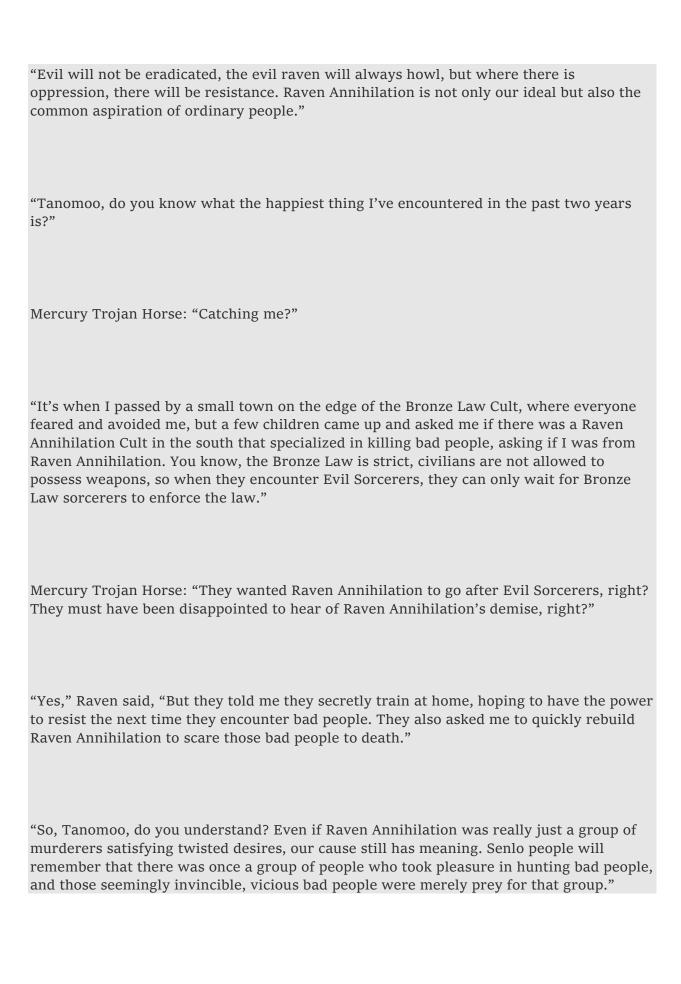


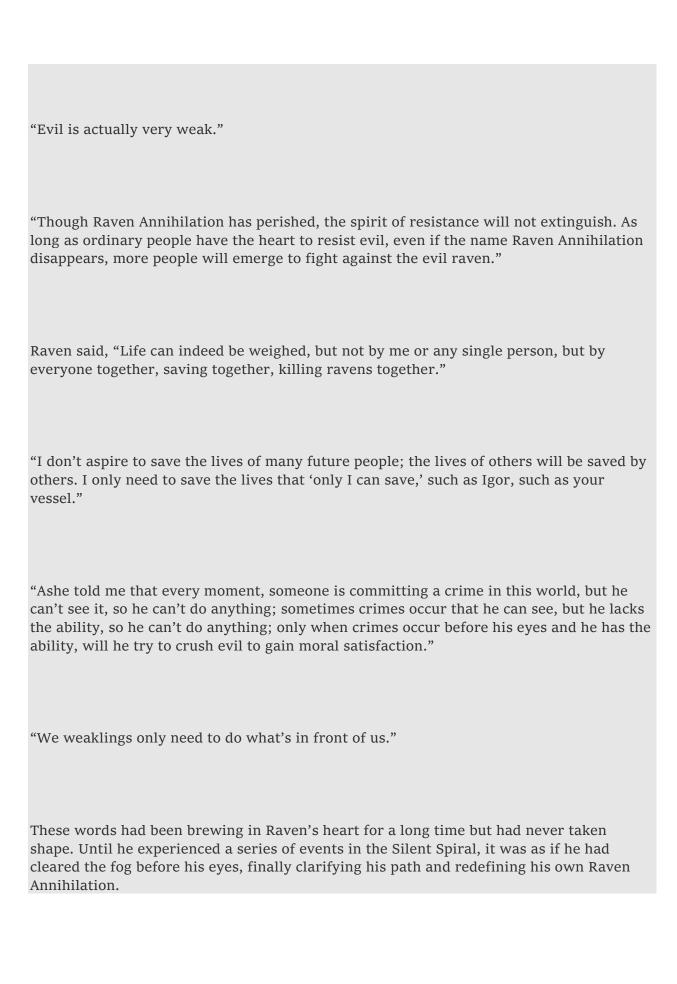


| "Leaving Senlo might bring happiness, having a place might bring happiness." Raven said "But if I can't punish you, I certainly won't be happy." |
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| "The mark of maturity is accepting the pain of one's own powerlessness." Mercury Trojan Horse said, "Do you remember the question I asked you when we first ate fish?" |
| Raven thought for a moment, "With so many bones in the fish's body, does it hurt?" |
| "I always thought it must hurt, after all, they're bones. But if you get used to it, accept it, then they're the bones that support you, not the thorns that scar you." |
| Raven said, "I don't care if I'm scarred, as long as I can hurt the ones I hate." |
| Mercury Trojan Horse smiled wryly, "It seems your youth isn't over yet." |
| "I will save you." Raven thought it through, and said seriously, "You are still in the Silent Spiral area, if you die now, you'll reincarnate into Igor. So I must save you, and imprison you in the Silent Spiral, wait for Ashe and the others to leave, wait for others to exit the Silent Spiral, ensure you have no reincarnation target, then I will execute you." |
| "Save me just to kill me? That's so you." Mercury Trojan Horse chuckled lightly, "But what if I told you, the owner of this body isn't dead yet?" |
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| Raven was stunned. |
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| "Very cute, very beautiful, very lovable, right? I didn't choose randomly, as my portable reincarnation vessel, she's practically a work of art, and she's not a sorcerer." Mercury Trojan Horse said, "I originally planned to reincarnate and start anew from the Sea of Knowledge. Over the past two years, I've collected many secrets of the Virtual Realm, but unfortunately, I'm already a sanctuary sorcerer and can't go back, but if I could start over I have confidence I could climb Ruby Mountain." |
| "But also because she is not a sorcerer, I have no spellforce and cannot directly affect the soul. Our state is more akin to a dual personality, only she is asleep." |
| Mercury Trojan Horse said, "She is just an ordinary, simple girl, always nurtured by me, mostly sleeping to strengthen her soul, never having done anything bad in her life. Would you kill her for me?" |
| Though she said this, Mercury Trojan Horse didn't expect to threaten Raven; she merely wanted to add a bit of psychological burden to Raven, to gain leverage for the upcoming conversation. |
