

## **Strongest 301**

### Chapter 301: Joined At The Hips

Five days had passed since William and Ashe opened up their hearts to each other.

They spent these five days learning more about their partner's life story. William told her everything about his childhood, just like he had told everything to Wendy at the Underground Lake when he accidentally wandered through the Magic Division.

In return, Ashe told William about her life in a secluded mountain that was protected by the Knights of the Hellan Kingdom. In that mountain, there was a village where Nymphs, Half-Nymphs, and Humans lived together.

William was very interested to know more about Ashe and he listened attentively to her story while holding her in his embrace. The one that suggested that they get to know each other was William because he wanted to know more about Ashe's life before he'd met them on the road to the temple.

He was relieved that she hadn't suffered any hardships while growing up. Ashe narrated everything, including when she and her twin sister were selected to become Est's retainers.

"You know, I thought that I was going to die when that troll brandished his wooden club to smash us," Ashe said as she closed her eyes.

She was resting her head on William's shoulder, while the latter held her in a firm embrace. "I have to admit that you looked very cool when you and Ella jumped over our heads and blocked that attack for us. Sometimes, when my thoughts wander, that scene always appears in my mind."

William smiled and planted a kiss on her forehead. During these past few days, he realized that Ashe was a true tsundere and she looked extremely cute when she went full "dere" on him. He still couldn't believe that the "boy" with whom he had a hate-hate relationship would one day become one of his lovers.

"Aren't you lucky?" William inquired. "You don't need to dream about me anymore because both of us are now joined at our hips. You can kiss, hug, and look at me every single day. You really got the better half of the deal when you saved my life."

Ashe wanted to roll her eyes at William's reply, but she was secretly happy that she could now be intimate with him when the two of them were together.

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"Will, let's try it," Ashe proposed. "I don't really understand that Synchronization thing that your Big Brother was talking about, but I feel that the current me is able to accept everything about you."

"Are you sure?" William inquired.

"Yes. I want to feel bonded with you, spiritually."

"Understood."

Ashe was a Half-Nymph. However, the blood of the Nymph Race was thicker in her veins, so her Spiritual Power was quite high. When her powers were sealed, the Human side of her converted that Spiritual Power to Magic Power. Hence why she and Isaac were placed in the Magic Division along with Est.

William lowered his head and kissed Ashe's lips. Both of them had kissed many times now, and Ashe was no longer embarrassed about having a deep and passionate kiss with William. After their kiss ended, William pressed his forehead over hers and muttered the incantation inside his head.

'Familia Oversoul.'

Ashe's body turned into Spirit Energy and entered William's body through the gem embedded inside his chest.

William felt a warm sensation spreading from his chest to all the parts of his body. He could feel a surge of power from within him and this power felt familiar and unfamiliar at the same time.

It was a strange experience. It was as if someone was hugging him from behind and it made him feel that he wasn't fighting alone.

William's eye color changed from light-green to purple as Ashe's power seeped through every pore of his being.

'Incredible. Will, this is incredible,' Ashe whispered softly in William's ears. 'I feel so connected with you. It is as if the two of us are sharing the same body.'

'I feel the same way as well,' William replied.

In truth, Ashe didn't need to whisper in his ears. The two of them could communicate using thoughts, but since this was the first time the two of them had fused together, the young lady was still using the gestures that she was familiar with.

"Are you ready?" William asked.

'Yes,' Ashe replied. 'I was born ready. Also, don't say what you are currently thinking. The two of us are connected, so I can read your thoughts.'

William chuckled as he summoned a water whip in his hand. He was planning to tease Ashe and say that she was "born for him", but the latter had already read the thought inside his head.

'Concentrate.'

"Mmm."

William took a deep breath as his expression became serious. It was the first time that the two of them had tried fusing together. A blue transparent mermaid hovered William's back. She was holding a sword whip in her hand and guided William in the proper way to wield his powers.

"They did it faster than my initial estimate," Issei said as he observed William and Ashe from inside his special domain.

Lily and David sat beside him and observed William's training with calm expressions on their faces.

"It would be best if you prevent William from talking to his lover after this training ends," Lily proposed. "I don't want him to be distracted when he starts my training course. Especially now that the Hellan Kingdom is facing a crisis."

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"Okay," Issei replied. "I'll talk to both of them and say that their next reunion would have to wait until he has finished his training with you and David. My only concern is, can we make it in time? Even with the time extensions inside our own domains, the possibility of the war nearing its end while he is training is very high."

"It doesn't matter," David commented from the side. "He is not capable of helping anyone in his current state. I will only permit him to leave after he has ascended to and mastered the next phase of the Shepherd Job Class. The Hellan Kingdom can burn in hell for all I care."

Issei and Lily nodded their heads in agreement. As Gods, they didn't really care about the results of the War between the Two Dynasties and the Hellan Kingdom. They didn't have any followers in the Southern Continent and they had no obligation to help.

The only one they cared about was William and the people close to him. The Shepherd was ill equipped to participate in the war because his Spiritual World had almost been destroyed. He would only hasten the continuance of the destruction of his Sea of Consciousness if he were to return to his world and take part in the defense of his Kingdom.

Only when the Half-Elf had mastered the power of his Divinities would they allow him to leave the temple. They would not allow an incident similar to what happened with the Astral Worm to happen again.

## Chapter 302: Lily's Lollipop [Part 1]

"Times up."

Issei's voice reverberated within his Special Domain.

William who was resting his head on Ashe's lap sighed because the time they spent together had finally come to an end.

"Wait for me, okay?" William said, while his hand reached out to caress the side of his lover's beautiful face. "I'll come as soon as I can."

"Don't make me wait for too long," Ashe replied as she lightly pinched William's cheeks. "Goodbye, Will."

"See you soon, Ashe."

Issei had already already informed both of them that they wouldn't be able to see each other again until William's training was completed. Because of this, the two didn't train on the last day of their stay in Issei's Special Domain. Instead, they spent their time locked in each other's embrace, nourishing the budding feelings they had for each other.

Ashe turned into particles of light and flew towards the sky of the domain. It was now time for her to return to her own body, leaving her lover behind.

"Satisfied?" Issei asked as he appeared beside William with a mischievous smile.

William nodded his head and smiled. "Thank you, Big Brother."

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Issei chuckled and patted William's shoulder. "You can thank me after you've come of age. By then, no one will be able to stop you from going to Third and Fourth base."

William was about to protest that he had already gone past Third and Fourth base in his dreams, but that would only make him look pitiful in Issei's eyes, so he decided to keep his mouth shut and just nod his head in agreement.

"Well then, time for you to start your training with Lily," Issei said.

"Big Brother, what kind of ability does Lily's Divinity have?" William inquired. "Is the Lollipop that powerful?"

Issei rubbed his chin as he pondered William's question. Truth be told, he had no idea what Lily's Divinity could do. Issei and Lily were both New Generation Gods, but their fields of expertise were different from each other.

Issei's Divinity allowed William to control an entire army under his command.

As for Lily's Divinity...

Issei shuddered when a sudden thought came to his mind. Even he, as the Harem God, had only thought of the little Loli Goddess as a support type Goddess. Someone who would stay at the back and cheer for everyone to do their best during times of need.

However, hidden underneath that cute and childish facade was a Goddess that had many followers under her wing. If Issei was to rate the powers of the Gods based on the number of believers they had, Lily's powers would be in the middle tier of the pyramid.

"I'm not sure how strong Lily's Divinity is," Issei admitted. "However, it will be best if you don't underestimate its potential. Remember, a Divinity is something that you can't measure based on

appearance. Although a Lollipop might not be as intimidating as a sword, its uses may surprise you when push comes to shove."

William nodded his head in agreement. Issei's Divinity had brought him a lot of benefits. It was quite unfortunate that he could only use 30% of its power right now.

Suddenly, a pink portal appeared in front of William.

"Big Brother, let's go!" Lily popped out of the portal and grabbed William's hand. "Your training begins now."

The Loli Goddess winked at Issei before dragging William into her domain.

The Harem God only smiled and bid his goodbye to William who was now about to start another round of Divinity Training.

Lilly stood in front of a whiteboard, wearing glasses and holding a wooden stick in her hand. She was like a little girl doing her best to look like an adult professor, and failing miserably because of how adorable she was.

"Did you fall in love with me, Big Brother?" Lily adjusted the glasses on her face and gave William a serious stare.

