

## Supremacy 1451

Chapter 1451 Return To The Promised Land.

Sometime later...

Beneath the rippling surface of a vast artificial lake in the northern district, an ancient mansion lay hidden from the world above.

Its grandeur spoke of bygone eras, with ornate carvings gracing its stone walls and aged statues standing sentinel at every corner.

Lush aquatic plants clung to its surface, adding a touch of nature to its grand design. Light refracted through the water, casting shimmering patterns across its facade, making it seem like the mansion was alive and breathing.

Felix and his party were seen standing at its grand entrance, a massive gate decorated with intricate marine motifs stood ajar.

"It's beautiful..." Karra remarked as she gazed around her with an awed look.

"As expected, only ethereal elders were deserving of this greatness." Sekiro commented, sharing the same reaction as Karra.

Ka-thumb!

Just like it sensed their existence, the gate opened widely, presenting them with a long tube-like glass corridor, showing myriads of aquatic creatures swimming around.

"Let's go."

Felix walked in and was followed by his servants, whose eyes never stopped darting everywhere.

"Welcome to my humble abode."

Suddenly, a hearty laughter resounded from the end of the corridor and when Karra and Sekiro saw its source, their legs almost gave in from shock.

Elder Kraken came personally to greet them.

"Much appreciated over the invitation." Felix nodded politely even if his face didn't display it.

Somewhat nervous, Sekiro and Karra did the same without opening their mouths, not daring to be out of line in front of one of the highest authoritative beings in the spirit realm.

"Let me give you a short tour and show you your rooms." Elder Kraken said, walking in front of them.

'I knew that sir has a deep connection with the elder, but it seems much more intimate than I expected it.' Sekiro's heart turned a bit light, 'Are we finally going to stay away from trouble?'

Sekiro couldn't imagine Felix falling in more trouble now with the backing of Elder Kraken.

Alas, one could only pray for his poor soul...

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On the same northern district, but tens of kilometers to the southern side, Boss Alves was seen in Duke Humphrey's office again.

"Duke, I have completed my mission, the targets have been kicked out to the streets again." Boss Alves reported, "Unless he becomes a golden spirit, he will be there for a long time."

Boss Alves didn't forget that Felix had some sort of connection with Elder Kraken. However, after everything that happened, and Felix hadn't relied on such a connection, he started to doubt if it was even a close one.

He had no idea that Elder Kraken was holding back only because Lord Hades ordered him to not break the rules for the sake of carrying favor with Asna.

Now, that Felix had become a golden spirit, he could help him with whatever as long as he respected the rules.

Unresponsive, Duke Humphrey merely waved a finger and a holographic screen appeared in front of Boss Alves.

When Boss Alves saw its content, his eyeballs almost fell from their sockets from shock.

"It can't be! How?!" He exclaimed, his face practically touching the screen.

His reaction was understandable as the screen showed Felix with a golden hue, entering Elder Kraken's massive property with his servants behind him.

"Congratulations, you have kept them on the streets for a couple of minutes." Duke Humphrey said calmly, "Is this your definition of success?"

"I...I...I will fix it!"

Boss Alves' heartbeats accelerated in fright even when Duke Humphrey didn't seem either furious or disappointed.

He understood that Duke Humphrey almost never showed his emotions, making it impossible to predict his next action.

"There is nothing for you to fix." Duke Humphrey stated, "As long as they are under Elder Kraken's protection, no one can touch them unless they broke the rules."

"You're done."

"But..."

"Leave."

With that final order, Duke Humphrey twisted his chair to face the window, completely ignoring Boss Alves' existence.

Boss Alves opened his mouth many times wanting to defend himself or find a way to make amend and get the duke's favor, but each time he ended up closing it back.

He realized that anything he uttered would do nothing but to piss off the duke even more. So, he turned around and walked away, his heart still beating out of his chest in distress and agitation.

'What's going to happen to me? Will he cast me away? Will he find a way to ruin my business? He holds all the cards.'

During his journey back home, Boss Alves' thoughts were nothing but negative about his future.

He ought to feel this way as the duke had him sign a strict contract that would ensure he would never sell him out or his fallen specters' operation regardless of what he did to him!

'He won't throw me away, I am still producing manpower for Sharky's operation.' Boss Alves narrowed his eyes coldly, 'Now, if I want to get back in his favor, I have to be more proactive in the fallen specters operation whether I want to or not.'

Boss Alves realized that his only path to redemption was to join the dark forces willingly and start actively helping them instead of forced...Either this or his business might disappear tomorrow after a raid of law enforcers deciding to come for a random 'inspection.'

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Back in the office, Duke Humphrey was seen tapping a finger on his elbow, deep in his thoughts.

'Why is Kraken helping that boy? Is it because of that rowdy unigin? If he seeks validation or favor from her by doing this, he will receive nothing but the irk of Lord Hades.'

Now that he knew the identity of the ethereal elder backing Felix, things had gotten much easier for him to analyze.

'Elder Kraken isn't known to be that ambitious. He is ranked at the bottom of the council and he never showed an ounce of interest in climbing the ladder. So, what's all this about?'

Duke Humphrey was left utterly confused as he saw no benefit in assisting Felix unless he wanted to invest in him and make him one of his subordinates.

'That boy did show a remarkable performance, he will be a great asset in the government under him.' Duke Humphery began to see this as the true motive behind Elder Kraken's involvement.

'Such a pain in the ass.' Duke Humphrey sighed and dropped the matter for now, knowing that he could not make any more moves on Karra without drawing Elder Kraken's attention to his business.

The last thing he wanted was an ethereal elder snooping on him in such a crucial period.

'It's time to accelerate the expansion. I have to have more than 40% of spirits as fallen by the end of the decade.' Duke Humphery narrowed his eyes as he stared at the stars, 'For my ascension, for my return to the promised land, I have to fulfill my promise.'

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A couple of hours later...Back in Elder Kraken's mansion...

'So that's how it went.' Elder Kraken uttered with a deep tone, 'I didn't want to approach Carbuncle due to the strict rules keeping us away from the scribe's private life, but I can offer my assistance through you.'

Felix had just narrated everything that happened between him and Carbuncle, hoping to ask for his help in bringing Carbuncle's wife back in his arms.

'Much acknowledged elder, without you, it won't be possible.' Felix bowed his head in gratitude.

While he owed Carbuncle a favor, Elder Kraken had nothing to gain from this.

In fact, he would put himself in danger since the plan in Felix's mind would make him thread on the line of breaking the rules.

'It's nothing, I consider Carbuncle as a friend.' Elder Kraken mentioned.

Felix paused for a moment before asking, 'Is it possible to help Carbuncle link with his wisp of consciousness? It feels off to know that another version will live in loneliness while the other will have a chance to rejoin with his wife.'

'I never tried it so I wouldn't know, but it can't be easier than doing it by yourself.' Elder Kraken shook his head.

'I see.'

'Plus, why do you care about such a thing? Carbuncle's wisp of consciousness wouldn't hesitate to erase himself if he listened that his main consciousness had reunited with his wife.'

'That's reasonable.'

Knowing the drug addict Carbuncle, he would do exactly that as his entire purpose of existing in the living world was for the sake of his wife.

'You told me that she is under warden Sharky. I will try to reach out to him and see if it will be possible to purchase her as a new servant.' Elder Kraken suggested.

'If it was that easy, the elder wouldn't have told me to join the government.' Felix shook his head, 'There is something off about that man and if you approached him for her sake, there is a high chance he will reject you and be on alert.'

'It's your mission, you know best.' Elder Kraken shrugged his shoulders, 'Just ask and I will help.'

'For now, do you know any available positions in the government that will allow me to pressure even officials?' Felix asked.

'Hmmm, I think the law enforcers' department chief communicated about an opening for a squad captain's position in the upcoming two months.' Elder Kraken informed, 'It's the highest current open position and it will be immensely difficult to obtain it.'

Chapter 1452 Report On The Living World's Situation.

"A position for captain?" Felix raised an eyebrow in surprise, "It's possible for golden spirits to aim for it straightaway, jumping through being a law enforcer first?"

"It used to be impossible before to skip governmental ranks, but since there were barely any openings released in each decade, we decided to alter the rules a bit and give a chance to golden spirits to target any free post. Even if it's an ethereal elder post." Elder Kraken shook his head, "However, being given a chance and getting the post are two different things entirely."

"Everyone else fails in the qualification stage and even if they made it, it was near impossible for the veteran officials to let newbies steal such a well-deserved promotion from them.

"In fact, ever since this systematical change was introduced, there was a single golden spirit who managed to excel above governmental officials and steal the post from their hands."

"Just one?"

Felix didn't like those odds one bit.

"For the captain position, you will be competing against veteran law enforcers who were in the force for centuries or even millennium if they weren't lucky with a direct promotion." Elder Kraken informed.

"No wonder no one makes it past them." Felix frowned.

He understood that the captain's position examination would definitely include many subjects related to law enforcement rules and antics in the heavenly plane. Those law enforcers had plenty of experience on the field, making them the perfect candidate for the position unlike the newbie gold spirits, who had merely touched the surface.

'You should still participate, I can recommend you, helping your resume become highly qualified to be accepted.' Elder Kraken shared, 'Whether you succeed or not, the experience will be a useful tool. Plus, if you failed and a law enforcer received the post, his spot would be freed, giving you another opportunity to join the government.'

'Its examination would be much simpler and with your experience, you would pass it with flying colors.'

'My thoughts exactly.' Felix nodded in agreement.

Right now, Felix just wanted to join the administration regardless of the position available, so he could secure the reincarnation opportunity.