| However, Raven thought for a moment and said, "I will find a way to confine you in the Silent Spiral, and I will be your jailer. If you attempt to become a sorcerer, I will kill you immediately; or if my life is about to end, I will execute you. Apart from these two situations, I will keep you imprisoned." |
| Mercury Trojan Horse tightly grasped Raven's wrist. |
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| 'This doesn't align with the Raven Annihilation doctrine," she said. "Eliminating evil is always more important than saving lives. Saving one person only saves one life, but killing one evil person might indirectly save hundreds." |
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| 'It indeed doesn't align," Raven nodded. "But I believe I am right, as long as I can bear all the consequences of my choices. Just now, I spared you to save Igor, and I am willing to spend the rest of my life hunting you down for that; I can also spare you now for the girl you reincarnate into, as long as I am willing to imprison you for life." |
| Mercury Trojan Horse said in a low voice, "If you kill me now, you can go out and kill more evil people, save more lives, rather than wasting your life on me That is the way o Raven Annihilation." |
| 'Yes," Raven said, "If life can truly be weighed, then the benefit of killing you is obviously greater than sparing you. But is it true that without me, no one can stop you?" |
| 'In the past two years of chasing you, I've been to many places. Initially, I thought that with the Raven Annihilation Cult's demise, Evil Sorcerers would have no restraint, and ordinary people would surely suffer, with evil rampant across the land. What I first saw was indeed such a situation, with Evil Sorcerers running rampant, and common folk suffering." |
| 'But this situation didn't last; sometimes other cults sent people to suppress it, sometime new sorcerers emerged among ordinary people, and some Evil Sorcerers were even stabbed to death by common folk with pitchforks." |
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By the end, he was no longer speaking to Tanomoo but to himself, and after speaking, he felt refreshed, his mind clear, as if reborn, shedding a heavy burden.

At this moment, the Raven Annihilation Cult truly perished. But a new Raven Annihilation was being born in the cracks.

"Could you stop misusing the word 'weakling'?" Mercury Trojan Horse said coldly, "It's truly disgusting to hear."