"Maybe a little bit," William replied with a smile.

Right now, he didn't care whether the image that he had seen--using the glasses that Gavin had given him back then--was real or not. Lily had always been there to support him. Regardless of her true form, William decided to accept Lily as she was. These were his honest feelings and Lily could see it as well.

"Big Brother is getting good with words," Lily smiled sweetly. "Are you planning to add Lily to your harem?"

"No," William answered in a heartbeat. "Although Lily is good, I will have to pass. Brother Issei told me that an F.B.I God exists. I don't want to go to Jail."

"Jail is just another room, Big Brother," Lily shook her head in disappointment. "You may have the money, wealth, and love of every person in your world, Big Brother, but, if you don't have a Loli then your life will be incomplete."

"No Loli, No Life!" Lily then gave William a thumbs up that made his liver itch.

William rested his chin on the palm of his hand as he grinned at the Loli Goddess that was coaxing him to commit a crime.

"I'll only consider legal lolis," William replied. "Like one of those hundred year old Vampires that never age."

"Vampires are too mainstream, Big Brother," Lily giggled. "Dwarves and Halflings are always an option. Also, they are very loyal creatures. So, please do consider them, alright?"

William could only shake his head helplessly as Lily cleared her throat to continue her explanation.

"Now, let's have a serious talk about the Divinity that I gave you, Big Brother," Lily said with a serious expression. "Tell me everything you know about My Divinity."

William straightened his posture before he narrated the experiments that he had done in the past using the Lollipop inside his Sea of Consciousness.

Although he had the Appraisal Skill, the abilities of the Divinity was still a mystery to him.

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"Right." Lily nodded her head. "My Divinity doesn't only work on girls, but boys as well. Age is also not a factor. Even adults can gain benefits from eating the Lollipops you create."



Lily wrote a few things on the whiteboard in order to properly explain the effects of her Divinity.

"Big Brother, right now, the only Lollipop that you can create is the Pink Lollipop," Lily explained while tapping the words 'Pink Lollipop' written on the whiteboard.

"What this Lollipop does is remove harmful status ailments from a person's body. You can even say that it is an all purpose 'cure' for lesser maladies, spells, and poison. I don't know if you were aware of this or not, but the pink Lollipop can also cure the common cold. This is, also, why Eve hasn't ever gotten sick."

William was pleasantly surprised by this discovery. He never thought that the Pink Lollipop that he had given to the kids in Lont had such an amazing ability.

#### Chapter 303: Lily's Lollipop [Part 2]

"Just like the lollipops in your world, Big Brother, my Lollipop comes in different colors as well," Lily tapped the whiteboard with her wooden stick as she continued her explanation.

"The Red Lollipop serves as a healing potion, while the Blue Lollipop is similar to a mana potion."

Lily had a teasing smile on her face as she watched William's expression change the moment she explained the effects of each Lollipop that William could create using her Divinity.

After her explanation, she raised her chin arrogantly and placed both of her hands on her waist.

"Now, do you see how powerful my Divinity is, Big Brother? I bet you didn't expect that it wouldn't lose to Issei's King's Legion."

"You're right, Lily. I think I will never look at a Lollipop the same way again."

"Ufufufu. It's quite unfortunate that you are not my follower, Big Brother. If you were, you could easily rule the world by using the High-Tier Specs of my Lollipops." Lily bragged. "Do you regret not making me your Patron God?"

William scratched his cheek, but didn't reply to Lily's inquiry. He knew that the Loli Goddess was just teasing him. Although Lily's Divinity far exceeded his expectations, he didn't regret choosing Gavin as his Patron God.

Afterall, the life he had right now wouldn't be the same without Gavin's Blessing.

After Lily's explanation, William was now aware that he could create eleven different Lollipops with different abilities.

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Red - Health Potion

-- Restores 100 Hit Points

Orange - Grease

-- Covers the ground with slippery grease in a two-meter square radius from where the lollipop lands.

Yellow - Knockback

-- Gains the ability to push targets away by two meters, regardless of size.

Green - Acid Spray

-- Fires a spray of acid from the tip of the Lollipop that travels up to ten feet from the caster.

#### Blue - Mana Potion

- Restores 100 Mana Points

#### Indigo - Magic Missile

- Creates four magical darts that deal damage equivalent to your Intelligence Stat.

#### Violet - Faerie Fire

- Illuminates the surroundings with violet flames that allows you to see invisible creatures within a twenty square meter radius.

#### Chocolate - Heroism

- Grants immunity to Fear and increases resistance against Mind Affecting Spells. This Lollipop can last up to three days.

#### Pink - All Cure

- Cures all status ailments, including poison.
- Cannot cure ailments or poisons that are made from Divine Powers.

#### White - Light

- Cast an orb of white light that illuminates everything in a ten-meter-square radius.

Black - Cloak of Darkness

-- Allows the user to meld with the shadows as long as this lollipop is inside the user's mouth

Gray - Smoke Bomb

-- Creates a cloud of gray smoke that limits the line of sight.

Basically, Lily's Lollipops are one time consumables. Also, there is a limit to the number of Lollipops that William could create.

With the exception of the Pink Lollipop, William could only create fifty of each type of Lollipop per day. The great thing about it was that they didn't require Magic or Spirit Power to make.

After gaining Ashe's Spirit Core, and the Spirit Energy from the Underground Lake, William's body gained the ability to use Spirit Power.

Spirit Power is also called Prana. Unlike Magicians who use the power within their bodies to cast spells, Spirit Power is the power to harness the energy within their surroundings.

Of course, with William's Spiritual World in shambles, he could only use Spirit Magic sparingly. Even so, this was a great boon for him. Being able to use Spirit Power allowed him to unlock Job Classes that relied heavily on Prana, rather than Mana.

What William didn't know was that Issei, Lily, and David planned on helping William unlock more Job Classes during his stay in the Temple of the Ten Thousand Gods.

How were they going to do that? Very simple!

All they needed to do was talk to their friends and allow William to hold any of their artifacts. This would allow William to unlock Job Classes and even Prestige Classes without needing to buy items in the God Shop.

It was similar to the saying "Hitting Ten Thousand Birds using a single stone!"

Lily crossed her arms over her chest and smiled. "Now that you know the different colors and abilities of the Lollipops that you can create, why don't you give it a try, Big Brother?"

"Okay." William rubbed his hands together as he tried to create a Red Lollipop for the first time.

After entering Lily's Special Domain, his body had returned to being the Pink Teddy Bear that she always carried around in her backpack.

William focused his concentration on his hand as he activated Lily's Divinity within his body. However, instead of a Red Lollipop, what appeared in his paws was a Pink one.

'Um?' William scratched his head in confusion. 'Should I also say the words Red Lollipop to make my intentions known? Okay. let's try it again!'

William handed the Pink Lollipop to Lily before trying again. The Loli Goddess placed the Lollipop inside her mouth as she looked at William with a mysterious smile.

Although she explained the different abilities of each Lollipop, she didn't tell William the method of creating them. She didn't do this to make things difficult for William, Lily had already broken a few rules by divulging the secrets of her Divinity to someone who was not her follower.

If she spoonfed William and told him how to use her Divinity effectively, she would suffer a backlash like Gavin had. This was something that she didn't want to happen because her other followers needed her guidance in their times of need as well.

'Don't worry, Little Will,' Lily thought. 'A year inside my domain is equivalent to a day in Hestia. You have plenty of time to discover how to use my Divinity.'

The Loli Goddess watched as William created a dozen more Pink Lollipops, while attempting to make a Red one. Lily sat on a chair and watched with amusement as the Pink Teddy Bear waved the lollipops in his hand in frustration.

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William didn't expect that making the Lollipop he had in mind was difficult. However, he had gotten used to hardships during the harsh training he had done in the past. Lily had already told him that the effects of the Lollipops could be upgraded if he met the necessary requirements.

Right now, the power of William's Lollipops were equivalent to Low-Tier Spells. However, he could still upgrade them with the help of Alchemy, which would make their effects extremely potent.

Another great advantage of the Lollipops was that they weren't limited to William's use only. Anyone could carry them around and use them at an appropriate time to deal with every situation.

For people that didn't have any magic powers, William's lollipops would be like consumable magic scrolls for one time use. The Half-Elf had already decided that he would arm his subordinates with his lollipops that would serve as the hidden aces in their sleeves.