All governmental officials were given the opportunity and they had the right to cash it out any time they wanted. However, no one actually goes for it as it was deemed to be the worst decision anyone could make.

After all, what's the point of getting reborn with no memories just to end up dying again and becoming a wandering spirit?

This time, they wouldn't even make it to the heavenly plane, don't even mention the well-established government.



'You should put your resume as fast as possible, right now, the news hasn't gone public, allowing your resume to be seen first instead of getting buried in a mountain of paperwork.' Elder Kraken advised.

Upon hearing this, Felix brought out a holographic paper and began working on his resume, adding on all of the details that could help him stand out from the rest.

Unfortunately, because he and Miss Sanae were too shady, most of the cases closed ended up not going to court after getting paid 'shush' money.

So, Felix couldn't include Mr. Azravan's case and many others in it.

Knowing this would make his CV appear empty, Felix included his achievements in the heavenly plane's tournament, not forgetting to write about defeating Nebula and blowing half of the Colosseum.

Elder Kraken's eyelids twitched after seeing him write it down, but he remained silent.

He understood that the legal enforcement department valued strength, integrity, loyalty, and mortality above everything...Strength came first for a reason as their jobs were pretty demanding in this department.

"Oh, you also received a recommendation letter from an enforcer's captain? That's even better as recommendations from the same hiring department meant a lot more." Elder Kraken expressed.

"I didn't think it would come in handy so soon," Felix replied while finishing the last touches.

After he was done, he included Elder Kraken's endorsement letter in the file as he wrote it down almost instantaneously for him.

Then, he emailed it to the legal enforcement department's main headquarters responsible for the entire realm.

"Now, pray for the best and start preparing for the examination." Elder Kraken said.

"Is it possible to know what will be on the examination?" Felix inquired.

"Unfortunately, all governmental officials are banned from discussing examination details with citizens unless they were their servants."

"I see."

Albeit unfortunate, Felix already had a pretty good idea of how the examination was going to be.

'By the way, is it possible to talk to my masters?' Felix inquired telepathically.

'Sure, what do you want to say?' Elder Kraken permitted.

'I just want to know how things are going in the living world. Are my friends fine? Is the alliance doing well? Nimo too. What about Saurous, and Wendigo, are they looking for me?'

While Felix's heart might have become as cold as glacial rock, he still wanted those close to him to be free of trouble.

'I can answer most of your questions.' Elder Kraken said, 'It's been over two decades now since your death's anniversary in the living world. I don't know much about that little elf as she has sealed herself in her territory, but the ice wolf and the plant cutie have managed to uplift the human race's rank to the top twelve by dominating the racial games platform. It seems like Fenrir's student is aiming to become the grand supreme and fill the void you left behind. Right now, he is ranked in the top ten and pushing the ranks slowly after he started his individual journey on the platform.'

'With Elder Fenrir at his side and the death of most of the strongest fighters in the alliance, I can see it happening.' Felix nodded.

'Who's the current supreme leader?'

'It's Hive Guardian N0.' Elder Kraken said, 'He became the number one by default.'

'It means the hive race has two votes now.' Felix frowned, 'What's Candace doing? Why hasn't she made the Ruiner climb the ladder and secure the grand supreme position.'

Felix believed that Noah had the potential to become number one, but when it came to the Ruiner? He was certain that he would become one if he joined the platform.

'Candace and the entire void nation aren't doing so good now.' Elder Kraken shook his head, 'With your death being announced at last by the alliance, no one had taken it harder than the void nation. Even the human race managed to bounce back quite swiftly, but the void nation almost fell apart.'

'It's because of Nimo.' Felix sighed.

'Yes, you were the heart of the void nation and with you and Asna's death, Nimo listened to absolutely no one...Not even us.' Elder Kraken smiled wryly, 'We tried to keep him around with us, but he took off on his own somewhere and it has been a long while since we heard from him.'

Since all the void nation citizens had wisps of consciousness inside Nimo's mind, he was capable of commanding them regardless of the whereabouts of their main consciousness.

This meant, that even Candace had absolutely no control over the void nation citizens if Nimo wanted them to do something.

'Fortunately, Candace keeps us updated on his condition as she was the last person he somewhat still listens to.'

'It sounds dire.'

Felix wasn't loving the news so far.

'At least, we still have his alter ego sealed in the sun earrings...After you died, none of us could access the sealed dimension, but we still feel his alter ego's life force burning strong. He must be slumbering to save energy.' Elder Kraken mentioned.

'That's good.'

The last thing Felix wanted was for Nimo to seek a merge with his alter ego for the sake of getting stronger and reviving him.

'As for the darkins, they have been quiet ever since your death was confirmed, hiding in some corner away from civilization.' Elder Kraken said.

'I see.'

All in all, Felix was somewhat pleased with the current state...Sure, there were some problems, but nothing seemed too life-threatening, which gave him a bit of relief.

'All you have to do is focus on yourself here.' Elder Kraken frowned, 'If you think Lord Hades is going to sit back and watch you get revived with your current powerful soul and memories, you are gravely mistaken.'

'Nothing else matters if you can't return to the living world, so focus on just that and leave the rest to us.'

'I understand.'

'Now, is there anything else you want to say to your masters?'

'No need.' Felix uttered calmly, 'I will talk to them when I have some results to show.'

Knowing that his masters weren't of the sentimental type, Felix decided to speak with them after he entered the administration at least.

Otherwise, it would be nothing but an empty chitchat, and none of them liked such a thing.

## Chapter 1453 The Qualification Stage!

Two Months Later...

Felix could be seen sitting on the floor of his room, leaning his back against his bed while having a holographic letter in front of him.

"You got accepted, master!" Karra cheered happily as she eyed the acceptance letter to participate in the upcoming captain's post-examination.

"Only ten golden candidates were accepted with you." Sekiro said with a stern tone, "I heard that more than a hundred golden spirits had filled their resumes. The competition sure is cutthroat right from the start."

"Without the elder's recommendation, it's doubtful if I would have been accepted too." Felix nodded.

A direct recommendation from an ethereal elder was enough to move mountains and if Felix wasn't picked, it was the same as challenging the elder's judgment.

"The examination will begin in two days." Sekiro asked, "Have you prepared enough?"

"We will see in two days."

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It didn't take long before the day of the examination had arrived...Since such examinations were held in secrecy, only the accepted ones were given the exact location and time.

Felix had arrived at the location half an hour earlier, just to find that all of the accepted golden spirits were already waiting there.

The location was one of the many halls inside the law enforcement building.

When he entered it, all eyes switched to him, each showing a different reaction to his arrival.

Felix recognized only two candidates in the group, they were Nebula and Ravager. The rest were total strangers who he had never heard about.

"Traveler."

Nebula called Felix's name while gritting her teeth, giving him the most menacing death glare she could muster.

"What's up," Felix replied casually like there was no bad blood between them.

"I won't forget the humiliation you put me through in our last fight," Nebula remarked, her tone as icy as ever, making everyone understand that she meant it from the heart.

"Cool."

Felix gave her a slight head nod and walked to Ravager. When he reached him, he asked calmly, "You are also interested in becoming a captain?"

"Yes." Ravager replied, his expression much colder than usual.

Felix could see that he had a new murderous glint in his eyes, which made him wonder what happened to him after he won the tournament.

Still, he kept his curiosity to himself and wished him good luck before picking an empty spot to sit in.

"Bastard!"

Meanwhile, Nebula was seething in rage at the way he was treating her like she was air. She had never been treated in this manner before as everyone revered and respected her due to her strength.

'He thinks he can disregard me like this just because he won once?' Nebula's white furr stood up in agitation.

Nebula had watched the recording of her defeat in the tournament and saw how Felix destroyed the Colosseum.

While this freaked her out a bit, it was still not enough to shake her indomitable spirit and trust in her strength.

In fact, it motivated her to work harder than ever to master more space/time-related abilities.

This bolstered her confidence back to peak again, knowing that she would most definitely defeat Felix next time now that she saw his tramp card.

Unbeknownst to her, the only reason Felix was ignoring her was for her master's sake, not wanting to bully his ex-

servant.

Fortunately, Nebula didn't make any more trouble and everyone waited quietly for the arrival of the examiner.

They knew that they were watched by the higher-ups in the law enforcement department and everything they do or say might be the decider of their recruitment.

After half an hour went by in total silence and glances flying back and forth, the examiner entered the hall right on time.

He was tall with an athletic build and had opalescent skin that reflected various colors depending on the angle of the light.

His eyes were a deep shade of violet, and he sported a long, flowing mane of silvery hair that almost looked like liquid mercury.

He was wearing the same law enforcers' outfit but he had an additional strip above a captain, making everyone understand that his rank would be higher than them even if they became captains.

"Good morning, candidates. I am High Inspector Nolvar and from today onward, you may refer to me as Sir or Inspector."

Inspector Nolvar introduced, his voice a bit scuffed and irritating to the ear, which was a huge mismatch to his stunning appearance.

Everyone greeted back with a respectful look, even Nebula had to lower some for her arrogance to avoid getting disqualified from the start.

The governmental officials take their hierarchy extremely seriously and anyone who went against it would have a high chance of getting kicked out.

"Since you are seeking the captain's post, it will be unfair to put you against the veteran law enforcers without any basic training." Inspector Nolvar shared, "So, it was decided that all of you will become temporary trainee law enforcers without governmental benefits. You will be split into a duo partnership and sent to learn under random squads in the city. After the captains deem you to have learned enough, you will be given your first cases."

"Each case rewards a different set of points depending on its difficulty, complexity, performance...etc."