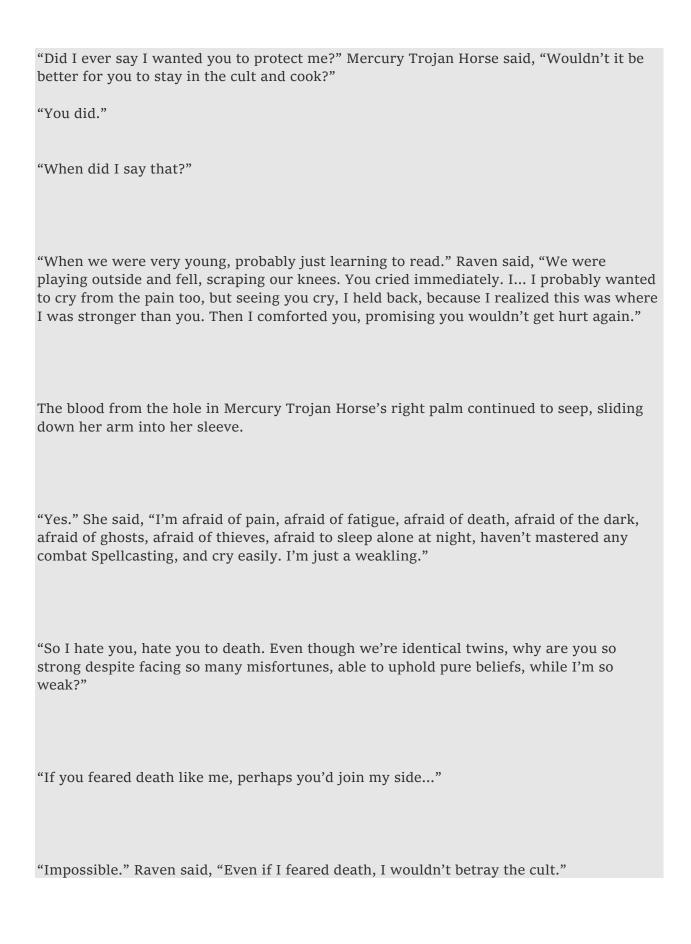
Chapter 732: Mercury Trojan Horse

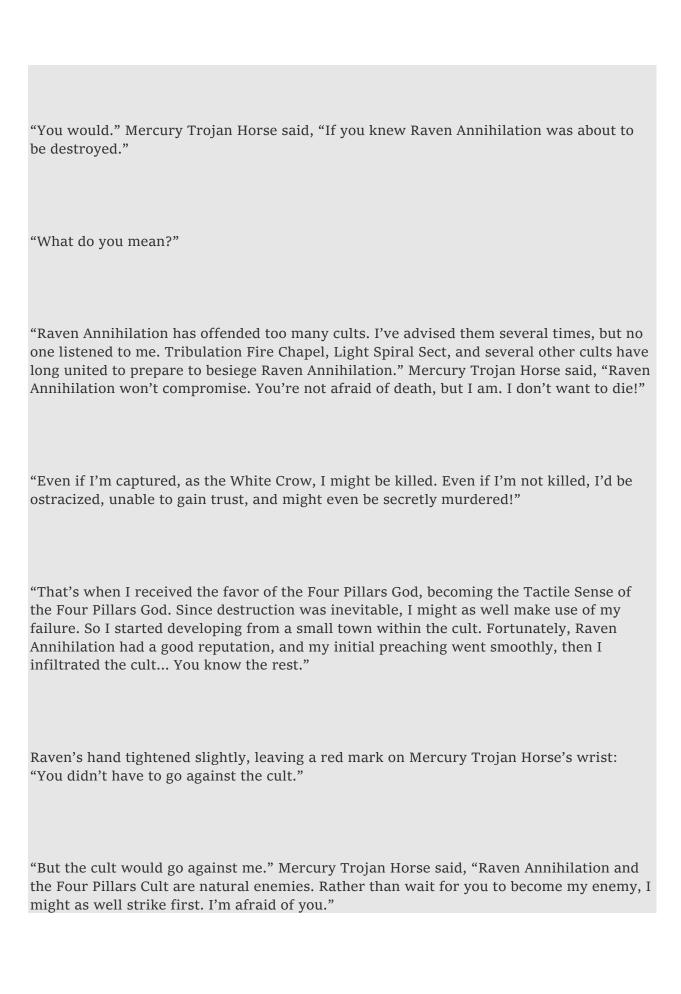
Raven glanced at her but ignored her. He looked up, braced his foot against the wall, and attempted to climb up.

