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Akirion and Thaneiros started training with real swords, I'm sure it was good for Akirion's skills. Akirion was attacking Thaneiros as if he was attacking an enemy, but lucky for Thaneiros' skills, he was blocking every attacks from Akirion.

They took hours training without a break, Akirion was now good at dodging and blocking attacks thanks to his late father, Eriolth.

' ha ha haa ha '. A young voice was panting.

' What's wrong, enjoying it? .' a male voice sounded.

' imm.... yeah '. The young like woman voice hardly spoke.

' Good to hear that, cause I can't stop .' a male voice continued in happiness.

' ha ha ha , it's painful though and I'm enjoying it too, and I'm close to.... '

' haa, you are right, I'm almost close, so get up, you are a grown man, you can't keep panting there like an old woman! '

' Come on Master, how am I going to keep training, we've been training for hours, and I'm close to getting tired, how am I going to train magic while I have low energy? I'm sure you said, arcana is the same as energy but only that arcana is the fuel of magic! ' Akirion pleaded, adding some more ideas to stop the training that took hours , half a day to be precise. Their sweat was hidden in the short grass there in the jungle they were in.

' Wow, good ears and brain you have there! Yes I said that, you are right, we should stop, I'm old, I shouldn't work this hard, I'll be abusing my old body. ' Thaneiros replied.

' Yeah, exactly. '

' okay take a break and you'll continue to the magic training in a few minutes! '

' YES MASTER! '

They went to the nearest tree with leaves because the last tree lost its leaves during the high FIRETORNADO magic power that took place.

' I can find a man to slaughter that guy.' Ryder came up with an idea.

' Ohh that's good, but, won't he disappoint you and me for some reason?' Haruto asked.

' No, I'll find a well trained guy, whether an assassin or a knight or anything that is strong enough to take him down.'

' How about searching maybe 2 or 3 guys, because I'm sure you all know what we are dealing with here, right?' a soldier asked.

'immmmm, I guess you can be right, but, where are we going to find anyone that strong, we are going to lose a lot, I'm sure you know that hiring those guys can cost us an arm and leg.' Haruto came up with a hidden point, that nobody of them thought about.

'Yeah, you are right sir, but we still need to crash the guy, we can try and organize the money, even though we get one guy, as long as we have someone to rely on.'

' Okay, let's prepare the money to get the guy, you said you can find someone, right Ryder?'

' Yes, I can try my best, as long as I contribute to the downfall of the ghost of steel!' Ryder replied with hatred in his face.

' I'm curious, why do you hate the guy, what made you to come here?' Haruto asked a simple question but it was hard to answer, but also easy to dodge it.

' ahhh, it's..... it's personal!' easy way of dodging Ryder found, it passed just like that.

' Okay, I won't pry into your personal info, but the way you are showing hatred, it's in a whole different level! {Damn you Mika, I'm sure you are the one who sent Ryder here to trap me,so that I'll won't attack that old punk, but you mended on the other side, you won't stop me, I got brains too, I won't rely on Ryder's plan, but it's good, I'll do it my way, I'll find the guy on my own.}' Haruto said a lot while silent in the world, and Ryder said what he had to say...

' it's good to destroy Elysian's biggest hidden threat, and I want to support you sir, so that's why I'm helping you.' Haruto got moved by Ryder's words. And Ryder added something silently. '{ They won't know my personal reasons, I need to crash that guy because he destroyed my own sleep that day and got me embarrassed infront of my bedroom by making me pee in my sleep and also , YOU GOT ME EMBARRASSED INFRONT OF MIKA, SHE CALLED ME UGLY BECAUSE OF YOU, GHOST OF STEEL, I'LL FINISH YOU!}' He , again made an ugly face and surprised the group.

' Hey Ryder, what's up with your face?' Haruto asked.

' What??' Ryder replied surprised.

' Your face, you look uglier than normal.'

'' He smiled, trying to hide his face with a fake smile. And he silently said; {Not again, these guys are calling me ugly again?! DAMN YOU, GHOST OF STEEL.' This time he didn't make an ugly face.

' Okay, dismissed, Ryder, make sure you find the guy before the night fall.' Haruto dismissed his group.

' Yes sir '. They all left.