"The qualification stage will last for a year and the team with the most points at the end of the year will be joining the real promotional examination for the captain's post." Inspector Nolvar eyed them for a moment before he asked, "Everything understood?"

No one lifted their hand or dared to open their mouths, not wanting to appear less intelligent than their peers.

"Good, the teams will be decided randomly. In three seconds, you will get notified of your partner."



As he said, after three seconds passed, everyone's devices rang twice.

Felix glanced at the screen for a moment before lifting back up again and locking eyes with none other than...

"Let's work hard together," Ravager said calmly as he approached Felix with an extended hand.

"Mmm." Felix shook his hand with a head nod in approval.

Meanwhile, Nebula was teamed up with the other sole girl in the group...Seraphel.

Unlike Nebula, she seemed strict, calculative, and as serious as a math teacher. She was wearing a thin black suit with a short skirt and a pair of black glasses. She had her hair made into a ponytail, matching well with her hoof-like black feet.

"You must be really angry at him," Seraphel uttered calmly, her eyes affixed on Nebula who was staring daggers at both Felix and Ravager.

"Don't get chummy with me." Nebula eyed her coldly, "I will come on top whether with your help or not. So, just get out of my way."

"I can't do that." Seraphel pushed her glasses up her nose as she clarified, "We are going to be partners. It will be one of the many criteria to judge our performance. If we don't work together, it won't matter if we solve a hundred cases, our performance will lower our points score."

"Tsk, such an irritation." Nebula clicked her tongue in annoyance, but she didn't reject working together again.

"Honestly, it's pretty easy to emerge victorious against those two." Seraphel mentioned composedly, "They might be powerful, but solving cases depends much more on IQ and EQ, in this department, everyone is falling behind."

Seraphel seemed just as arrogant and cocky as Nebula, the only difference was its relation to her intelligence.

Suddenly, Inspector Nolvar asked out loud, "Everyone content with their partners?"

Seeing that no one was lifting their hands, Inspector Nolvan smiled faintly and moved on.

His smile sent shivers down the spine of many candidates...They understood that nothing would have come up good from protesting against their partners.

"Tomorrow, you will report to your new squads and I don't have to tell you that you should listen to every command from your captain, right?"

"No Sir!"

"Good, you will find your trainee law enforcer's outfit in the pouches in front of you. I want to see you wearing them every single day until you either get accepted or kicked out from the government." Inspector Nolvar gave them a strict look, "Understood?"

"Yes Sir!"

"You are excused."

Inspector Nolvar took off, leaving everyone using their telekinesis to bring their pouches to their hands.

Felix glanced inside and his smile grew slightly wider at the pouch being a dimensional inventory as well.

'I have two now, you can never complain about too much space.'

"First moment seeing a dimensional pouch?" Nebula snickered mockingly after seeing Felix's reaction.

Felix's smile went away, which made Nebula slightly delighted at the fact she unnerved him at last.

"Don't you have anything better to do than keep spectating me?" Felix asked with a curious tone.

He didn't seem mad or bothered, he looked genuinely intrigued, which made it even harder for Nebula to stomach his question.

"Let's go, Traveler, we have little moment to prepare for tomorrow." Ravager interjected, "Don't waste it on some sore loser."

Felix then took off with Ravager towards the gate, not bothering to give a moment of their moment to Nebula.

"I was really just curious." Felix's voice resounded from a distance in Nebula's ears, each word was a stab at her prideful heart.

When someone kept winning his entire life and never got humbled once, it was normal for him to grow arrogant and proud.

Alas, the moment this kind of person loses, it hits them even harder, making it impossible for them to live through the defeat and move past it.

In the case of Nebula? There was no way she would let this slide without attempting to regain her pride with whatever means necessary!

'What a child, her strength and talent has gotten the best of her.' Seraphel analyzed calmly as she watched her seething partner. 'It's better for me, I can use her strength to qualify for the next stage and then easily obtain rid of her.'

Chapter 1454 A Brother's Plight.

Meanwhile, Felix and Ravager decided to tour the law enforcement department, knowing they would be coming in here way too often.

"What got you involved in this? I thought you would play a few more tournaments to farm Lumus." Ravager inquired, his tone as frigid as ever.

"I am not interested in such battles." Felix answered, "The government has always been my aim."

"I see."

"You?" Felix asked.

"..." Ravager remained silent for a moment before uttering with a hate-filled voice, "It's personal."

"I see."

Felix let the conversation die out there because he didn't elaborate any further.

Meanwhile, Ravager's thoughts were consumed with memories of his last encounter with Mr. Atticus.

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Two months earlier...An hour after Ravager was pronounced as the champion.

Ravager was seen standing in front of Mr. Atticus with a faint relaxed smile like he had finally taken a massive weight off his shoulders.

"I am ready to take my sister away." He shared.

"Why so hasty?" Mr. Atticus said calmly, "Stay for the after-party, everyone wants to congratulate you on your magnificent victory."

"Not interested, hand her over." Ravager's tone got deeper as he brought out the contract and placed it in front of Mr. Atticus.

He didn't have to say more for Mr. Atticus to understand his implication.

"Fine."

Mr. Atticus' gaze got colder but he still delivered on his promise. He requested his subordinates to bring her over, causing Ravager's tensed shoulders to relax.

In a few moments, the door was unlocked, and an almost identical feminine version of Ravager went inside with two guards.

She was wearing a black and white maid outfit and had her natural blonde hair braided into two ponytails.

Her face resembled Ravager's greatly, but when his eyes landed on her, his heart almost broke in half.

He rushed to her side immediately and caressed her cheeks with his hands while calling her name.

"Massia...Massia."

Alas, no response.

Her eyes seemed soulless like she had seen the seventh level of hell and come back.

"MASSIA!"

Ravager shook her shoulders as he called loudly, but still, his efforts were in vain as his sister's pupils didn't even flinch.

"WHAT DID YOU DO TO HER!" Ravager channeled his anger back at Mr. Atticus, glaring at him murderously.

He still remembered how his sweet sister was, laughing like an angel at everything and just being a beacon of light for his entire family.

Even when their situation had gotten bad, she was the only thing cheering them up and making them live through tough times until the last moment of their separation.

But this, this person before him, was not his sister.

"I did nothing to her." Mr. Atticus shrugged his shoulders, "I bought her like this. She has been an obedient little puppet ever since."

"Now, do you want to conclude the deal or keep shouting in my ear?" Mr. Atticus warned just as Ravager was about to speak, "Don't make it harder than it is."

"Bastard..." Ravager cursed under his breath, feeling like his heart was about to burst from fury.

But, he managed to maintain his emotions as he knew that the deal wasn't concluded and at this moment, he had to secure his sister first.

So, he reached out to sign the transfer contract of servants...Since his little sister had a dark hue, her rights were at the very bottom, making it impossible for her to have any say in such deals.

"Now, beat it, and don't show your face before me again."

The moment the contract was signed, Mr. Atticus kicked them both out of his chamber.

As Ravager and his sister were being pushed away by the guards, he turned his head and asked one last time with a suppressed tone.

"May I know where and when you bought her?"

"You are not eligible to learn such information." Mr. Atticus didn't bother entertaining his question.

Although maddened and frustrated by the whole situation, Ravager could only get himself kicked out of his house, knowing that overstaying his welcome might cause him trouble with the law.

When he looked down and saw his little sister gazing at him silently, his lips tightened up for a second before they broke into a gentle smile.

He held her cold hand and said softly, "Let's go home."

Unresponsive, Massia held her brother's hand and walked with him, seemingly not affected by his emotions in the slightest.

In fact, Ravager doubted if she even remembered him...For now, he left those thoughts sit in his mind and took her back home.

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"Boss, don't you think it's dangerous to hand out a fallen specter into the hands of her brother?" Mr. Atticus' subordinate asked with a concerned tone, "We might get in deep trouble if the Fallen Organization heard about it."

"Trouble? Heh." Mr. Atticus sneered, "Just like any servant, they must not speak about their previous owners and anything they did or experienced under him. So, even if he made her somewhat break the Fallen's curse and be able to speak again, she wouldn't dare rat out anyone unless she wanted to get kicked out."

Mr. Atticus began to chuckle, realizing that even if she wanted to go for it, her brother would stop her to keep her with him!

"I see..."

"Stop questioning my decisions and go ask them for ten more fallen specters." Mr. Atticus said with a wide icy smile, "They are simply the greatest slaves to exist on the realm, we have to get as much as possible before the supply runs out."

Mr. Atticus had lied before to Ravager when he said that he had purchased his little sister.

In fact, it was handed to him for free by a long friend who wanted him to invest in his project. One could say, she was given as a sample.

Now, he was ready for the real deal as he had been skeptical about the quality of those fallen specters, which was the reason he kept her for a long time to test her through everything.

If Ravager went through the memory of his little sister; forgot his heart, his soul would evaporate on the spot from the horrors she went through in absolute silence like a test subject.

With all of this evil happening in the shadows, one could only wonder what was Lord Hades, the supreme emperor doing...

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The Next Morning.

Felix and Ravager were seen standing straight in front of three law enforcers inside a small office room.

Felix and Ravager were wearing their own law enforcer's outfit, which was almost identical to the ones worn by their new squadmate.

The only difference was theirs had no stripes on its shoulder, which implied their non-existent rank in the department.

After all, they were merely temporary trainees and weren't official governmental members.



"Listen here, you little maggots, I don't like jokes, I don't like laughter, I don't like fun in general. As long as you are in my presence, I expect absolute obedience and professionalism. I don't care if you will make it this year or not, as long as you are under me, you are representing our squad and you better behave like it."