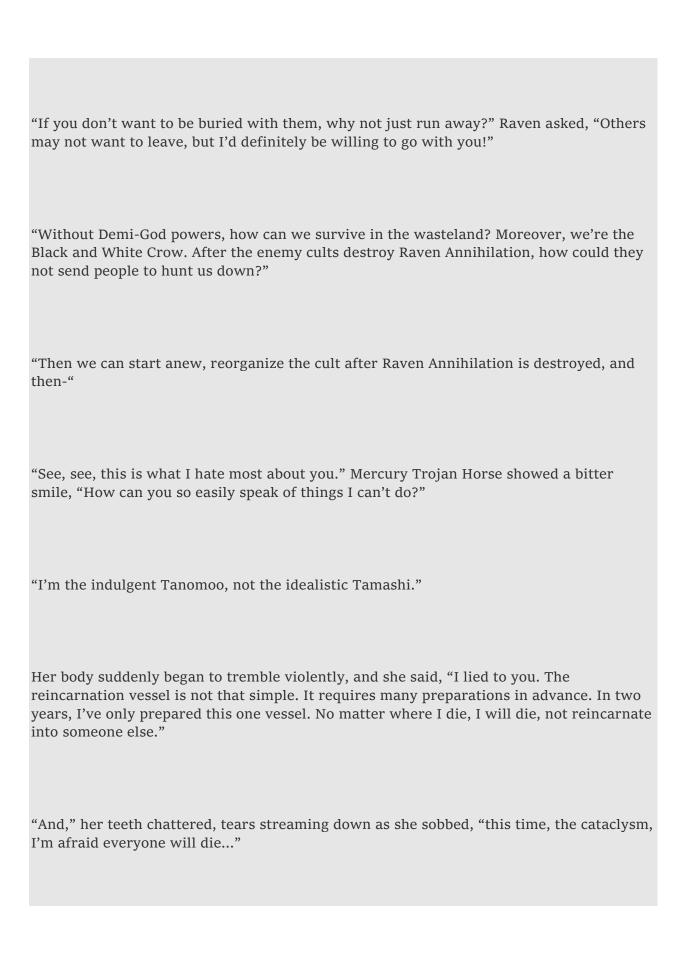
However, once the floodgates opened, Mercury Trojan Horse seemed unable to stop her desire to speak: "We started learning to read at four. I learned two hundred words in half a month, while you didn't learn a single one, not even recognizing numbers. Everyone realized you might be cursed by the Virtual Realm. I often comforted you and hugged you back then, but soon after, I saw you seeking a mentor to train your body, without a trace of unhappiness on your face. From that moment, I hated you."

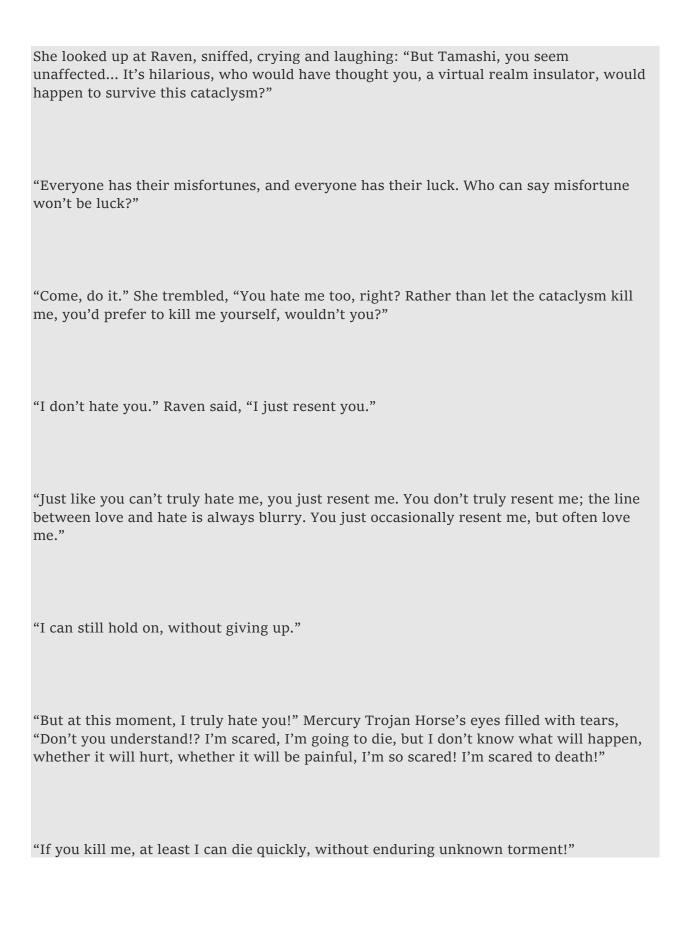
| "Later, I summoned my first spirit and became a sorcerer. I was happy to share the news with you, only to see you smash a big rock with one punch, and then I immediately became unhappy." |
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| "I unexpectedly received the Inheritance from the Prophecy Sect and was officially appointed as the White Crow. I hadn't been happy for a few days when I heard about your victory over the judgment warriors. Fortunately, the cult still didn't agree to let you become a warrior. You have no idea how delighted I was to hear that news, like drinking honey. But soon you disappeared, and when you returned, you dragged back the corpse of an evil raven." |
| "There are so many things. Do you know how much I wished you'd die on a mission, die a someone else's hands? But you're like a cockroach, never dying no matter what, surviving every time, growing stronger each time. Do you know how disgusting and hateful you are?" |
| "Why won't you just die, just admit you're a failure, always living so resiliently?" Mercur Trojan Horse's voice gradually filled with venom, her hands trembling with anger: "You'r just an ordinary person who can't even recognize words!" |