' {Ryder and Mika aren't that close, but you can't trust a woman, maybe she charmed him, so he can't be trusted either, which means I should act up and find the strongest warrior there is around.}' Haruto silently said.

After a break , Akirion started magic training. He trained with all four elements, mixing them together and creating a lot of things with ice and also with Earth magic. He merged them, staying a long time holding multiple magic powers. Thaneiros, showed that he was proud and promised Akirion his favorite dish, but disappointingly, Thaneiros didn't know how to cook Akirion's favorite food. So he promised to take him out for dinner in the nearest restaurant. Akirion was happy that he wasn't able to wait to end the training and go to a restaurant and enjoy themselves with his Master.

EXPLANATION OF MAGIC POWERS THAT AKIRION HAD.

FIRE - fire magic is the magic that is used by commanding the world's heat. It's mostly taken on this earth.

WATER - Water is used by commanding the world's water and turning it under your controll.

The body can produce these two.

Air - it's through commanding the world's air and putting it under your controll.

Earth - the use of the Earth's crust to create multiple things commanding the ground to do what you want it to do.

NOTE : It can be Limited in uses of ARCANA , so the user should be careful.

These two can only be u

sed by commanding the world's air or earth.

Chapter 22: The hired killers

After training, Akirion and Thaneiros headed home and freshened up and went out.

They searched for a good restaurant to get some food that Akirion will love.

The same evening, Ryder went with a strong giant guy to Haruto. To be straight, he was scary. They reached where they held the meeting in the afternoon. They found Haruto with the other soldiers, preparing for a war. I mean, getting their weapons ready.

' Ohh Ryder, you are here?' Haruto asked, with a smile on his face.

' Good evening Sir!' Ryder greeted Haruto.

' it's good to see you this evening, ready for a war?'

' Yes sir, I am. Totally ready.'

' Mhhhh, I see, I don't see a weapon in you, how are you going to fight that war?'

'hahaha, I got my ultimate weapon! The one that's hard to find. MEET my ultimate weapon, GIDEON!' Gideon stepped in the room and everyone in it got surprised.

'Wow, ultimate weapon for sure. Wow he's really strong. Hie Big man.' Haruto funnily admired Gideon.

' (with a strong voice)Hello Mr...!' Gideon replied.

' ahh, he's really strong, even his voice. Hey Ryder, come with me. (They stepped away from everyone's ears) Where did you find this guy.' Haruto asked Ryder after seeing and hearing a strong guy while he thought that Ryder was a sellout.

' This Elysia is big, I traveled a lot to find this guy, after spending a lot of hours without water or food to hide my dry mouth, I found a good Samaritan , he helped me with water, then I asked him about the Elysian strongest warriors and more. Then the guy told me a lot and he directed me to a scary place. Thanks to my expensive clothes, I wasn't criticized, but I was shivering behind my rich face. I told the guy that I was going to pay him after he completed the mission, so the guy agreed, after looking at me, one or two times, he saw that I was rich so he placed his price tag for the mission, and as a wealthy moneymaker, I accepted the expensive price.....' Ryder was cut off before he finished his story.

' wait wait wait, do you have that money?' a serious question was asked.

' No! We will see that after the mission, we will borrow some from people and friends. And you are also close to the King, so it be a piece of ca.....'

' The what? I'm not, I also lied to him, will you mind telling me his price?'

'(Ryder cleared his throat) I'm sure you know that there are principles in killing someone Sir?'

' what do you mean Ryder? Tell me the price not asking questions!'

' Low level killing= 100 - 500 gold coins

Mid level killing= 1000 - 5000 gold coins

High level killing= 5000 - 10000 gold coins

It depends on which level is the target, as for now, the Ghost of steel is in high level....'

'Wait a second Ryder, what happened to the middle of 500 to 1000 gold coins?'

' I don't know, those are their principles, I don't know why they jumped that spot.'

' Then you said, that Ghost of steel guy is in high level, which means you are supposed to pay 5000 going up?' Haruto added Ryder on his own in paying.

' Wait Sir, why are you saying me, like me alone in paying this guy?'

' you are the one who found the guy!'

' Wait a second Sir, we are all in this, we both want to kill the guy so.....'.

' hahaha, I was joking, so how much did he say?'