The squad's captain said with a rough voice. It matched well with his well-defined bulky body and scar running down his cheek...He had two white horns on his forehead, making his race even harder to detect.

"Yes, Captain."

"Yes, Captain."

Neither Felix nor Ravager were too bothered by his assholish attitude...In fact, they liked it very much as it meant their captain took his job very seriously, which would help them clear more cases and secure more points.

"Nidam, Hazel, teach them the ins and outs of the department and make them go through our old cases to understand our targets."

"Yes, Captain Charleson!"

Nidam and Hazel yelled simultaneously.

The captain then nodded his head at everyone and left the office.

"Hazel, please handle it. This is a job for one."

Immediately after the door was closed, Nidam let go of his tense attitude, slumping his shoulders in exhaustion.

He reached out to his pocket and pulled out a cigarette, then he started smoking it with a relaxed expression, not caring about Felix and Ravager.

"Look at me." Hazel ordered with a stern tone, "I don't like repeating myself, so my explanation will happen only once and it will be on you if you can't comprehend everything."

Both Felix and Ravager nodded in understanding.

"First of all, the law enforcement department takes care of almost all instances associated to spirits. It doesn't matter if it's a crime, a dispute, a protection escort, a recovery mission, and the list goes on. We are one of the most stressed departments on a daily basis and you should take this seriously if you want to make it far this year."

"If you aren't resilient enough, you will give up in the first two months and return to your easy and tranquil reckless lives."

"Now, Follow me. I will show you around to ease the explanation."

Chapter 1455 The Rescue Mission! I

Although Felix and Ravager had done their own tour of the department, there were many places of access to them since they hadn't been considered official law enforcers.

So, they voiced no complaint as they followed after Hazel, who kept talking nonstop. Each time she reached a new area, she introduced it and gave them all the details needed to know to help them in their tasks.

After a short while, they arrived at the heart of the law enforcement department. It was a vast, sprawling hall stretched out, its vastness echoing the importance of the operations housed within.

The hall's ceiling soared high with luminous crystals embedded within it, casting a gentle, ambient glow throughout.

This ethereal lighting was only rivaled by the colossal, quad-surfaced screen that floated majestically in the hall's center.

Each of its surfaces displayed a kaleidoscope of cases, tasks, and missions, flickering and updating in real time.

Below this spectacle, the hall buzzed with activity. Rows of polished, crystalline desks filled the space, each attended by law enforcers draped in their distinct uniforms.

They monitored the ever-changing screens, coordinating responses, dispatching teams, and updating case files.

The screens not only displayed text but also vivid images, diagrams, and occasionally, live feeds from various locations in the spirit realm, painting a dynamic picture of the ongoing cases!

Felix and Ravager were left surprised by this kind of seemingly messy structure that showed nothing but absolute precision.

"This is the center of our operations...We call it The Central Hall." Hazel informed as she walked through the buzzing crowd, forcing Felix and Ravager to stay close to her to avoid getting lost.

Even though the noise was quite loud, both of them were still able to hear her voice ring loudly in their ears.

"The screens above will be your ally and enemy for the next year. You will learn to love it and hate it at the same time." Hazel said while pointing at the massive quadruple screens.

"How so?" Ravager inquired.

"You see the names and details of the cases flying in the screens?"

"Yes."

"When you finish training under us, you will be able to start claiming cases based on your rank from those screens and working on them individually or with a partner if you have no problem with splitting the end credit." Hazel shared, her eyes drifting

from one law enforcer to the other, "Almost everyone here is waiting for good cases to appear so they can snatch them and increase their rank through overlapping credits."

"In this place, there is no pulling rank. It's the law of the jungle, first come, first serve." Hazel concluded.

Felix and Ravager nodded in understanding even though there were many points that confused them.

"Won't no one do any job if everyone keeps waiting here for the best case to show up?" Felix asked calmly.

"No." Hazel clarified, "Everyone you see here has already finished their daily mandatory work. Such work will be related to the squad and the captain's orders. Only when the work is concluded, will the law enforcer be given free time to work on his own credits if he desired."

"I see, so this is more like overtime work." Ravager disclosed.

"Exactly." Hazel added, "Since everyone in the government is pretty competitive to climb the ladder, no one dares to laze around after finishing their mandatory jobs. This is one of the many reasons why the heavenly plane is always peaceful."

'Peaceful?'

'Huh.'

Felix and Ravager scoffed at the same time in their minds at her naive statement.

Both of them had somewhat experienced the dark side of the heavenly plane and saw what those, in power, could do once they learned how to abuse the rules and the system to their favor.

In their eyes, the only reason the heavenly plane seemed peaceful was because the screams of despair and agony of the wronged were being muffled...

Not noticing their reaction, Hazel passed through the hall and continued on with her explanation.

"Even though the credits gained from finishing those additional cases won't be much help to you if you don't become an official law enforcer, I advise you to still do them."

"You will be earning plenty of points and if you desire to topple over the other teams, you will need every single one of them."

'This is an opportunity to investigate what happened to my sister.'

'This is a chance to learn more about Sharky and find out what is he cooking in the shadows.'

Hazel didn't need to tell them this since both of them were already planning to take advantage of the system for their own personal agendas.

Getting points was great, but both of them understood that there was a high chance of not becoming a captain even if they succeeded in the qualification stage.

So, it was best to work on their own personal cases while they still had the government's authority on their side.

Just as Hazel was about to move to the next subject, her crystal device started vibrating. She stopped immediately and picked up the call, showing a solemn expression.

A moment later, she turned around and said, "It's your lucky day, our captain was assigned a rescue mission in the beast kingdom and asked for your attendance."

"Let's group up."

Without waiting for them to react to the news, she took off into the air, forcing them to chase after her quickly.

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"Listen well, we aren't the only squad being dispatched...We will be accompanied by Captain Frederick's squad and Captain Quentin's squad from the capital." Captain Charleson notified with his hands held behind his back, seemingly even more sterner than before.

"Wow, isn't this a bit too heavy?" Hazel asked with a concerned tone, "What kind of beasts are we dealing with here?"

"It's Rapid Killer Bee's Hive." Captain Charleson uttered.

Everyone took a deep cold breath in shock and fear...Even Felix raised an eyebrow in distress.

He learned a bit about the greatest dangers in the Beasts Kingdom in case he ended up encroaching on their territory sometimes.

There were seven marked death zones ruled by seven kinds of creatures. The Rapid Killer Bee's Hive owns the eastern territory and was considered its ruler, dominating all beasts and creatures in it, striking fear in any target before it.

"Which stupid hunters decided to enter a death zone? Don't they know better?" Nidam clicked his tongue in criticism.

"The reports said that a squad consisting of ten hunters had decided to venture deeper to hunt down the Pink Stripped Panther. Unfortunately, they have been ambushed by a pack of greyish hyenas and three of them were forced into the Rapid Killer Bee's Hive territory."

"The law enforcers in the nearest city were contacted first for an emergency rescue, but they failed to retrieve the soul flames and some of them were eaten to the last bone."

"We have been hired not to rescue just the hunters but also our companions in arms." Captain Charleson concluded with a strict expression, "So, be at your best performance."

"Yes Sir!" Everyone shouted simultaneously.

Captain Charleson glanced at Felix and Ravager for a moment before ordering them, "You aren't expected to offer any help. Your entire job will be to watch our flank and keep the spirit flames protected in jars until we bring them back to safety...Understood?"

"Yes!"

The fact that they were taken during such a difficult mission was already something they were more than grateful for.

That's because if the mission was successful, they would be rewarded a great amount of points due to its importance and difficulty.

"Let's move out, we will group up with the squads near the forest's entrance!"

Without wasting a single moment, Captain Charleson led his squad outside of the department and all of them jumped inside their squad's designated vehicle.

Then, they departed to the Beast Kingdom.

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A couple of hours later...

Captain Charleson's squad had arrived at the entrance to the beasts' kingdom's forest. When Felix looked briefly from the window, he noticed many vehicles parked in the area. Some belonged to the department and some seemed civilian related.

In a moment, Felix and his squad went to group up with the other squads gathered right at the tip of the forest.

"Looks like a few more squads were summoned from other cities," Hazel mentioned as she eyed the separated clicks of law enforcers.

There were at least thirty of them and since each squad consisted of no less than six members, this meant at least six squads were assigned this mission.

"It's understandable, we will be dealing with the killer bees." Nidam uttered as he lit up cigarettes, "Those motherf\*ckers hurt as hell and if we aren't careful, we will be the ones needing a rescue."

After Captain Charleson arrived with his team at the party, a lanky man with long purplish arms and three eyes on his forehead scolded the moment he saw Felix and Ravager.

"Charleson, you know this mission is too difficult even for some of the veterans, why have you brought the newbies on their first day on the job?"

"I am usually against this irritating freak's side, but on this one, I have to agree." A pale beautiful vampire female with a red gloss supported with a unhappy tone. "We have no interest in baggage. If I wasn't thinking for your sake, I would have brought the newbies assigned to me as well."

The rest of the captains and their squads seemed in favor of their takes as no one was giving Felix and Ravager any ounce of faith in their capabilities.

'Damn, I can understand underestimating me, but even Traveler?' Ravager frowned, 'He destroyed half of the colosseum with one punch, how can he be a hindrance in this mission?'

Even Felix was somewhat surprised by their reaction.

He never expected to be treated with reverence, but to be outright shunned even after his performance, he thought it was a bit too weird.



'Are they much stronger than me or are they just trying to make it difficult for the captain?'

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"Both of them are capable fighters who have demonstrated a high level of prowess in the heavenly plane's tournament...They can handle themselves." Captain Charleson defended, his arms crossed above his chest in composure.