| "Now you must feel satisfied, having captured the Mercury Trojan Horse of the Four Pillars Cult. My life and death are at your mercy. You've accomplished what countless others couldn't. Achieving this great feat as a 'weakling,' doesn't it give you a sense of accomplishment?" |
| Raven, climbing with effort, replied, "Because I want to protect you, I can't hesitate, can't be lazy. Only by taking the toughest and hardest path can I stand by your side." |
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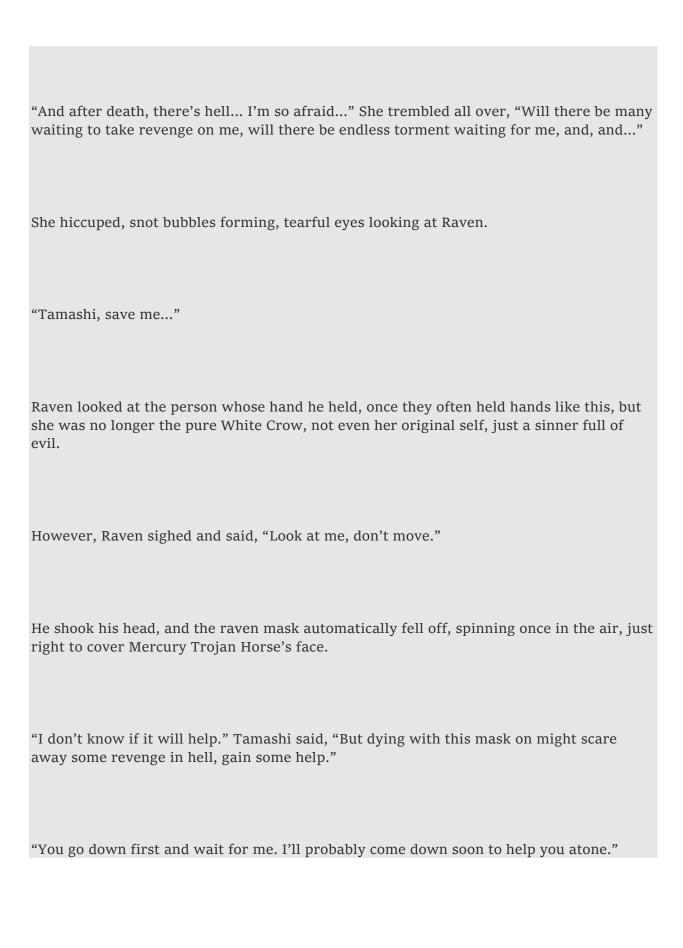
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| Yet Mercury Trojan Horse just stared at Tamashi, saying, "Two years without seeing You're still so beautiful, much more beautiful than me" |
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| "Maybe that's why I hate you. I've always felt that during our gestation, I took your knowledge, but you took beauty and perseverance. My share is less than yours." |
| "You owe me so much, so I'll take this mask." Mercury Trojan Horse said, "Since you're no longer a judgment warrior, don't wear a mask anymore." |
| Her body trembled more and more violently, speaking rapidly as if afraid of running out of time: "I'll wait for you, no need to help me atone, just being with me is enough. I can't stand being alone Are you really willing to stay by my side?" |
| At this moment, Mercury Trojan Horse's face showed no cunning, no venom, and in her unfamiliar eyes, Tamashi saw the familiar shadow of the sibling who always acted spoiled with him. |
| "Of course." |
| Tamashi watched his sister turn into water, slipping away through his fingers. |
| "Even before birth, I was already by your side." |
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