' I told him that the guy is no longer powerful , so, he can be in mid and he said 3500 for one guy.'

' WHAT?!' Haruto asked, surprised. And everyone in the room looked at them then Haruto, changed everyone's eye's back to their place by saying, sorry. He started whispering. ' Are you for real, how are you, I mean we, how are we going to gather that much money? 35000 silver coins. Thirty-five thousand silver coins Ryder, are you serious. If you were banking coin by coin, I mean using bronze, you are going to use 175 000 bronze coins.'

' Do you realize that you are still saying me, me alone? And as for the money, we are going to see after the mission, and we are going to borrow if we have to, as long as we completed the mission.' Ryder replied positively.

'Wait a second, do you realize that this guy is a killer, he will follow us one by one and leave all of us in graves?'

'ohh God, I guess you have a point Sir'.

'Exactly, so how are we going to pay him, or we send him back and use my cheap guy?'

'what If he dies during the mission, we are going to win the money.'

'Oh yeah, I guess you have a point.'

'Huh?? Wait a second Sir, are you for real? Did you just say your guy?' Ryder curiously asked after processing Haruto's sentence.

'Yes, to be honest, I didn't trust you, I thought you were sent by Mika who was trying to stop me. So I had to find my guy.'

'So, where is the guy??'

'Wow, this menu is full of my favorite dishes, I'm struggling to choose which one to eat tonight.' Akirion happily said.

'Ohh really, let me help you to choose. Try to choose anything that you'll love to eat if it was your last day in this world!' Thaneiros took off some scary words from his chest.

'Huh, what do you mean Master?'

'Come on sir, stop scaring the pure cute boy here '. The waitress said her words.

'I'm trying to make him choose one of the most delicious food that he will die to eat it.'

'{Wait , why is master sounding like that, dying, what's up with that word today, it's coming from his mouth one after the other}' Akirion silently said.

'It will be ridiculous for this handsome young man to die for food, aren't I right little guy?' the waitress asked.

'Yeah sure, why would I do that for, while I have some people to protect?' Akirion spoke like a real hero.

'Huh?? Hahaha, you two are funny. Hahaha, alright, what are you going to choose young master?'

Akirion managed to choose the most delicious food he loved and on the other side, Thaneiros did the same.

'HEY EVERYONE! MEET MY ULTIMATE WEAPON.... KRAGG!' Haruto yelled, and a mysterious man jumped into the room carrying a sword.

'hiiiya, haaa. Whiiiiiii...haaa.' Kragg started to play with his sword.

Haruto and Ryder spoke in private again.

'You see this guy, he didn't want an arm and leg, he charged a very low amount of money for killing a person, and especially for a high level.' Haruto praised his decision.

'Ohh wow, so how much was it?' Ryder asked.

'Very cheaper than your guy.' Haruto replied, hitting his chest.

'How much...'

'Ohh, I haven't told you yet. Okay then, he said only 700 gold coins deal, then I accepted because it only cost 7000 silver coins and 35000 bronze coins. See, very cheap.

'wow, He looks experienced too.'

'Yeah, totally!'

'But I guess we will need them both, just in case, the guy we are going to be dealing with is definitely strong '. Ryder suggested a point.

'You are starting to sound like elders, ki kay ki ka kiking kik kik kong (repeating Ryder and the elder's words in the meeting.< The guy we are dealing is strong>) , weird, you shouldn't fear a man. Even though he's strong, he can still fall.'

'Yeah, but it will be better to let them work together to save time, remember that is a private property, once the city soldiers hear about the attack, they'll arrive at the scene in a blink of an eye '.

'Wow, you are right Ryder, it will be better to have them both.' Haruto agreed to Ryder's plan.

'Yes sir'.

'So it's decided '.

Chapter 23: AMBUSH

Akirion and Thaneiros got their sacks full and they found their way back home. Meanwhile, the blood thirsty humans managed to reach Thaneiros' mansion first.

' Hahaha, now, I'll get my ultimate weapon.(The hired killer looked at the blabbering Haruto.) Not you, my new one, you'll be old, and I mean the new.'

Kragg looked down with disappointment, but also happy for the mission.