"Whatever strength they possess, you know damn well it will be for naught against the real monsters inside the beast kingdom." The vampire woman scoffed.

"That's enough, Bella." Captain Frederick called with a solemn tone, "Charleson will hold responsibility over his own squad. Let's start moving, it won't end well for us if we lose the daylight and rescue no one."

Everyone put matters at rest for now and began their mobilization through the breathtaking fantastical jungle.

While it looked beautiful from the outside, the dense canopy overhead hardly allowed any sunlight to penetrate, making the air somewhat tense.

"Communicate only through telepathy from this moment on." Captain Quentin delivered a message to everyone and they responded with head nods.

'Looks like discipline runs deep in the law enforcement department. Everyone is maintaining a loose formation able to cover all corners and help anyone in distress.' Felix commented as he analyzed how the squads were moving and behaving.

Because he and Ravager were new to the whole scene, no one had told them about the formation, making them seem out of place.

'Let's do this.'

Felix recognized his true position in the formation and slowly adjusted his footsteps until he fit perfectly into it akin to a jigsaw puzzle piece.

'Ravager, walk ten steps behind Hazel and maintain the same speed as her.' Felix sent a private message.

'Hmmm?'

Ravager was first confused. But, when he glanced back at him, he realized that he was the only one who seemed to be moving randomly, he understood that the position given to him by Felix was his true place.

'Much appreciated.'

He gave Felix a slight head nod and did as he was told.

'He has good eyes indeed.'

'He might not be so bad after all.'

'To figure out we are moving in a formation and adjust to it almost instantly, he sure is an interesting newbie.'

Captain Charleson and the rest of the captains noticed the sudden change in formation almost immediately and figured out that it was handled by Felix.

'Hundred points.' Captain Charleson reached out to his device and added points to Felix's name without saying anything.

Since everyone else kept their mouths shut, nothing seemed to have changed from their entry point.

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One hour later...

'This is it. The heart of their territory. Keep your comms clean and maintain a tight formation. We get in, rescue the soul flames, and get out.'

Felix could see the sudden shift in mindset of his companions as even the captains looked more serious than ever.

He could see why this area was marked as a death zone.

The trees seemed lifeless, sapped out of any soul in them while the ground looked rugged and moistless like it hadn't rained here for years.

In reality, it rained almost every week, but the Rapid Killer Bees were known to devour anything with a substance of life.

As they progressed, a sudden humming of bees was picked by the ones with the most sensitive ears.

'Captain, we have movement ahead of us.' Hazel warned.

She was a wind elemental, allowing her to pick the tiniest movements in the air from a far, far distance.

'Nidam, scout ahead.' Captain Charleson ordered.

'On it.'

Nidam threw the turned-off cigarette butt on the ground and transformed himself into a shadow...Then, he merged with the trees' shadows and disappeared.

Everyone came to a sudden halt, awaiting his Intel.

A few moments later, he popped up from the ground again and shared, 'There is a small Killer Bee swarm moving in our direction.'

'We can't waste time avoiding any swarm we meet, but we have to eliminate them in a single go and without raising any noise in the slightest.' Captain Bella uttered.

'Indeed, if we don't kill them all right away, with their overwhelming speed and agility, some of them will get out and alert the hive.' Captain Charleson agreed.

The humming grew louder, evolving into an aggressive drone, making everyone get extra tense.

'Leave it to me.' Captain Bella separated from the group with a single silent dash. No one chased after her, knowing that she was more than capable of pulling it off.

As she weaved through the trees, Captain Bella was forced to stop and hide behind a giant boulder after the sky above her seemed to have turned dark.

'How unpleasant.' She uttered with a disgusted look at the sight of a swarm of giant killer bees descending, their enormous wings casting menacing shadows over the forest floor!

It was an threatening sight, one that could send any seasoned warrior running in fear. But Captain Bella stood her ground, her demeanor calm yet fiercely determined.

As the deafening buzz grew louder and the swarm drew closer, she took a deep breath, her fingers flexing in anticipation.

Closing her eyes, she began to channel her energy, her fingers moving in intricate patterns. The ground beneath her trembled as a force began to pull at the very essence of the swarm. The bees, initially in an organized and threatening formation, began to lose control, spiraling towards one another.

Bella intensified her focus, her brows furrowing with concentration. As if caught in an unseen vortex, the swarm began to converge into a single, dense mass. Their buzzing grew frantic, a chaos of confusion and desperation!

The once-giant swarm was now a tight, pulsating ball of bees, their wings and bodies crushed against one another!

'Implosion.'

With a final flourish of her hands and a deep exhale, Captain Bella unleashed the full energy of the gravity clutch!

The ball imploded in silence, making it impossible for even noise to escape her gravity clutch.

When the dust settled, there was nothing left of the swarm but the echoes of their final buzz.

'Path is clear.' Captain Bella reported.

The rest swiftly grouped up with her and commanded her with head nods after seeing the aftermath of the swarm.

Then, they continued treading forward but this time, Nidam was sent ahead as a permanent scout.

'Another small swarm ahead.'

'One medium-sized swarm to our left.'

'Three swarms are grouped up near each other.'

He kept reporting back to them and they acted properly based on the information.

'We are getting a bit too deep.' Captain Charleson frowned, 'How did the hunters and law enforcers make it this far? Something isn't right.'

'I think so too.'

'The hive's heart should be merely a few kilometers away. It can't be possible for such weak hunters to make it this far while being chased.'

The others agreed with his assessment as they knew that the Killer Bees were merciless and would never allow anyone to get this close to their hive without a fight.

It didn't take them long to confirm their hunch.

'What the hell...'

Nidam almost popped out of his shadow-form from shock the moment he arrived at the hive's heart and witnessed the ludicrous scene before him.

The spirit flames of the hunters and the law enforcers were all gathered under a gigantic leafless tree with a freaky living bulge on its trunk!

The living bulge was made out of thousands upon thousands of killer bees stacked against each other, making it impossible to even see the hive!

The entire area surrounding the tree wasn't peaceful in the slightest. There were many more bees of all sizes, flying around the hive akin to army drones.

This entire scene sent shivers down Nidam's spine as he realized a horrifying truth he didn't dare to accept.

'The Queen's intelligence has increased again!'

Without an ounce of hesitation, he returned back to the squads and reported everything he had seen.

No one believed him at the start, but seeing his fearful expression made their hearts sink to the bottom of their stomach.

'I can't believe this. The hive's queen has become smarter again and understood that we will be coming to retrieve the spirits flames, making her use them as bait right under her hive.' Hazel commentated with a slightly freaked-out tone.

Almost everyone gulped a mouthful in anxiety at the implication of this scenario. They were already under the impression that the hive queen's intelligence was improving with each confrontation.

But, they never expected her to reach this level, where she could even predict the future and plan to the hive's benefit.

'Do we retreat and ask for reinforcement?' Captain Thornhack asked...He was the freaky purplish captain with long arms.

'No, numbers are useless against the killer bee hive.' Captain Frederick shook his head, 'The Queen's telekinesis prowess is powerful enough to splatter us all into a paste the instant we step near the hive.'

'He is right, this is a rescue mission for a reason and not an extermination mission.' Captain Charleson agreed, 'We have to think of a method to retrieve the spirits' flames without engaging with the queen.'

'How exactly can we do that?' Captain Bella uttered with an irritated tone, 'None of us can handle her telekinesis prowess and it will be near impossible for someone to sneak past her detections and retrieve the spirits flames.'

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'It's challenging, but we have no other option.' Captain Frederick said.

'Tsk, if you were going to bring newbies, you should have brought Nebula at least.' Captain Bella scoffed, 'We could have used her space/time abilities to our advantage in this situation.'

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Both Felix and Ravager were left speechless at her constant attacks, but they remained silent. While it didn't please them, somehow they agreed with her second part.

'Nebula would have been a perfect assistant here, good thing her squad hasn't been summoned.' Ravager thought to himself, 'She would have earned a crap load of points.'

'If you have no solutions, refrain from speaking again.' Captain Charleson chided.

'Captain, can I give it a go?' Nidam asked for permission.

'What do you have in mind?'

Everyone's ears perked up in interest.

'I will use my shadow form to get as close as possible to the hive without alerting the Queen. Then, I will use shadow grasp to steal the spirits' flames and dip back into the shadows.'

'The plan does sound promising, but it's too dangerous.' Captain Charleson frowned, 'The Queen's mental range is too wide and I doubt even your shadow form can escape her detection.'

'It's not like we have any other choice at the moment.' Captain Quentin uttered, 'We have to let him give it a try.'

'He is my squadmat...'

'Captain, I got it.'

Nidam interjected with an assured tone, knowing that their captain might seem strict and tough, but he would never let them do something outside of their power.



Captain Charleson looked at him for a moment before warning him. 'Be careful and prioritize your safety. If you fell down as well, you will join the rest of the victims.'

'Mmm.'

Nidam gave him a single nod and then took off on his own, his raven-black cloak swirling around him for a moment before he disappeared.

Since no one dared to step inside the hive's territory, Nidam was truly on his own.

In a few moments, he returned to the same place from before, a spot allowing him to see the hive but at the same time maintain a decent distance from it.

'I am at least three hundred meters away from the hive, the Queen hasn't sent anyone at me or used her telekinesis. I should get closer.'

Nidam encroached from one shadow to another while making sure to keep his senses heightened to the max, knowing a single second would separate him from death.

Spirits might not die, but at this very moment, he knew that if he became hostage to the hive, it would take law enforcement a decent amount of time to rescue him.