That way, everyone in the Martial Class would be able to use them even though they didn't have any magic powers inside their bodies.

#### Chapter 304: A Secret Meeting With Mother-In-Law

The sound of water splashing echoed within the walls of the indoor spring within the Special Quarters of the Hellan Royal Academy.

There, a beautiful girl with blue hair washed the body of the red-haired boy who was floating above the water's surface. If this was a month ago, Ashe would definitely not be able to look at William's naked body with a calm expression.

However, after the two of them had spent some time within Issei's Special Domain, the two of them had become so close to each other that they bathed and slept together. Of course, Ashe was embarrassed at first. How could she not be?

Even so, William was so patient and gentle with her that, in the end, she wasn't able to stop herself from surrendering to her inner desires. Aside from training, the two of them spent their time getting to know more about each other.

The beautiful mermaid learned the likes and dislikes of her lover, William, which made her feelings for the handsome Half-Elf grow by the day.

After twenty days of living inside the special domain, the two had grown so close that they even bathed together. Of course, they didn't do anything inappropriate because William's willpower had grown after he had "made love" with the adult Wendy in his dreams.

Ashe wiped William's body with a wet cloth in a systematic manner, leaving no side untouched. Half an hour later, she left the indoor spring and helped dry William's body with a towel.

The Academy was almost devoid of students and teachers, because most of them had gone to the Windsor Fortress as reinforcements.

It had been two days since then and she was not aware that the Fortress had already fallen. She didn't know that the defenders had already moved to Ravenlord Citadel to prevent the Aenasha Army from reaching the capital of the Hellan Kingdom, Gladiolus.

After the morning ritual was completed, Ashe undid her transformation and returned to being Ian. She couldn't stay in her Nymph form for too long, because the curse of a Goddess was not easily undone.

At most, she could stay in her Mermaid Form for three hours in a day, that was the reward she received after clearing the Trial of Enlightenment back on the Kyrintor Mountains.

Deep inside, she was thankful that she was given the opportunity to revert to her true form. If not, her relationship with William would not be as intimate as their relationship was right now.

The two had moved to the Dean's Residence at Simon's insistence. Now that there was almost no one inside the academy, the Dean's Residence was the safest place within the academy because it was protected by the strongest runic formation cast by a legendary Runemaster.

After hearing about William's condition, Simon proposed that William stay in a special room that had the most dense Spiritual Power in the academy. Ian readily agreed to this proposal because it would increase the rate of William's recovery.

When Ian arrived at their room, she noticed that something wasn't right in the air and raised her guard. She was firmly holding William in his embrace as she scanned the room for any abnormalities.

"Very good, your perception is quite high," an approving voice said from behind the curtain of William's bed.

When the curtain parted, Ian came face to face with an otherworldly beauty who seemed to be in her early twenties. Her beauty was enough to make Kings and Emperors kneel and profess their undying love for her.

Although Ian was confident with her looks, in her mermaid form, she felt that she was nothing compared to the lady that stood in front of her. Her looks, and womanly curves, made Ian feel envious enough that she was hoping that what she was seeing was just an illusion made from her lack of sleep.

Ian's gaze landed on the lady's light-blue hair, which was a few shades lighter than her own blue hair when she was in her mermaid form.

Ironically, the eyes of the lady were also a few shades lighter than Ian's own purple eyes. But, the thing that caught Ian's attention the most were none other than the two purple horns that glowed faintly atop the lady's head.

She had seen those horns so many times before that it was impossible not to recognize them. However, her discovery only made her even more confused.

Ian couldn't feel any sort of malice or hostility from the beautiful lady who seemed familiar and unfamiliar at the same time.



Ian held William's body firmly as she gathered up her courage and said a name.

"Ella?"

The lady smiled and nodded her head.

"Lay William down on the bed first," Ella said as she looked at the red-haired boy in Ian's embrace. "There are some important things that I need to discuss with you. If possible, I would like you to cooperate with me. Not only for your sake, but for William's sake as well."

Ian nodded her head and did as she was told. Although she didn't know how Ella managed to get a humanoid form, she knew that the beautiful lady would never hurt William.

In fact, Ian was feeling anxious. It was as if she was going to have a meeting with her "mother-in-law".

Deep in her heart, she hoped that Ella wouldn't bring up the times when she argued with William in the past. More than anything, Ian wanted to gain Ella's approval because in the Half-Elf's eyes, Ella was his Mama, who had raised him since he was a baby.

Ella caressed the side of William's face and looked at him with eyes full of tenderness. After having her fill of skinship, which only lasted for half a minute, Ella returned her attention to the boy that was seated on the bed and holding her son's hand.

"I need both of you to leave the academy and travel to the North," Ella said in a tone that demanded no room for opposition. "You are to bring the Youngest Prince, and the granddaughter of the Great Chieftain as well. Dave is still in the academy, so tell him to make the necessary arrangements. All of you must be away from the Capital before midnight."

"Why?" Ian asked. "Why do we have to leave the Capital? What about the Young Lady? Did something happen on the Frontlines?"

"I can't answer your questions right now, and it would be best if you let the Youngest Prince answer them for you," Ella replied. "Est, is fine for the time being. However, it is of utmost importance that you leave the Capital tonight.

"If you delay, not only you, but Will's life will also be in danger. There are people pulling the strings in the shadows and they are going to strike soon. If you really love William then do as I say before it's too late."

Ian looked at Ella's eyes and saw the urgency in them. She then clenched her fists and reluctantly nodded her head.

Seeing that Ian had agreed to carry out her order, Ella lowered her head and planted a kiss on each of William's cheeks before standing up.

"Remember, you and the rest have to leave before midnight," Ella said as she walked towards the door. "I will head to the North first and make the necessary arrangements. Also, Ian..."

"Ashe," Ashe interjected. "Just call me Ashe, Ella."

Ella turned her head and smiled, "Well then, Ashe, keep this meeting between the two of us a secret. William is still unaware of my existence and I plan to keep it that way for as long as possible."

"Okay." Ashe nodded her head. "Can I also call you Mama from now on?"

Ella giggled as she waved her hand to bid Ashe goodbye. "I'll think about it. See you soon, Ashe."

Ella closed the door behind her and sighed. "Almost fifteen years old and already has four ladies waiting for him to grow up. William sure is popular with the girls."

William's second mother shook her head one more time before turning into particles of light. She planned to head North and make preparations for their arrival.

David had secretly sent her a message through the Bell of Anthanasia and told her everything that was happening in the background.

After careful consideration, Ella decided that the North was the safest place for William at the moment. Although she was worried about the people important to her "adopted" son, now was not the time to be sentimental.

War was knocking at the Capital's doorstep and the final battle was only days away from reaching a conclusion.

#### Chapter 305: The Jack Of All Trades Is A Useless Profession [Part 1]

"Congratulations Big Brother!" Lily tossed the Pink Teddy Bear into the air in order to celebrate William's mastery of using her "Tier-1" Divinity.

"Thank you, Lily," William replied. "I never knew that your Divinity was this amazing."

"Ehehe, praise me more, Big Brother."

"Lily is amazing! Lily is the best! Lily is the cutest!"

Issei and David who were watching this scene nodded their heads in satisfaction. It took William four months to discover the trick on how to "change" the Pink Lollipop's color to the color that he wanted.

Originally, he thought that he could create different colors if he wanted to. However, he was wrong all along. If not for the fact that he "accidentally" changed the Lollipop's color while taking a short break, it might have taken him longer to understand how Lily's Divinity worked.

The default color of the Lollipop was pink. However, if William were to visualize the effect he wanted, and not the color, the Lollipop would automatically change its color to match the ability he desired.

Of course, this was only a simple explanation of how the conversion was done. William needed to have a clear picture of the kind of power he wanted before the Lollipop would bend to his will.

After learning the trick, William used each of the Lollipops in order to understand how their powers worked.

The Red, Blue, Chocolate, Pink, and Black Lollipops either had to be consumed, or at least be inside William's mouth, to take effect.

The Orange, Yellow, White, and Gray Lollipops had to be thrown and used as projectiles in order for them to take effect.

Lastly, the Green, Indigo, and Violet Lollipops needed to be used as "wands" in order for their spells to activate.

After mastering the power of the Lollipops, William used his remaining days to create thousands of Lollipops and kindly asked Lily to send them to his mailbox using the God Shop Mail.