KRAGG:

He was a martial artist who was well trained from the west and he also trained swordsmanship. He was recruited by a group of assassins in the West, where he trained. But after sometime, with the fear of killing a cockroach, he was fired while he showed potential. But according to how scared to kill he was, the company didn't find any option but to fire him because they were running a loss of paying someone who doesn't do the job.

Kragg was heart broken and lucky for him, his broken heart became one when he was recruited in the eastern lands for the same type of work that he had previously.

The company was doing some underground fights for training, it was a blood for blood fight, and that's where Kragg learnt how to use his skills that he trained hard for. He won a lot of fights and lost a few of them. Lucky for him, he didn't lose his life during his defeat, he only had some broken bones.

He gained a little status of his and he became a well trained assassin, who didn't leave his target breathing. He completed all the given mission and he was well known for his skills. But one day, he thought of quitting his job and that's when he landed in Elysia. And before Haruto hired him, he was doing some underground fights for a living. So through Haruto, he thought of having a family and settling down after he completed the mission. And now, he was heading for that mission.

GIDEON:

Gideon was a very well known warrior in the Empire's army, he was strong, blood thirsty and he did more scary things. When the Empire wanted to attack Elysia, he quit his wonderful job. Why? It's all because he had loved ones in Elysia. During the big war, he thought Of helping Elysia in order to protect his loved ones but he thought of what was the Empire's army commander going to say, including his former comrades. He reduced his blood thirstiness and laid low. When he heard that Elysia was losing, he thought of helping, his thirstiness increased, but in second thoughts , he stopped himself. He was happy when he heard that Elysia was victorious and he stayed with his loved ones and gave up on the job. When time went by, his thirstiness increased, that time he didn't control it, other ways, it controlled him, he found some underground fights and happily joined. So agreeing to Ryder's offer, it was party of the thirstiness. In the following weeks, he was going to fight with Kragg the great. By not knowing what the future holds, he didn't know how the mission will progress and get the money then win against Kragg the great.

Present:

The blood thirsty humans started to search the house.

Before Akirion and Thaneiros reached home;

' There's something wrong somewhere'.

' Yes you are right Akie, it feels off for some reason.' Thaneiros replied Akirion with the same feeling like Akirion's.

' My blood is racing, I don't know why, it's giving me chills up my spine, feels like there's something around here, but we are almost home, what is it?'

' Maybe we are being followed. Akie! Stay alert, we don't know what's coming.'
Thaneiros said, while his eyes racing around the place but he saw nothing, and it was the same for Akirion too.

They walked to the gate...

' Sir? (Whispering)It looks like there's nothing around here, nobody is here Sir..' a soldier said.

'The what? It can't be, this is that guy's house, he should be here somewhe...'

Haruto replied angrily but he was cut off by Kragg.

'shhhhhhh.' Kragg warned the others without a hush hush sound and showed them with signs that someone was coming.

By that time, Gideon wasn't spotted, the dark swallowed him and he was no where to be seen.

When Thaneiros reached the gate, he didn't see any wagon, but he had that chilly scary feeling on him and Akirion. They started whispering to each other , not to ring up the bells. They hid, looking for the attacker.

'Someone is here, I can sense it, what's going on?'

' it's an ambush!' Thaneiros scarily mentioned a word that wasn't expected by Akirion's ears. Akirion gasped, remembering what his Master told him, and his master's words during the day.

'What did we do.' Akirion, questioned, with a scared voice.

' Mostly, they are after you, (Akirion gasped and almost fainted for a second, the atmosphere itself was a battle field for them. And it was hard to live in, I can't say about Akirion because he was hardly breathing, almost lost it but he forced himself to keep his cool. Thaneiros added saying;) you need to use that brain of yours dapperly.'

' {Here we go again with his riddles, how am I supposed to know what he's talking about. This is not the time to ask, I should be calm in making this decision.}' Akirion silently said.

Akirion saw that it was going to be better to keep his cool, and never use magic in order for them to think that they've attacked the wrong place. Suddenly, an enormous energy was sensed from the nearest trees, Akirion's eyes widened with surprise and Thaneiros showed that he sensed it but he was calm. He pushed Akirion into the nearest woods, and Akirion was sent flying but he didn't mind being pushed like a toy, he managed his landing and was happy for that.