'This is fine enough. Let's not get too greedy.' Nidam's heartbeats accelerated at the notion of being surrounded by more than a hundred thousand killer bees.

He understood that there were swarms hidden underground, in trees, inside boulders, and at a single order from the Queen, they would come out and lung at him.

'I have one shot at this, be cool, be cool.'

Nidam calmed his raging heart for a few seconds before he zoned out completely on the spirits' flames.

'Now!'

The moment his focus was at its peak, he reached out, commanding the shadows to extend from his fingertips!

They writhed and stretched, creeping towards the spirits' flames with a hunger to free them from this prison!

However, as they made contact, Nidam felt a force pushing back, an impenetrable wall of energy.

'What the hell!'

He gritted his teeth, trying to amplify his power, but it was futile. The flames didn't so much as flicker, steadfastly remaining in their position...

'It can't be...'

The realization hit him hard – the Bee Queen was using her telekinesis on the spirits' flames!

Her mental chains were so powerful that they made the very act of moving the flames impossible!

But that wasn't the worst part...In his attempt to meddle, he had inadvertently alerted her to his presence.

RUMMBLE!!

A sinister vibration resonated through the ground, growing in intensity. Then, with a speed that belied its origin, a telekinetic spear, sharp and deadly, lanced from the heart of the hive!

Before Nidam could even react, it impaled him straight through the heart, leaving his eyes widened in shock and a final breath escaping him.

Because he used a shadow grip, he had to cancel his shadow form for a split second. Yet, it was more than enough for the Bee Queen to finish him off!

'Telekenisis protection...'

Bzzzzz!!

Fortunately, he passed out as his body got swarmed with thousands of killer bees, munching on his flesh and bones until nothing was left but his spirit flame...

It began moving into the pile of the spirit flames, making the hive resemble a sinister trap, ensnaring anyone bold enough to challenge its presence.

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'He was taken out...' Captain Charleson sighed after receiving the last message from Nidam.

'Did he tell you what happened?' Captain Bella inquired.

'Only telekinesis protection.'

'What does that mean?'

'Since the Queen Bee already uses telekinesis protection on its hive, it meant he was referring to the spirits' flames.' Captain Thornhack analyzed with a grim look.

'Sh\*t...Isn't this mission doomed then?' Hazel said, her eyes emitting hopelessness.

Almost everyone thought the same as they understood that it would be nearly impossible to break her telekinesis pressure on the spirits' flames while at the same time having to defend against her terrifying mental prowess and armies of flesh-eating bees.

'I guess we can only retreat and hand over the mission to our seniors.'

'It won't sit right with me to lose this kind of credit.'

'Me neither...'

'Is it really hopeless?'

While the situation was grim and seemed almost impossible to handle, still no one was willing to hand over this opportunity to earn credits.

The more difficult and important the mission was, the more credit was rewarded. So, such a mission was too rare to land in anyone's hands.

'What do you think, Traveler?' Ravager inquired. 'You have been awfully quiet the entire time.'

'I am contemplating whether I share my strategy with the captains or not.' Felix confessed, not too bothered.

'Strategy?! You actually have an idea?' Ravager raised an eyebrow in surprise, 'What are you waiting for? Share it, even if they don't agree to it, you might earn points just by actively trying to help.'

'Yea, I don't know about that.' Felix's eyelids twitched as he knew that his plan could be considered a leap of faith in his favor.

If he dared bring it up, there was a high chance of him getting beaten to death or kicked from the mission entirely.

But at this point, he knew that if he didn't take chances to earn as many points as possible, it would bait him in the ass later on.

Still, he didn't outright bring it in public but shared it with his sensible captain first.

'Captain, I have somewhat of a dangerous plan.' Felix said.

'Hmmm, what do you have in mind?' Captain Charleson gave him an ear...Even though Felix was a newbie, he didn't discourage him or look down on him like the others.

In his eyes, as long as one maintains professionalism, he should be treated with respect regardless of his rank.

Alas, this outtake on life was almost shattered after hearing Felix's insane strategy.

'You...Are you crazy? No one is dumb enough to trust you with their lives like this!' Captain Charleson scolded, losing his temper for the first time in a long while.

'What's wrong?'

His sudden change of attitude caught everyone by surprise.

'Just back me up and I will convince them.' Felix requested with an indifferent look.

Captain Charleson looked at Felix for a moment and then at the other captains and their squads...His mind was telling him to reject Felix's retarded idea, but his gut feeling was somehow leaning to believe him.

Captain Charleson was a man who depended on his guts more than his rationality in such scenarios.

So, he sighed and gave Felix permission with a wave of his hand.

Felix stepped forward, catching everyone's attention, and then spoke calmly, 'I'm aware that our situation is dire, and the conventional methods will fail us. But I've been working on a risky plan. If executed correctly, it will not only save us but also get rid of the Rapid Killer Bee Hive once and for all.'

As expected, Captain Bella and Thornhack didn't let go of such an opportunity to put him in his place.

'What a joke, a temporary trainee on his first day of the job wanting to step up and lead the mission?'

'Boy, sit back and refrain from opening your mouth again...We have no time for nonsense.'

'I have heard his plan and while it's dangerous for us, if it works, it will deliver the results he promised.' Captain Charleson supported.

His assistance had changed the mood completely as the other captains and squadmates seemed to be more interested in hearing it now.

Before Captain Bella could interject, the other captains gave Felix permission to include them in it.

'The plan is simple. I need you all to launch a coordinated attack on the hive, get their attention, and keep them busy. Every bee, especially the Queen, should believe you are the main threat.'

'While you act as a decoy, I will get closer to the hive and unleash the same punch from the heavenly plane's tournament. You have seen what kind of destruction it delivers and I promise you, there won't be any hive left standing after it lands.'

In reality, Felix's plan was more complex than this as he would need to calibrate the spacetime punch to the hive's frequency, so he would pull off the focus on it alone unlike the last punch.

That one was a simple use of barbaric force and the punch's force spread out everywhere, lowering its potency.

Alas, even when he avoided explaining the nitty gritty details of his element, no one was easily convinced by his insane plan.

'That's... an incredibly delusional plan!' Captain Bella cursed, 'Boy, just admit you want to get us all killed and be done with it.'

'Traveler, your punch is indeed mindblowing, but, the Queen's telekinesis barrier is extremely tough to break and I doubt even our combined most powerful abilities will break it.' Captain Frederick smiled wryly.

'Indeed, if it was so simple to finish the hive off, we would have done it years ago.' Captain Quentin nodded.

'It's okay, he is still a newbie and learning.'

The others rained on Felix as well with doubts and subtle mocking insults, wanting to make him feel like a newbie who had no clue what he was talking about.

Felix remained unconcerned and quiet throughout the whole barrage.

'I think it would have been best if you remained quiet, my bad.'

Ravager felt awkward at the sight of his partner getting a verbal beating beatdown, thinking that it was due to his bad advice.

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When they were close to finish, Felix opened his mouth and uttered. 'The Queen Be clearly wants to consume us for nutrition and won't attempt using her full strength to maintain our bodies.'

'So, it's more than possible to buy me time while still keeping yourselves safe.'

While his logic was sound, no one was bought to his side just yet as there were still many problematic parts about his plan.

'Didn't you hear what captain's Frederick said?' Captain Bella sneered, 'Even our combined powerful abilities won't be enough to break through the Queen Bee's telekinesis barrier. What makes you think your punch will be any good?'

'You think you are stronger than all of us combined? Heh.'

The others didn't openly mock Felix as boldly as her, but none of them entertained his insane conviction of being able to slay Queen Bee...Even with Captain Charleson's blessings.

Still, Felix wasn't planning to give up yet.

'From the way I see it, you guys won't have anything to lose by trusting in my plan.' Felix disclosed coolly, 'If my plan succeeded, all of you will be rewarded with high levels of credits while me and Ravager will get merely points for our examination. I have no interest in hogging the credits.'

'If the plan failed, which is highly unlikely, I can assure you that the hive will suffer from massive damages, allowing us to retreat to safety and even possibly rescue the spirits' flames during its weakened state.'

'The only way for us to truly lose is by retreating without giving any plan a chance. I doubt any one of you wants to hand out this mission to other squads.'

'...'

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'...'

When Felix was done speaking, no one jumped in with a taunting remark or a foolish statement again. Even Captain Bella looked deep in thought.

While she seemed against Felix and Ravager, it was only because they were newbies and she hated liabilities. But, if one of them proved himself capable in their setting, she had no problems with giving out respect when due.



Everything that Felix had said was logical and rational, making her realize that he wasn't speaking out of his ass like some prideful rookie, but he actually knew what he was talking about.

The others felt the same way as her, making them share knowing glances between each other.

'What do you think?'

'I say we go for it.'

'Hold on a second, what if the plan failed and his punch didn't deliver the promised damages?' Captain Quentin interjected rationally.

'He doesn't seem of the type to throw his word around without guarantees...But, ' Captain Charleson assured, 'If the situation didn't develop as envisioned, I will take full responsibility.'

'You sure trust in your newbie easily to endanger your career like this.' Captain Bella shook her head.

'It's my decision and since I am taking the fall responsibility, I will be leading the plan.'

No one had any problem with that even though it meant his squad would earn the most credits.

After the decision was made, the captains discussed furthermore their own strategy to resist the hive's attacks and buy Felix as much time as possible.

When they reached a final decision, they didn't waste any more time and started their march through the dense canopy of the forest.

As they walked in a tight formation, the low hum of the thousands of swarms resonated through the trees, growing louder and more menacing, causing their expressions to turn grim.

'Let's hope this work out.'