Lily happily agreed to William's request because the boy had taken his time to master the use of her Divinity.

William sighed after he discovered that the power of Lily's Lollipops could still be upgraded using alchemy. He couldn't practice alchemy in his current state because he would need to use Magic Power in order to power up the Yin Yang Cauldron (Replica) that he received from the Alchemist God.

Since that was the case, he just focused his attention on creating as many lollipops as he could everyday. Since every color had a daily limit, William would spend his remaining time sparring with Lily inside her Special Domain.

Originally, William underestimated Lily because he thought that the Little Loli was only a support type Goddess.

When the Goddess activated the power of her Divinity, William found himself on the receiving end of Lily's Divine Burst which was called "Lovely Merry Go Round!"

The Loli Goddess summoned an army of toys that beat the crap out of William, and made him realize that you cannot judge a God or Goddess by their looks.

When William finally left Lily's Special Domain. The three Gods took him towards the stalls of the Gods that they were closest to. Their intention was to help William acquire Job Classes without too much hassle.

William became ecstatic when he heard Issei's, David's, and Lily's suggestion. If he were to touch some Godly weapons and artifacts, wouldn't that give him the chance to acquire rare Job Classes and even some, hard to come by, Prestige Classes?

"Who are we going to visit first?" Lily asked as she carried William close to her chest.

"Let's visit Lugh's stall first," David said with a smile. "He and I are good friends, so he might allow William to touch one of his artifacts to help him gain a Job Class."

"Lugh? He's a good guy," Issei nodded his head in agreement.

William, who was being carried like a Teddy Bear, asked Lily what kind of God Lugh was.

"Lugh is one of the Blacksmith Gods in the Temple," Lily replied. "If we were to rank him like the Beasts in your world, he would be a 'Class S' God."

"One of the Blacksmith Gods? You mean there is more than one Blacksmith God?"

"Yes. There are a few notable gods namely, Vulcan, Old Hephaestus, Ogun, Gibil, and Gofannon. Although they have other professions, Blacksmithing plays a major role in their Sagas."

William nodded his head before asking another question out of curiosity. "By the way, what is your rank among the Gods, Lily?"

Lily giggled, but didn't answer William's question. It was not because she didn't want to answer William's question, but because she knew that William wouldn't believe her even if she told him the truth.

Soon, the three Gods and the Teddy Bear stopped at a stall which was located at the Northern Side of the Temple.

"Lugh, my friend. Are you busy right now?" David greeted his friend with a smile.

A man with golden hair, and blue eyes looked back at David. He was holding a smithing hammer in his hand, and a spear and shield were strapped on his back. After seeing David's face, a smile broke out on Lugh's weathered face.

"David, it has been a while since you last visited me," Lugh replied. His eyes radiated friendliness, but it also held a sharpness that made William shudder unconsciously.

Lugh gave William a side-long glance before nodding at Issei and Lily. The two Gods nodded back. Although Issei and Lily were not too acquainted with Lugh, they heard stories about him when David and them ate together at the God's Restaurant called Ambrosia.

"Lugh, I came here to ask a favor. The name of this 'Little Friend' of ours is William," David took the initiative to introduce William to one of the Gods he got along with inside the Temple. "He is Gavin's follower. If possible, can you let him touch your artifacts for a few seconds?"

"Gavin's follower?" Lugh tilted his head. "Ah! Is that God still here? I thought that he was going to disappear soon. Seriously, being a Jack of All Trades is a useless profession."

William immediately narrowed his eyes when he heard the ridicule in Lugh's voice. Gavin was his Patron God and although he wasn't popular among the Gods, William still chose him because of his sincerity. Hearing someone ridicule Gavin in front of his face made him angry.

Issei and Lily also frowned. Gavin was their friend and hearing another God ridicule him didn't sit well with them either. They glared at the God who looked back at them in disdain. Clearly, Lugh didn't think highly of Gavin, and he made sure to rub it in their faces.

#### Chapter 306: The Jack Of All Trades Is A Useless Profession [Part 2]

Naturally, not all the Gods inside the Temple of the Ten Thousand Gods got along. There were several factions that were formed due to the differences in ideals and goals.

David, Issei, Lily, and Gavin were part of the Neutral Faction. They were the faction that didn't cater to any side. Lugh, on the other hand, was part of the Righteous Faction. They were the faction that detested Evil and would often quarrel with the Evil Gods in the Temple from time to time.

"So, this brat wants to touch my artifacts?" Lugh appraised the Teddy Bear in Lily's hand as he scratched his chin. Naturally, he could see William's soul and see the life he had lived before he was reincarnated.

However, before Lugh can even decide whether to agree to David's request or not, the Teddy Bear in Lily's hand spoke up.

"Let's leave this place," William said in a firm manner. "I don't want to touch any of his things. It will only make me feel dirty."

Although William was very tempted to touch the red spear behind Lugh's back, he couldn't accept the way Lugh referred to Gavin. William didn't lie when he said that touching Lugh's belongings made him feel dirty. He couldn't understand it himself, but the thought of acquiring Job Classes with the God's artifact disgusted him.

"Alright," David nodded. "Sorry, Lugh. My Little Friend is a bit sensitive. I'll treat you to a meal next time."

"No problem. However, Oi, you brat," Lugh stared long and hard at the Teddy Bear in Lily's hands. "I have no obligation to help you. You are not my follower, so you mean nothing to me. So what if I ridiculed your Patron God? Do you think that just because all of us are Gods, we should hold each other's hand and be friends? How Naive!

"Remember this, little boy. A Jack of All Trades is a Master of none. It's a stupid profession. You're better off finding other Gods to be your Patron God. Instead of trying to be a filthy hybrid."

"Lugh, right?" William asked back. "What kind of God are you? You hold a blacksmith hammer, but carry a spear and a shield. Are you a Blacksmith or a Warrior? I think it's about time you clearly thought about what your real profession is."

William's anger rose up inside his chest as he stared back at the God who thought too highly of himself.

It took a while for William's memory to kick in, but he now remembered who Lugh was from the myths that he had read about him on Earth. William laughed out loud and his laughter was filled with ridicule and contempt. After remembering who Lugh was, he now understood why the "God of Blacksmithing" didn't like Gavin.

"Isn't it funny?" William grinned mischievously. "Someone who can also be considered a Jack of All Trades ridicules my Patron God. What a joke. It's like the pot calling the kettle black. Simply ridiculous."

"What did you say, boy? Can you repeat that?"

"There's no need to repeat it. You're just an imitation of Gavin. A God that was hailed as the Sun God, the God of Blacksmithing, the God of Arts, and the God of Justice, as well as a Warrior God."

William shook his head and his face was filled with contempt. "A God of Many Professions, and not a Master of one. That is you, Lugh. Someone like you doesn't have the right to ridicule Gavin. Lily, let's go. I don't want to stay here any longer."

"I agree," Lily smiled and walked away carrying William. However, she hadn't walked far when Lugh appeared in front of William holding his spear in his hand.

"Boy, you dare to slander a God inside our own Temple?" Lugh asked. "You've got guts."



David stood in between Lugh and William and made a gesture for Lily to back away. Lily took a few steps back, but she was secretly channeling her power into her hands. If Lugh was going to attack William, she would not just stand by and watch it happen.

Issei's hand had also moved to the dagger on his belt. The Harem God had a smile on his face, but his eyes were looking at Lugh with the intention to kill. He had recognized William as his Sworn Brother, if Lugh were to attack him, that would be equivalent to declaring war on him as well.

"Lugh, the boy is still young and hotblooded," David said. "Although he was at fault, he hasn't lived long enough to understand the rules of the temple. Don't worry, I will instruct him properly. Can you let his rude remarks pass?"

Lugh snorted and returned the spear behind his back. "David, you are my friend so I will give you face and turn a blind eye just this once. However, you'd better not let me see that brat again. The next time I see him, I'll skewer his soul with my spear and personally throw him into the Cycle of Reincarnation."

David nodded. He didn't want to antagonize his friend and make things difficult for both parties. The Three Gods left Lugh's stall without turning back. David sighed in his heart because they had missed a good opportunity to help William gain new Job Classes.

Not only that, William had also gained the ire of one of the Gods belonging to the Righteous Faction.

Of course, several Gods saw this incident and all of them looked at the Teddy Bear in Lily's hands with varied expressions. Some of the Gods belonging to the Evil Faction laughed and gave William a thumbs up.