<Use your mind dapperly>, Thaneiros' words rang in Akirion's small head, and he thought of using his mind just like what Thaneiros said. On the other side, the tree's enormous energy turned into a human. He jumped to attack Thaneiros but Thaneiros dodged the attack into the small thin dark air.

' Wait, the what, what's going on here? These people are good at disappearing, a while ago, I'm sure that I saw a kid but I blinked at that moment and the kid was nowhere to be found, now, the old man, my money, he disappeared in this sm ...?' the attacker stopped talking and he opened his eyes wide open.

' Thank God I kept my sword at the gate.'

Chapter 24: The war

Thaneiros took his sword that he kept at the gate and got ready for a war.

'Thank God I kept my sword at the gate, now it's time for a game.' Thaneiros said approaching Gideon.

' { ohh damnit, sup with this guy, I can't feel my legs, what's going on, who's he. My body has never been this afraid before. Grrrrrrrr, no matter who he is, I'm an ultimate weapon, and I should finish him with one strike.}' Gideon silently said, looking at the dark place where Thaneiros' voice came from.

Thaneiros kept appearing and disappearing. Gideon's eye's got tired of staring at the moving dark that kept on switching on and off. Suddenly, Gideon, had a whoosh sound from nowhere, thanks to his skills, he managed to dodge.

' Hoho, you are a hard one aren't you?' Thaneiros asked mockingly.

'tsh, so there you are, old man, or I can say my mone.....'. this time the whoosh sound was lower than expected and Gideon got a scratch on his face.

' Ohh, I missed? Lucky you, but next time I won't miss.' Thaneiros said, looking at Gideon with a scary eye.

' oooooo, old man, no.. my money, why are you dancing like a kid, come on, come at me, I'm free , I want to play.' Gideon showed that he was still into fighting.

'Ohh, according to your body (meaning Gideon's big strong body), I guess you didn't feel any pain, good for you. By the way, I should teach you some manners before the climax of either you or me winning.'

'Wait, what is Master doing?? And that guy looks strong, which means, he's reading his opponent, that's cool. What should I do before I get spotted?' Akirion said, while he was still in the woods.

' Good luck with that, old man , let's see you try, by the way, I was taught some manners by my grandma, so I'm good at manners. So.... let's see you try, my mone....' Thaneiros launched another attack at Gideon, but the attack was blocked faster than he expected. They started exchanging blows with Gideon. The viewer's sight was blocked with flying swords and fire sparks due to the clashing of swords.

Some crazy wind was going out from the two fighters. The nearest places, like where Akirion was, were actually being blown.

' sup with this wind?' asked Akirion, facing the wind that was blocking his escape.

The same fierce fight caused the wind to blow to the other allies of Gideon.

'Not the wind at a time like this.' said Ryder.

' Yeah, we can't see anything with this wind blowing around, it's too much. And the dust will cause an actual defeat? Said Haruto, who had his eyes closed to keep the dust away from his two eye balls. He continued saying; 'By the way , where is your guy, what's his name again? Yes Gideon, where is he?'

'I'm sure he's hunting Sir, and this dust will get him lost. I guess we should check him out.' said Ryder, concerned about his ultimate weapon.

They moved for some few steps, and suddenly, Kragg stopped everyone.

' shhh, Do you guys here that?' Kragg asked.

' what do you mean Kragg, we are all hearing the wind!' Haruto replied.

'Wait Sir, you don't hear that?'

' Even I don't hear anything.' Ryder replied with no clue.

' Listen close.' the fierce fighters stopped, they jumped back and took a breath.

'What is it Kragg? Now the wind stopped and we are hearing nothing , what's up with your ears? I guess those two satellites of yours are deceiving you.' said Haruto.

'{grr, great, they didn't hear that? Or it's my ears, but no, I heard something.}' Kragg silently blabbered to himself.

The two fighters started fighting again and Kragg gasped, with his orbs wide open. The others heard his hissing and their breaths were snatched away because they thought maybe he was attacked or something like that.

In Kragg's ears, he heard the sound of swords clashing, and he reacted faster than expected. The others didn't hear anything, and that made Kragg to disappear in the dark rather than guiding those who were mostly concerned about their buttons that were browsed by the dusty wind, and that made them go around blindly.