'Just trust the process.'

'Everyone ready?'

'Yes!'

From the ground, a sudden shimmering thick telekinetic barrier rose, encircling the group of squads!

The force field rippled like water, reflecting the sun's rays in a dazzling spectacle! This was a barrier created through the efforts of each member, making it possible to turn it into an iron fortress capable of resisting ten times the individual damage!

'CHARGE!'

With one final shout from Captain Charleson, everyone dashed through the trees and appeared at the largest empty field that was filled to the brim with Killer Bees!

Just like predators smelling fresh meat, the killer bees didn't even await their Queen's commands as they swiftly encased the telekinesis barrier, hitting it with their stinger.

Cling! Cling!

The telekinesis barrier held strong against their attacks, but the sheer number of them made everyone understand that the situation wouldn't last in their favor for long.

'Kill them!'

Captain Quentin, veins glowing fiery red, sent arcs of flame into the sky, incinerating scores of the approaching swarm. Each explosion of flame illuminated the forest, painting the trees in brilliant hues of orange and red!

From Captain Frederick's side, a torrential downpour began, not from the clouds, but from his squad's conjuring. Water benders sent massive waves crashing against the barrier, washing away bees that got too close and dousing any fires that threatened to spread.

Captain Bella used her gravitational abilities to gather swarms in single spots, helping her squad mates eliminate them with the least amount of effort.

Even Ravager joined the party and kept firing deadly fire wind balls at each swarm, creating giant bloody holes, just to be filled up with more bees.

'They are never ending!'

Still, no matter how many bees they take down, triple the amount emerge from somewhere.

Yet, this wasn't even the real threat.

In front of them, the Queen Bee emerged from the hive.

Her wings beat with fury, sending gusts that rustled leaves and bent tree trunks! Even her physical side looked menacing, causing most law enforcers to gulps mouthful in fear.

This was the first time they witness The Rapid Queen Bee, the ruler of one of the seven death zones!

Without messing around, Queen Bee's red eyes locked on them and conjured hundreds of telekinesis projectiles before raining them on their barrier, uncaring about the swarms surrounding it!

THUD! THUD!

'Shit! The barrier is taking a beating!!'

'She is much more powerful than we anticipated!'

'Damn it! At this pace, we will lose the mega barrier in less than a minute!'

'Hold formation at all cost!'

The barrier rocked back and forth with each projectile slamming against its body, causing everyone faces' to lose color instantly.

Some law enforcers were already bleeding from their noses, suffering from the backlash.

'Where is that bastard! Is he not done yet?' Captain Bella returned to her old self as she looked around her and found no Felix to be seen.

Felix was in fact hiding on top of a tree with many branches while maintaining a decent distance from the battle.

Still, he was close enough to the Queen, his gaze was intensely fixed on her, seeming to pierce through the surrounding pandemonium.

With a deep breath, he felt for the distinct frequency that resonated from her, a unique vibration in the vast spectrum of spacetime.

It belonged to only her, and he was trying his best to lock on it. During his training in the past months, he focused purely on this step to facilitate his control over the random destruction of his spacetime attacks.

Now, his training was being paid off as he felt her frequency calling for him even through the billion other frequencies inside the chaotic battlefield.

Meanwhile, the telekinesis barrier, painstakingly maintained by the squads, was the only thing standing between them and utter destruction. But as seconds passed and

Felix continued his focus, the Queen Bee, sensing a vulnerability, unleashed a forceful surge.

The barrier wavered and then, with a violent shattering sound, dispersed into fragmented shards of energy!!

The squads were now exposed, at the mercy of the mightiest being in the forest!

'Crap!'

'Do we retreat?!'

'Retreat where?'

Captain Charleson smiled bitterly as he felt his body suddenly tightening up before completely turning frozen in place.

The rest of the squads experienced the same sensation, making their expressions go pale instantly at the realization that Queen Bee had used her terrifying telekinesis to imprison them!

As they watched the swarms of thousands of flesh eating bees surround them, all of them cursed out Felix in their minds and at themselves for getting baited into this bullshit plan!

But in that split second of impending doom, Felix had locked in on the precise frequency.

Without hesitation, he pulled his arm back and thrust it forward, punching the very fabric of the air before him.

The space around his fist shattered like brittle glass, sending ripples through the dimensions!

The force of the punch, augmented by the resonance with the Queen Bee's frequency, traveled with alarming speed!

Before she could even register the impending doom, her formidable telekinesis barrier and then her very form crumbled to fragments under the might of the attack!

BOOOOOOOOOOM!!!

The explosion came albeit late, but it caused all the swarms in the area to fall into the ground from sheer power of the aftermath!

The Captains and their squad mates' faces were turned from despair into utter disbelief at the sight of the residual force from Felix's punch continued its path, leaving a vast cylindrical tunnel of destruction!

Trees, foliage, and unfortunate beasts within a kilometer were utterly obliterated in its wake.

The squads, while safe from the Queen Bee, felt their hearts grew cold at such a sheer display of overwhelming destruction, making them feel like they were in the presence of another monster.

'Every couple months he comes back ten times stronger...How does he do it?' Ravager remained affixed on his spot, his heart beating out of his chest at the thought that not a year ago, he actually went toe to toe against Felix.

Now, he didn't just obliterate one of the seven rulers of the beasts' kingdom, but did it in a such a fashion, it left no doubt in anyone's minds that he wasn't to be fucked with!

Chapter 1459 Needing a Big Case.

The remnants of elemental fury, lingering flames, dissipating ice, crackling lightning, now seemed trivial against the backdrop of the enormous void Felix had created.

Captain Charleson was the first to break the trance, his gaze still anchored on the spot where the Queen Bee had been.

"By the spirits," he whispered, his voice trembling. "I've seen some mighty displays in my years, but nothing... nothing like that."

Captain Bella, who had so confidently berating Felix all this time, was momentarily speechless.

Her usually stern face was a canvas of shock and admiration. She glanced at her teammates, some of whom were still picking themselves up from the ground, and managed, "That was... otherworldly."

Everyone else's reaction was more or less the same as they hadn't witnessed before such potent destruction. Even the Colosseum's collapse was nothing before this punch since its aftermath resembled a concentrated invisible beam.

A beam powerful enough to erase anything in its path, and they knew that if one of them was behind the Queen, their ending would have been the same!

Unbeknownst to them, this was one of Felix's weakest attacks while using the spacetime resonance!

'I still haven't mastered its control yet.' Felix seemed unsatisfied with his work. 'It should have left no aftermath.'

Felix locked on the Queen Bee's frequency for the sake of erasing it from existence without causing any damage in the area.

While he had avoided the random spread of the vibration waves, he was still yet incapable of stopping them from spreading at all.

"You, this can't be sound element...I have seen great masters of sound element and none of them were capable of causing such potent destruction." Captain Frederick inquired with an eyebrow raised, "Is it really just sound?"

"Yes." Felix answered.

Since sound was a mere branch of vibration element, it was easy for him to use it as a way to avoid explaining himself.

As for the details? Even when everyone seemed skeptical and wanted to know more, it was an unofficial rule to never ask anyone about the details of their abilities.

After all, there was no such thing as affinity or familiarity with elements. Everyone was capable of learning the same elemental abilities if they managed to learn how to master each ability.

The way to learn them the fastest was by copying another experienced fighter's method.

"Damn, if I knew sound element could be so powerful, I would have focused on it more."

"All we have is time, I think I will start learning more about it. Who knows, I might master the same ability."

Most of the law enforcers seemed somewhat envious of Felix as all of them desired to possess such behemoth strength and some of them even had real thoughts about switching to sound element.

"..."

Felix looked at them silently, not sympathetic in the slightest after baiting them to chase a dead end.

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A couple of hours later...

The news of the rescue mission had gone viral throughout all the law enforcement departments in the heavenly plane... Especially, when the main selling point was a newbie finishing off the Rapid Killer Bee Hive with its monstrous Queen Bee.



Even though Felix didn't want the credits, it was impossible for the law enforcers to steal the win from him by changing the events.

After all, they needed to put an exact detailed report of everything that happened after each case or mission.

The ones affected the most by the news were the other contestants in the qualification stage as they had realized that Felix and Ravager were about to earn a significant amount of points.

"Damn it! Damn it! I would have done the same if I was taken there! Lucky bastards!" Nebula banged on the table in frustration and anger at the thought of being left behind in the first day.

"Don't mind it, it's a rough start for us, but they won't be ahead for much longer." Seraphel said as she pushed her glasses up her nose. "Such missions are rare, and they have gotten extremely lucky to be included in them. From now on, they will have to get by with normal cases, and we will pull ahead sure enough."

This was exactly what happened for the next couple of months. Felix and Ravager were seen somewhat struggling with either squad duties or individual cases in their free time.

That's because law enforcers had so many rules they had to abide by when running cases, making it unthinkable to bend the law for even a little.

It was nothing like when he was working under Miss Sanae.

Sometime, he had plenty of evidence to finish up a case, but just as he was about to conclude it, the victim would come forward and drop the case entirely.

This wasted Felix's entire time and resources for nothing in return.

The worst part, he couldn't even punish the victim or question his reasons for dropping it even though he knew he was bribed by the assailants.

The last nail in the coffin was Felix having to present all evidence found, and the method used to find them during his report without lies, he could not rely on his trusted illusion abilities in his investigations!

This forced him to rely only on vibration element, which wasn't as optimal as illusion element.

Ravager was in the same boat as him in this case.

Meanwhile, Nebula and Seraphel turned out to be the perfect duo, and they had solved double the number of cases than all other teams.