There was a famous saying that "The enemy of your enemy is your friend". In the eyes of the Gods belonging to the Evil Faction, William did a good deed in antagonizing one of their enemies.

'So this is the child that my follower has set her eyes on,' A lady that reeked of beauty and sensual desires looked at William with an amused expression. 'I don't know if he is brave or stupid, but I like his eyes. Maybe, I should say hi to him before he leaves the Temple.'

Not far from her, another Goddess--who sat on a black throne--eyed William from afar. A smile was on her face as she looked at the Teddy Bear in Lily's hands. Ever since William had appeared in the Temple, this particular Goddess had sensed his presence right away.

She watched as William trained inside Issei's and Lily's Domains.

She listened patiently as William told Ashe her story.

She watched how he treated his "mermaid wife" with love and care.

She watched... she watched... and she watched...

This was the only thing that she could do, for she knew that the time was not yet ripe for her to make her move.

'Your soul still burns brightly, Little Will,' the Goddess thought as she eyed the Teddy Bear from a distance. 'Not even Ragnarok has diminished your light. I look forward to the day when I will personally snuff out that light inside your soul.'

The Goddess sighed in pleasure as she remembered that delicious taste from thousands of years ago. The taste of the Silver-Haired Warrior who fought side by side with the Gods of Asgard, in a battle that was fated to end in their demise.

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness, only light can do that," the Goddess said softly. "Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that."

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< Would you like to acquire the Blacksmith Job Class? >

< Yes / No >

"Thank you, Sir Vulcan," William nodded his head. "I acquired the Blacksmith Job Class."

"Mmm." Vulcan, the God of Blacksmiths, who belonged to the Evil Faction, nodded his head.

Lily clapped her hands and looked up at the three-meter-tall god with sparkling eyes. "Thank you, Vulcan! You're the best."

"Mmm."

"I'll give you chocolates later, okay?"

"Mmm."

"Oh, you want the wine flavored ones? No problem! I'll give it to you in a while."

"Mmm."

William watched in bewilderment. He didn't know how Lily was able to understand Vulcan's words, because no matter what kind of question the Loli Goddess asked, the God of Blacksmiths would only answer with a "Mmm".

"We'll be visiting the others, thank you again, Vulcan!"

"Mmm."

Lily picked up William and exited the hot smithy. Issei and David stayed outside because they were not close with Vulcan. The Loli Goddess had told them that the God of Blacksmiths was a very shy person. This was why he didn't know many people. Lily only got to know him after they had shared a table at Ambrosia.

Because of that, the Loli Goddess was able to become the friend of one of the most reclusive Gods in the Temple of Ten Thousand Gods.

The three Gods, along with William, continued to stroll around the temple. Whenever they saw an acquaintance, they would politely ask if they would allow William to touch some of their weapons or artifacts.

There were those who accepted their request, while there were some who politely declined. Even though there had been many rejections, there were still others who allowed William to touch their possessions. This allowed the Half-Elf to acquire a variety of different Job Classes for free.

< Would you like to acquire the Barbarian Job Class? >

< Yes / No >

< Would you like to acquire the Warlock Job Class? >

< Yes / No >

< Would you like to acquire the Druid Job Class? >

< Yes / No >

< Would you like to acquire the Spiritualist Job Class? >

< Yes / No >

< Would you like to acquire the Life Mage Job Class? >

< Yes / No >

< Would you like to acquire the Light Mage Job Class? >

< Yes / No >

< Would you like to acquire the Rune Mage Job Class? >

< Yes / No >

William was quite happy because he was able to acquire new Job Classes, however, it didn't end there. Since the artifacts of the Gods were not simple items, he also managed to get some very rare Prestige Classes.

< Prestige Class "Morpher" Acquired. >

( Not Available )

Requirements: Druid + Beast Tamer (or any class that can tame beasts) at Max Job Level

< Prestige Class "Elementalist" Acquired. >

( Not Available )

Requirements: Four Mage Job Classes at Max Job Level

< Prestige Class "Gladiator" Acquired. >

( Available )

Requirements: Any three Basic Warrior Job Classes at Max Job Level

< Prestige Class "Time Mage" Acquired. >

( Not Available )

Requirements: Requires Life Mage + Dark Mage + Light Mage at Max Job Level

< Prestige Class "Geomancer" Acquired. >

( Not Available )

Requirement: Earth Mage + Fighter at Max Job Level

< Prestige Class "Ninja" Acquired. >

( Not Available )

Requirement: Geomancer + Archer + Thief at Max Job Level.

< Prestige Class "Rune Master" Acquired. >

Requirements: Fighter + Rune Mage

William couldn't move his eyes off of his status page as he read the information of the Job Classes that he had acquired, especially the Prestige Classes. If he was not in the presence of the Gods, he might have been jumping all over the place out of happiness.

Of course, he didn't do that. Afterall, he had an image to maintain. Issei, Lily, and David, watched with amusement at the dazed Teddy Bear who was staring into space.

'Time Mage sounds powerful, but I'm very curious about the Ninja Job Class,' William thought with a serious expression. 'The Morpher looks fun, too...'

William scratched his head over and over again because he couldn't decide which among the Prestige Classes he should prioritize next. Soon, he was scratching his head with both paws which made Lily giggle.

"Big Brother, you're so silly," Lily picked up the frustrated Teddy Bear from the ground. "Are you having problems choosing the Job Classes you will prioritize?"

"Yes," William replied and sighed in his heart. "All of them are so good. I can't decide which I should choose first!"

While Lily and William were having a conversation, a seductive chuckle suddenly reached their ears from behind.

"Oh, my! Such a cute Teddy Bear you have there, Lily!"

A beautiful lady, who seemed to be in her mid-twenties, walked towards them with a sweet smile on her face. Her long reddish-brown hair, that was arranged in a princess-style braid that rested behind her back, glistened from time to time, highlighting her beautiful appearance.

She walked just like a supermodel and William's gaze locked onto her sensuous body by itself. William gulped as the beautiful Goddess stopped two meters away from Lily. Soon, William's eyes glazed over as he continued to look at the sensuous lady in front of him.

"Hah~ he's down for the count," Issei chuckled.

"He has been completely charmed," David commented as he played with his beard.

"No mortal living or dead can resist your charm, Eros." Lily pouted. "Look at what you did to our poor William!"

Eros, the Goddess of Lust and Primal Sexual Desire, covered her luscious lips and giggled. Her charming blue eyes looked at her acquaintances in a mischievous manner. "Don't be like that, Lily. I haven't even used my Divinity on the boy. This is just who I am, it can't be helped."

"I know that." Lily sighed as he shook the infatuated Teddy Bear, who was looking at Eros as if she was the love of his life. "Big Brother, snap out of it."

Lily kept on shaking the Teddy Bear, but it was of no use. The charm of the Goddess of Lust was the most powerful charm in the Multiverse. Even the Goddesses of Love and Beauty paled in comparison to her ability to charm people.

"Eros, make Big Brother snap out of his daze!" Lily said while placing her right hand on her hip. "Don't bully him!"

"I know that you guys have been training him inside the Temple." Eros smiled as she patted Lily's adorable head. "How about you leave him with me for a few days as well? I'll help train him as well."

Lily tilted her head, but she didn't reject Eros' offer. She knew that if William trained with her, the possibility of the Half-Elf getting charmed in the mortal world would be near impossible.

"I think it is a good idea," Issei commented from the side. He then looked at David who was standing beside him. "You are supposed to be William's next instructor, so you have the final say on this matter."

David played with his beard and looked at the unresponsive Teddy Bear in Lily's hands. After careful thought, he firmly nodded his head and gave his approval.

"William is still young and bound to be led astray if someone were to use a very powerful charm skill on him," David said with a smile. "Eros, can you promise me that he will be immune to Charm and other Mind Affecting Spells after you finish your training with him?"

"Well, I don't know about other Mind Affecting Spells, but I can guarantee that after my training, he will have a very high resistance against Charm Spells," Eros replied. "I swear this upon my Divinity."



The three Gods nodded their heads in recognition of Eros' oath. When the Gods made an oath using their Divinity, it meant that they would keep their promise till the end of time.

"Alright." David looked at the sensuous beauty in front of him without batting an eye. "We will leave William to you for a few days. Please, return him to us in one piece."

"I will." Eros nodded.