They got surprised by Kragg who disappeared in the middle of the thin dark air.

The two fighters continued to exchange some blows. During the fight, Gideon had more than three scratches on his face, and as for Thaneiros', it was blemish- free. The fight fiercely continued but during the fight , Thaneiros launched another attack and cut Gideon's long black jacket into a short funny thing.

'Ohh thank you old man, I love the style. (Said Gideon , looking at his jacket.) It was difficult to fight with this hood on, and again, I appreciate your well trained tailoring skills.'

' you are mostly welcome.' Thaneiros happily replied, and then he continued saying;

' it's been long without this kind of a workout, I guess I should be thanking you not receiving your thanks.'

' Ohh, you are welcome, let's continue the work out. Hahaha '.

They continued the fierce fight until another enemy arrived at the scene. Thaneiros sensed the upcoming danger and got more than alert.

Thaneiros moved as if he was about to attack Gideon but he jumped and escaped danger from two sides. The other one was coming from the back and the other one from the front. The back stabber was going to be Kragg, because he was the one attacking from the woods, thinking that Thaneiros didn't notice him. Surprisingly Thaneiros did,

and he dodged the attack and at the same time, Gideon and Kragg were attacking from different fronts. Lucky for their cautious eyes, they blocked each other's attacks and wondered about where was Thaneiros.

'You?!' Kragg got surprised by seeing Gideon. But it was obvious that he knew that it was Gideon fighting because, only the two of them were hired and the hirers looked like they said no to brawling with the ghost of steel. So riders question proved to be a lie, but to Gideon it was a surprise.

'You? What are you doing here?' Gideon was genuinely surprised, and his astonishment proved to be true because he didn't see or sense anyone coming.

'I should be asking you the same question, battling with my money without saying a word to us.' Kragg proved to be jealous that Gideon attacked first.

'Aren't you supposed to be guiding the clients?' Gideon asked.

'Wait, how about you, aren't you supposed to be protecting that slim guy?'

'Yes, whatever, now you scared my bird away. He might have found his way out and escaped.'

'mhhhh, better you are done arguing, I almost slept.{damn, two guys, and they are both talent in my point of view. And Akie, where are you, keep your cool.}' the two wheezed, scared and surprised by Thaneiros who was around them all along. If he was someone, he was going to attack while they were arguing. Suddenly, they wiped out all the fear and astonishment and faced the future.

'Wow, seems like my bird didn't go that far, maybe it's struggling to fly. I'll help it, poor thing.' Gideon said, with a scary smile on his face and Kragg was also doing the same. The two started attacking Thaneiros.

Thaneiros started dodging their attacks, jumping around to avoid contact.

'You have started dancing around old man?' Kragg asked, but his reply was not in words. He heard a swift sound and suddenly he felt pain in his face. He got three scratches in an instant. Thaneiros started disappearing in the dark, confusing his opponent.

Kragg and Gideon started to stand back to back, watching the scary shadow appearing and disappearing in front of them.

'By the way, ultimate weapon, do you think the guy is still here, or we are facing our mind's trauma?' said Kragg, asking Gideon Gideon about the black shadow they were watching.

'Don't call me that, ultimate weapon.' Gideon returned the sentence.

'Come on, ultimate weapon one, don't call me that, I'm Kragg the great, every fighter in Elysia knows me.'

' Mhh Kragg the great, okay, I'm Gideon, the undefeatable , fighter of the southern side of Elysia and you are from the Eastern side of Elysia, isn't that right?'

'Wait a second, aren't I going to be fighting with you in the upcoming week?'

' Kragg the great, Yes, I was supposed to fight with you.'

' Hii, do you mind, if we can just start it here and finish it in the stage?'

' That will be so boring.' said Thaneiros standing beside them.

'Huh, old man, when did you get here, weren't you flying around a second ago?!' Kragg gulped and said that with a scared astonished face.

'No, I did that a minute ago, not a second ago.'

' Grrr, youuuu!' Kragg got angry and started attacking Thaneiros.

'Ohh fool, what does he think he's doing, being controlled by anger, he can't attack that guy head on.'

'What's that.....?'

' GET AWAY FROM MY MAASTERRR!!'