Nebula's space/time abilities were legit perfect tools for investigation... Especially, memory recall ability that allowed her to return time in a small area, showing all the scenes happening in that place akin to fading holographic scenes.

Seraphel was also of a great assistance as she had a major network behind her back, allowing her to find information in the least expected areas.

Felix had to rely on Miss Sanae's network on so many cases, but since her network was more underground, it forced him to not use the evidence without giving out the source.

Obviously, Miss Sanae would never approve of such thing.

Right now, Felix and Ravager were seen sitting in their office with signs of distress on their faces.

"We may not see their points, but they must have already surpassed us." Ravager said with a solemn tone.

"We have gotten three thousand points from the rescue mission and more than a thousand honorary points from the other squads." Felix shook his head, "Even with their current output, we should be still ahead."

"But, it won't be for long if we don't make a change in our strategy." Ravager said.

"Mmm." Felix nodded in agreement.

"I think we should aim for a much bigger case; a big one which will win us the competition immediately after solving it."

"It's highly risky."

"I know, duration isn't our ally and there is a high chance of not solving it before the end of the year. But, what else do we have?"

Felix remained silent.

Nebula and Seraphel had proved to be a much more pain in the ass than he anticipated and with the limitations imposed on him, he really discovered no method to keep their lead unless they got lucky with another difficult battle related mission.

"Alright, we will do it, but I will be the one choosing the case." Felix approved.

"Fine."

Ravager didn't decline since he wasn't putting the same kind of results as Felix in their partnership.

"Let's go camp in the central hall."

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For the next week, neither Felix nor Ravager had accepted any individual case after their shifts ended.

They simply remained sitting under the screens in the central hall, awaiting the perfect case to save them.

Whenever the girls came in and saw them like this, they made sure to leave some mocking remarks before taking off with new cases to solve.

Felix and Ravager always ignored them and kept their focus on the screens, knowing that the moment a significant case show up, there will be tens of other law enforcers competing to accept it first.

"Our shift is about to start, I guess no luck today as well." Ravager sighed as he glanced at his device.

"You may go and prepare, I will stay here for a little longer."

"Okay, don't be late, you know how the captain is."

"Mmm."

After Ravager took his leave, Felix lifted his head again and stared at the large four-sided screens hanging overhead flashing with hundreds of tasks, missions, and cases.

The colors, symbols, and data flashed like a coordinated dance of light and sound, a symphony of organized chaos.

His eyes flitted through the screens, searching for anything that caught his attention. Just as he was about to leave it for now and group up with his squad, a specific case blipped into view on one of the screens.

The header read: Lost Dark Spirit Alert.

He tapped the case, and the screen expanded to show the details. It read:

Location: Eastern Alleyways, Sector 4D.

Situation: A lost dark spirit located. Appears disoriented and lacking memory.

Status: Contained temporarily. Requires immediate investigation.

His eyes narrowed as he read the details...He had a potent feeling that this case was related to fallen specters since it was rare for anyone to lose memories in the heavenly plane.

Knowing that he had no duration to ponder about it, Felix bet on his feelings and accepted the case before it drew anyone's attention.

Chapter 1460 Arion Delmar.

After he took the case, he went to meet up with his squad, and they started their day shift with working on some old cases.

When they were done, Felix and Ravager were rewarded with a bit of points for their performance, but nothing too far-reaching like in the rescue mission.

Receiving six thousand or more overall from such an insane achievement might seem little, but it was the highest amount possible to be given in that scenario.

That's because each squad had a limit on how many points they could give out to the contestants in each mission to avoid biased favoritism.

So, it was impossible for Felix and Ravager to be set for the entire duration of the competition from a single mission, which helped the girls catch up to them through an insane quantity of solved cases.

After the day shift ended, Felix updated Ravager about case accepted as they walked towards one of the interrogation rooms.

He was informed that the lost spirit was brought in for a while now, and he was waiting just for them.

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In a short while, Felix and Ravager were standing behind a see through glass window with their arms crossed.

Their foreheads were creased as they observed the lone figure sitting on the other side.

His eyes, empty and distant, were fixed on a point on the wall. He seemed lost in an abyss of his thoughts, unaffected by the physical world around him.

'He does have the characteristics of a fallen specter.' Felix thought.

He had never seen a fallen specter before, but he was told by Miss Sanae some of their features.

One of the infamous characteristics was the silent absentmindedness of the spirit, remaining in this condition until he gets an order from his master.

'His condition resembles my sister greatly.' Ravager narrowed his eyes, 'Does he have a relation to the people who have harmed my sister?'

"Is something wrong?" Felix asked after seeing his sudden shift of emotions.

"Nothing important." Ravager brushed it off before saying, "I think it's time we find out his identity."

Felix knew that something wasn't right, but he decided to ignore it for now.

Felix walked in with Ravager by his side. The door shut behind them with a soft click. The spirit did not acknowledge their entrance, nor did he shift his gaze.

Ravager cleared his throat, his voice gruff. "Hey!" he exclaimed, trying to catch the spirit's attention, but to no avail.

Felix approached the table, his footsteps deliberate and slow. He leaned forward, trying to find a hint of consciousness in the spirit's eyes. "Can you hear me?" he asked calmly.

Silence.

Felix tried a different approach. He reached out, placing a hand on the spirit's shoulder. At the touch, a fleeting ripple of energy moved across the spirit's form, like a stone disturbing still water. But his vacant stare remained unchanged.

Ravager, his patience thinning, slammed his hand on the table, creating a resounding noise.

"Snap out of it!" He roared.

But the spirit remained unmoved, his world seemingly far removed from theirs.

Felix stood upright, taking a step back. "It's as if he's trapped in his mind," he murmured. "His consciousness is somewhere else."

"I guess we can only run his identity through the system and figure out more about his past from there." Ravager said.

"Take care of it."

Felix watched on with intrigue as Ravager approached the man, aiming the device towards his arm.

At first glance, there was nothing. But as the crystal device emitted a soft, blue glow, an intricate barcode-like pattern emerged from the spirit's forearm, previously invisible to the naked eye.

"Got it," Ravager announced as he began the scan. Lines of mysterious code and data streamed from the spirit's barcode into the crystal device, illuminating it with fluctuating colors.

Ravager observed the information, then relayed it to Felix in a structured manner:

Full Name: Arion Delmar

Age: 233 Spirit Years

Origin City: Luminara

Last Known Occupation: Luminara's Gambling Den Manager.

Status: Current Dark color/Peak Color, Golden.

Memory Status: Compromised

Even though there were more information to be read, both Felix and Ravager were taken back when they saw that he was a golden-ranked spirit.

"How is it even possible to fall this significantly in rank?" Ravager frowned, "He was even a gambling den manager. They are known to be swimming in Lumus."

It would have been more understandable if he fell to blue, green, or even indigo if he was presented with hundreds of unfortunate circumstances...But dark color?

Everyone avoided dropping to this rank akin to a plague, and there was no way a golden spirit would allow himself to fall to such a low point.

'He is most definitely a fallen specter.'

Felix was more certain now than ever.

"What do you think about this?"

"The protocol in this situation is to take him to the reformation center and attempt to recover any of his lost memories. If everything was erased, give him a new identity fit of his current rank." Felix uttered calmly.



The spirit, Arion Delmar, remained distant and unresponsive even at the sound of such a terrifying statement.

"Mmm." Ravager opened his mouth, but soon closed it. Then, he nodded in approval.

'I can't ask the Traveler to break the protocol and start investigating him without exposing him to the system.'

Ravager wanted to utilize the information acquired from the barcode to begin his investigation on the spirit's past and find out what caused him to become like this.

But, he could not do this if the case wasn't approved first by their squad's captain. That's because the case Felix accepted would end the moment the spirit either had his memories restored or received a new identity.

Whatever happen next would be considered as a new case with a different rank to it.

'Let's hope we get something from his memories.'

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Inside the vast halls filled with sophisticated machinery and luminescent chambers, Felix and Ravager walked side by side, guiding the vacant-eyed Arion. They were led by Specialist Elara, the center's leading memory technician.

Since they were considered newbies, they needed monitoring while running the machine.

"Put him there."

Upon reaching a central chamber, Specialist Elara gestured for them to place Arion on the chair and put the helmet on his head. Once Arion was settled, Elara initiated the process.

The chamber hummed to life, pulsating with a rhythmic energy. Streams of light and shadow intertwined, seeking, searching for the lost fragments of Arion's memories. The minutes felt like hours as Felix and Ravager waited with bated breath.

Finally, the hum subsided, the chamber's light dimmed, and Specialist Elara approached them with a heavy heart.

"My apologies, but It appears that Arion Delmar's memories have not just been suppressed or locked away. They have been completely and permanently deleted."

"Is there no other way?" Ravager asked with a upset tone.

Elara shook her head. "The process we use is the most advanced in the realm. If his memories were merely fragmented or locked, we could have pieced them together. But deletion... it's final."

Ravager leaned against a console, annoyance evident on his face. "Who would go to such lengths? And why?"

"That's on you to investigate." Elara uttered calmly, "For now, it's best to give him a new identity, so he could be functional again."

"We will do so, but not now." Felix stopped her just as she was about to press the button, "We still need to run some tests on him."

"As you wish." Elara shrugged and took off, not too bothered.

Felix glanced at the mindless Arion and thought to himself, 'We may not get information from him, but the fallen specters' cartel doesn't know that and will try their best to recover him.'

Felix was certain that the cartel wouldn't allow Arion to roam the streets and if it wasn't for the law enforcers picking him first, he would have already been taken aback by them.

So, he planned to send him back outside again as a bait and see who would bite on it!