Issei, Lily, and David had an idea why Eros had approached them. Since they had been watching over William, naturally they also knew the identity of the people he had recently interacted with.

After bidding the three Gods goodbye, Eros embraced the still dazed Teddy Bear close to her chest, as she walked towards her palace.

What she didn't know was that a certain God was sneakily following her from behind. In his hands was a box. A box that would even make the Goddess of Lust flee in fear at the mere sight of it.

And what he planned to do with the box was...

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Eros continued to walk, carrying the Teddy Bear like a baby, until she reached the entrance of her palace. However, she didn't enter right away. Instead, she turned her head to look behind her and smiled.

"I didn't know that the God of Contracts had a hobby of stalking the Goddesses of the Temple," Eros said in a teasing voice. "Tell me, Sancus, to what do I owe the pleasure of this visit?"

Sancus grinned as he walked towards the Goddess of Lust in a carefree manner. His hands were behind his back to prevent Eros from seeing the box in his hands. When he was only a few meters away from Eros, he stood perfectly still and spoke his mind.

"Eros, I need to ask a favor from you."

"I'll listen to your request first before giving my answer."

When Sancus moved the box in front of him, Eros unconsciously flinched. Her Primal Instincts were telling her to run away. Eros knew then and there that whatever was inside the box in Sancus' hands was not a good thing!

"Please wait! I don't mean any harm," Sancus cried out in alarm when he saw that Eros was about to flee towards her palace. "Let's talk. I promise I won't open the box."

Eros eyed the God of Contracts and remained where she stood. However, she kept her guard up and was prepared to flee inside her palace the moment Sancus pulled anything on her.

Seeing that Eros was on guard against him, Sancus sighed in his heart. He decided to put his plan on hold and decided to compromise for the time being.

"I just came here to tell you that, after you finish your training with William, I would like to have a private talk with him," Sancus said. "I promise I won't do anything to harm the boy. I just want to talk to him without Issei, Lilly, and David finding out. That is all I ask."

Eros frowned. Sancus was one of the Gods that belonged to the Neutral Faction, so he was not her enemy. Even so, the thing that was inside the wooden box was making her feel like her life was in danger. Sancus holding the box in front of himself was akin to him pointing a gun at Eros, while having a "friendly" negotiation.

In the end, the Goddess reluctantly nodded her head, but added a condition.

"Swear upon your Divinity that you will not harm the boy in any way during your private meeting," Eros stated. "He is currently under my protection and I don't want Issei, Lily, and David to hold me responsible for your actions."

Sancus hurriedly placed his hand over his chest and made his pledge. Although he didn't achieve his main objective, this was also a good opportunity to have a talk with William and ask for his cooperation.

'I need to ensure that I pass Donger to him without anyone finding out,' Sancus thought as he made his pledge to Eros.

After making his pledge, he walked away since Eros had already agreed to his request. The Goddess of Lust watched the God of Contracts leave with a guarded stance. Only after Sancus disappeared from view, did she enter her palace in a hurry.

It was forbidden for Gods to fight inside the Temple, but occasional brawls broke out every now and then. Naturally, these Gods were punished and had to pay monetary compensation for the damages they had caused.

They would also enter the "God Prison" for a few years in order to give them some time to cool down and prevent their arguments from escalating.

When Eros was finally inside the safety of her inner palace, she looked at the Teddy Bear who was still looking at her as if she was his lover.

The corner of the beautiful lady's lips curled up as she opened her special domain.

After entering the domain, along with William, the Goddess of Lust kissed the Teddy Bear's lips, which made the latter twitch.

Soon, the body of the stuffed toy glowed and William appeared in his Half-Elf form. Using the power of her domain, she transformed the Teddy Bear's body into a near-perfect replica of the red-headed boy's body.

William breathed out a sigh of pleasure when Eros caressed the side of his face.

"Congratulations, William, it seems that my devout follower had set her eyes on you," Eros said with a sweet smile. "Unfortunately, the way you are now, you are incapable of staying by her side. What my

cute daughters need is someone who won't fall prey to their powers. We need to ensure that you can protect yourself from their charms. Do you understand?"

"Yes," William replied absentmindedly.

Eros chuckled and planted a kiss on William's forehead. As soon as she did that, the Charm Spell that had taken hold of the boy's body was immediately dispelled.

William blinked once then twice before looking at the beautiful Goddess in front of him. He then flipped his hair and raised his chin in arrogance.

"My Lady, I know that I am handsome, but using Charm on me is against the rules," William said. "You can have my body, but you can never have my heart!"

Eros giggled as she eyed the arrogant Half-Elf in front of her. She then smiled mischievously as she lowered her eyes to look at William's lower half.

"Well, I'm not really interested in your heart," Eros chuckled. "But, will your little boy down there really be enough to satisfy this Goddess? I'm afraid not."

The corner of William's lips twitched when he saw the Seductive Goddess look at his "Little Will" with interest.

'Stand down, boy," William ordered his junior to not raise his head in defiance. He knew that the Goddess in front of him was very powerful because she was able to charm him right off the bat.

"My Lady, who are you? Where am I? Where are Issei, Lily and David?" William threw a barrage of questions while keeping his eyes fixed on the Goddess' chest. "What are you planning to do to me?"

"Oh, my~ so many questions at once? You sure don't know how to treat a lady on your first date," Eros glided beside William and whispered in his ears. "My name is Eros and I am the Goddess of Lust."

William's body shivered as he was once again charmed by the Goddess of Lust. Although Eros wasn't "actively" trying to charm William, her Divinity was always in effect. Any mortal would be hard-pressed to resist her charm even if their willpower was as steadfast and sharp as the blade of a sword.

"This won't do," Eros poked William's nose. "You have to try harder, Little Will."

Eros flicked William's forehead and the Charm Spell was undone once again.

When the Charm Spell was lifted, William crossed his hands over his chest and frowned. While in his charmed state, he had vague recollections of his surroundings, but he couldn't control his body. It was like he was walking on cloud nine, only wanting to be around the beautiful lady who was looking at him with a mischievous smile.

"Can you do that one more time, Lady Eros?" William asked. "This time, I will use all my willpower to resist! Come at me, Bro!"

Eros giggled as she walked towards the boy. She then gave him a hug and didn't do anything else.

William smelled something fragrant, like the scent of flowers in full bloom. He knew that this was the scent of Eros' body. This was the last thought that passed through his mind before his body slackened as the Charm Spell took hold of his body.

"Strike three, you're out." Eros took a step back and watched as William looked back at her like a devoted lover. The Half-Elf then moved towards her and gave her a hug, like a child seeking his mother's warmth.

"Don't worry, we have plenty of time," Eros said as she embraced the red-headed boy and patted his head. This scene continued for a few minutes before Eros took the initiative to take a step back and look at the boy in front of her.

The Half-Elf was hopelessly under the Charm Spell and was completely at the mercy of the Goddess.

"I guess you're still too young and inexperienced to completely break away from my control. Fortunately, Issei, Lily, and David dragged you here."

The Goddess of Lust placed her hand over William's forehead and closed her eyes. She scanned William's memories, looking for something that might help her understand how to help the boy resist the power of her Divinity.

A few minutes passed before Eros sighed and shook her head. She couldn't find anything that could help her strengthen William's willpower to resist her charms.

"Well, there is always 'that' option." Eros' lips curled up into a smile. "It's time to fight poison with poison."

The Goddess of Lust willed her fingernail to grow longer and become as sharp as a blade. She then poked her left index finger until a single drop of blood oozed out from it.

"Take this and consume it," Eros ordered. "You are collecting Job Classes, right? This will be a good addition to your collection."

William obediently obeyed Eros's command and took her finger inside his mouth. He then licked the single drop of blood from her fingertip. A few seconds later, William's body shuddered as the blood of the Goddess was absorbed by his body.

< Prestige Class "Incubus" Acquired. >

( Available )

Requirement: Approval by the Goddess of Lust.

William's body was about to enter a transformation, but Eros stopped it. She didn't want the boy to become a full-blown Incubus while he was under her Charm Spell. Eros used her Divinity to forcefully "tweak" William's Job Class. She removed the horns, wings, and tail that were the common features of demonic creatures.

When the rest of the transformation ended, William stood still with his eyes closed.

Eros smiled because she could tell that she had succeeded in her experiment. If the Incubus Job Class was equipped as William's Subclass, he would turn into a Pseudo-Incubus. This would give him half of the power of a true Incubus.

The only way to fully awaken this Job Class was to pray to Eros in one of the Goddess' Temples that could be found all over the world of Hestia. Only then would William be able to wield its full power. At that time, it would be of his own free will and choice.

"Are you feeling better now?" Eros asked.

William opened his eyes and nodded his head. "Lady Eros, thank you for the Job Class. My only concern is, why did you do this?"

Eros smiled as she crossed her hands over her voluptuous chest. "This is a one-time special service because I find you very pleasing to my eyes. Mind you, this Job Class is not something that you can find just anywhere. Only those that have gained my approval can become an Incubus.

"Who knows? This Job Class might come in handy when you travel to the Demon Continent of your world. Demons are very sensitive and they can easily sense that you are not one of them. Just accept it gratefully, no need to thank me."

William could feel a special kind of power surging inside his body and he was unsure about how to use it. He couldn't access the system inside the Temple of the Ten Thousand Gods and ask for its advice on what to do.

Eros' lips raised in a knowing smile after seeing the discomfort on William's face.

"Don't worry. I will personally train you on how to use the new power that you have acquired," Eros patted William's shoulder. "You and your lovers will be able to grow stronger once you master the arts of Dual Cultivation.

"Actually, that old man, Owen, from your world did a good job in teaching you the basics. I'm quite disappointed that he is a Life Archon and not an Incubus. That old man would certainly be able to do well as one of my subordinates."

William had to agree with the Goddess of Lust. The Old Cow that liked to eat young grass would certainly be a good candidate to become an Incubus.

"Come, Little Will," The Goddess of Lust extended her hand towards the boy. "It's time for you to start your Incubus training."

William took a deep breath before placing his hand on top of the Goddess' palms. He didn't believe that the Goddess had gone out of her way to take him away from Issei, Lily, and David just because he was pleasing to her eyes.

There must be some other reason behind it. However, right now, he had to focus on the training of the Goddess. He was quite curious about what kind of "training" the Goddess of Lust had in mind for him.

Although William didn't want to admit it, he was also looking forward to mastering the art of how to make his lovers stronger as well.

While William was having his training inside the Temple of the Gods, the Hellan Kingdom was already waging a bloody war with its neighboring kingdoms.

## Chapter 309: Preparation For Departure

"Go to the Northern Regions with Big Sister Brianna?" Prince Ernest frowned after he heard Ian's proposal. "Why?"

At first, the Young Prince thought that Ian was bearing a message from Est. However, the latter came to see him in order to ask him to accompany him to the Northern Regions, along with Brianna.



"Because, it is what the Knight Commander told me before losing consciousness," Ian lied. He had anticipated that Prince Ernest would ask him this question, so he had prepared this story beforehand. "He said that it was of the utmost importance that will decide the survival of the Kingdom."

Brianna, who was listening beside Prince Ernest, had a calm expression on her face. Her Grandfather had taught her how to detect truth from falsehood depending on the tone, and body language of the speaker. Prince Ernest was the same. He also received this kind of training from Simon, the Dean of the Royal Academy, to ensure that no one would be able to trick him with words.

Naturally, both of them realized that Ian was lying. But, the eyes of the boy staring in front of them were resolute. The words he said might be lies, but his conviction was real.

"Is the Knight Commander awake?" Prince Ernest asked after pondering for a while. "Will he be coming with us to the Northern Regions?"

The Young Prince decided to gather more information from Est's retainer and William's subordinate. Leaving the capital during this crucial time was not an easy decision to make. At most, he would need the approval of his father, King Noah, before he could leave the palace and go to the Northern Regions.

Ian shook his head, "The Commander is still unconscious, but he will go with us to the North. Dave, his Knight, is already preparing the provisions that we will need for the journey. It is only your decision that we are waiting for, Your Highness."

Before Prince Ernest could even give his reply, the three of them heard a knock on the door of the Prince's Quarters.

Suddenly, the door opened and King Noah, along with the Grand Archmage, Emrys, and Dean of the Academy, Simon, walked inside the room.

King Noah immediately recognized Ian, but pretended that he didn't know him. He walked towards his youngest son because he had some things to tell him before he departed to the Ravenlord Citadel to raise the morale of the defenders of the Kingdom.

"Prince Ernest, I know that this might be sudden, but the Dean will accompany you to our summer Villa in Wildevein," King Noah said.

"Your Majesty, may I know why I must leave the capital?" Ernest asked. He could tell that his father seemed anxious and it made him feel as if something bad was going to happen.

King Noah sighed before patting his youngest son's shoulder. "It's not safe in the capital. You will be leaving via a secret tunnel and head to Wildevein with the Dean. Wait for me to call you back to the capital. Until then, hide there and stay as lowkey as you can."

Prince Ernest glanced at Ian who was kneeling in front of the King as per the duties of a Knight of the Kingdom.

"How about I go to the Kyrintor Mountains?" Prince Ernest proposed. "Big Sister Brianna is feeling homesick and it might be good to stay there for a while. What do you think, Your Majesty?"

"The Northern Regions?" King Noah frowned, but it only lasted for a brief moment. He then glanced at Brianna who was standing beside Prince Ernest and nodded his head. "I think this is a better idea. Simon, I'll leave the arrangements to you. Keep the Prince safe."

"As you command, Your Majesty," Simon bowed.

King Noah gave Prince Ernest a light hug before leaving the room. Although it was still noon, he needed to prepare for his departure to the front lines as soon as possible.

"Your Highness, I will take my leave to prepare the things we will be needing for our journey," Simon said. He was about to leave the room when Prince Ernest stopped him from leaving.

"Master, please, listen to what I have to say first," Prince Ernest stated. "Knight Ian from the Angorian War Sovereign is already making the necessary arrangements for our trip to the Northern Regions. The Knight Commander will also be accompanying us on this journey. It will be best if we coordinate with them, so that we can leave as soon as possible."

Simon glanced at Ian and the latter nodded his head in acknowledgement. The Dean of the Academy was very familiar with Est's retainer and knew that he could be trusted.Â

"Very well." Simon nodded. "I have a feeling that the three of you were already planning to leave the capital before the King and I arrive here. Since that is the case then let us just go together. When can we leave, Sir Knight?"

"Two hours from now, Your Excellency," Ian replied. "We will come to pick up the Prince as soon as we have finished our preparations."

Simon nodded and told Ian to return after two hours. He still needed to tie up some loose ends before their departure to the Northern Regions.

Prince Ernest and Brianna, on the other hand, started packing their clothes. Although Prince Ernest felt sad to leave the capital, he knew that his Father wouldn't tell him to go unless there was a good reason behind it.

Meanwhile at the Stronghold facing off against the Zelan Dynasty...

The battle had just ended, but it wasn't a full blown battle. The Zelan Dynasty wasn't too keen on having a direct collision with the Hellan Defenders because they had received a report that the forces of the Aenasha Dynasty had already broken through another Fortress and were on their way towards the capital of the Hellan Kingdom.

Unlike the Ant Army, which numbered in the millions and could be treated as cannon fodder, the Great General of the Zelan Dynasty, Ragnall Hakim Aoife, cared for the warriors and the Minotaur Race who served as their Guardian Beasts.

He was just waiting for the Defenders of the Fort to divide their forces to reinforce their capital before going in for the kill. That way, he could minimize the losses of his army and move towards the capital of Gladiolus unhindered.

James and Lawrence stood on the ramparts with serious expressions on their faces. They had also received news from the capital that their forces were now congregating at Ravenlord Citadel.

"Lawrence, take the other Archmages and reinforce His Majesty in defending the citadel," James said after careful consideration. "Leave the fort to me. I'll stall for time."

Lawrence glanced at his old friend and nodded his head. The Old Fox of Griffith understood that, even if they stayed here and defended the fort, it would be all for naught if the capital fell. His only concern was whether James would be able to resist the assault of the Zelanian Army once they left their posts.

"Don't worry. I can manage." James patted his friend's shoulder. "Make haste. We don't have much time."

"Don't die on me, you Old Coot," Lawrence replied as he patted James' shoulder. "We still need to talk about our grandchildren's affair."

James smiled and nodded his head. Although William had already told him that he had no intention of marrying Rebecca, he still kept mum about it in order to give Lawrence some face.

An hour later, Half of the Defenders--including all of the Archmages--left the fort in order to arrive at Ravenlord Citadel as soon as possible.

The defenders that were left to defend the fort all had determined expressions on their faces. They had already resolved themselves to die in order to protect their kingdom from the invaders who planned to conquer their lands.

James grinned as he faced the opposing army in the distance. Now that the "troublemakers" were gone, it was time for him to negotiate with the Great General from the Zelan Dynasty. The Overlord of Lont may not like the current Royal Family, but he still cared for the citizens of the Kingdom.

"I hope that the Old Executioner accompanied his son to battle," James narrowed his eyes as he looked at the mighty army across their fortress walls. "Reaching a compromise will be easier if he's there to mediate the negotiation. I just need to dangle a bait good enough that he won't be able to resist."

James had already prepared the bait for his Old Acquaintance. The only question was whether the person he was looking for was with the Zelanian Army or not.

## Chapter 310: Good Things Should Belong To The Family

"General, there is movement from the Fortress!" a Captain of the Zelian Army reported. "The gates are opening!"

Raghnall Hakim Aoife, the Divine Champion of the Zelan Dynasty, frowned when he heard the report. Even so, he walked out of his tent and stood at the front of the army to see what the Hellanians were up to. His short, dark-brown hair swayed in the wind as he gazed at the battlefield.

Using his enhanced vision, he saw a man with gray hair, along with two other men, walk out of the gates of the fortress and start to walk in the direction of the Zelian Army.

One of the men was holding a blue flag in his hands, which meant that they wanted to have a dialogue with them. This was very common, especially during war times, when two armies were about to have a life and death battle.

"Now, this is interesting," an old man said as he stood beside Raghnall. "It's been years since I've seen this bastard. Looks like he still has a few good years left in him to be able to remain in this world."

To everyone's surprise, the old man started to walk, with the help of his walking stick, towards the three men, who had stopped in the halfway point between the Hellan Fortress and the Zelian Army.

Raghnall sighed as he followed behind the old man. Some of the Captains wanted to follow them, but Raghnall waved them off telling them that he and the Army's Strategist would handle the matter on their own.

A few minutes later, James, Damian, and Gideon faced off against the old man, and Raghnall, at the center of the battlefield. Both sides stood a few meters away from each other and eyed one another with calm expressions on their faces.

After a few minutes, the old man walked towards James until he was only a meter away from him. Suddenly, the stick in the old man's hand turned into a short spear. Without any warning, the old man thrust the spear straight towards James' chest with the intention of piercing his heart.

At least, that was what should have happened, but a powerful hand held the blade of the spear in a firm grip, preventing it from hitting its target.

"It's good to see that you're still a hale and hearty old geezer," James said with a smile. "I thought you had already kicked the bucket."

The old man snorted as he glared hatefully at James, "How can I die when I know you're still alive? I'll only be able to leave this world in peace on the day I spit on your corpse."

"Well, I don't plan on dying anytime soon," James replied. "Do your best to live for a century, you old fart, maybe then you'll get the opportunity."

The old man transformed the spear back into a walking stick and stood perfectly straight. He was like a General on the battlefield that was about to lead his troops to battle.

"So? Are you here to offer your unconditional surrender?" the old man, who was notoriously known as Old Executioner by the Zelanian Army, asked.

His name was Hugo Aakil Aoife, the father of Raghnaill, as well as the father of James' wife, Erza. Naturally, he hated James with a vengeance. It was because he wasn't there when his beloved daughter Erza...

Seeing the hostility on the old man's face, James couldn't stop himself from sighing in his heart. He knew that the Aoife family wanted him dead, much more than Aramis wanted him dead.

His in-laws were a Martial Family through and through and had been Generals in the military ever since the Zelan Dynasty was founded. James had a hard time making them agree to his proposal to marry Erza many years ago.

The Overlord of Lont willed the painful memories to go to the back of his mind as he focused on the two people in front of him. He knew that since Hugo was here, their chances of reaching a compromise had succeeded by half.

"Are you mute? I told you to speak!" Hugo glared at James who was reminiscing about the past.

James cleared his throat before answering. "I came here to tell both of you not to attack the fortress for a few days. I know that you have already received news that the forces of the Aenasha Dynasty have broken through Windsor Fortress and are currently on their way towards the capital."

"Since you already knew that then why are you still here?" Hugo inquired. "Shouldn't you go back as well and act as reinforcements to your King?"

"Why should I go and help him?" James asked back. "The King exiled my son, Morgan, from the Southern Continent. I have no reason to help him."

"Heh~ do you really think I'm stupid?" Hugo snorted. "Tell me the real reason why you are asking us not to attack. Now that your Archmages are gone, at most, it will only take us two days to break the walls of your fortress. If I get lucky, I might even get the chance to spit on your corpse after we burn your kingdom to the ground."

James smiled as he crossed his arms over his chest. "In order for a new king to sit on the throne of the kingdom, the old one must be disposed of. This war is the perfect opportunity to wipe out the lineage of the Royal Family. When they're gone, the throne will be up for grabs."

"Oh, so you plan to stage a civil war?" Hugo sneered. "I knew that you were a bastard, but I never knew that you were a traitorous bastard."

"I plan to make my son, Mordred, the new King of the Hellan Kingdom," James said with a smile. "Good things should belong to The Family, isn't that right?"

Hugo and Ragnall narrowed their eyes. Both of them weren't stupid and immediately understood what James was hinting at.

The father and son pair exchanged a glance before looking back at James with serious expressions on their faces.

"How confident are you?" Hugo asked.

"As long as the private army of the Aoife family moves then the chances of success are eighty percent," James answered without batting an eye.

"Eighty Percent...," Hugo muttered. "So you mean to say that we will play Fisherman when the war between the two sides reaches a conclusion?"

James nodded his head. "Although the Zelanian Army are warriors that are not afraid to die on the battlefield, the two of us fighting against each other will just create unnecessary casualties on both sides. You already know that even if you reject this offer, you will not get out of this battle unscathed."

The Overlord of Lont grinned evilly. "I'm confident that I can wipe out half of your forces and escape with my life. By then, your shares will be smaller when you divide the Hellan Kingdom."

"Even if what you say is true, so what?" Hugo replied. "Land is still land No matter how big or small it is, it will still belong to us."

James quieted down and stared at Hugo with disdain. This lasted for a minute before the gray-haired man voiced out his thoughts.

"Are you sure about that?" James asked. "I'm sure you already know that someone is pulling the strings from behind. I have a hunch that even if this Kingdom was conquered, you and the Aenasha dynasty wouldn't be able to hold it for long. You're just puppets being played with by the puppeteer."

It was now Hugo's time to become silent. As the retired Chief Strategist of the Dynasty, he had long since noticed tell-tale signs that something was amiss about this war. The heads of the clans called out for conquest, and the King readily agreed to start a war.



None of this made sense and Ragnall had already confessed to him that he had misgivings about the orders from the higher-ups.

"Seven days," Hugo said as he turned his head to walk back towards the Zelianian Encampment. "Let's talk again in seven days."

Ragnall gave James one last glance before following behind his father. He was also against this war because he had a feeling that they were being used as pawns by an unknown player behind the scenes.

This was something that he couldn't accept and the main reason why he hadn't ordered an all out war against the Hellan Kingdom and simply settled for short skirmishes.

Now that James had given them an alternative, both father and son decided to wait a week to see what the outcome of the war between the Hellan Kingdom and the Aenesha Dynasty would be. If there was a chance to place James' son on the throne as the new king of the Hellan Kingdom, Hugo and Ragnall were willing to work with him.

Afterall, Erza's children were still part of their family. As long as the bloodline of the Aoife Clan could become King, waiting a few days was a small price to pay for Hugo and Ragnall. Also, they were wary of the unknown Organization working in the shadows.

There was truth in James' words, and this was one of Hugo's main worries. He also thought that, even if the Hellan Kingdom fell, their Dynasty, and the Aenasha Dynasty, would return home with nothing.Â

'I hate it when that bastard is right,' Hugo cursed as he sat on the couch to rest his old and weary body. The retired strategist knew that if they really were to force a siege against the Fortress, they would suffer many casualties on their side.

He also didn't want to break all ties with James because that was the promise he had made to his daughter.

'Fine. Let's wait and see for now.' Hugo stared at the ceiling of his tent. 'It still won't be too late to act after seven days.'