

The Strongest Assassin Reincarnates in Another World

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Before Aiden had arrived in the Coliseum, many teachers of the academy were in an observation room, looking at both Aiden and Garetsa fighting against one another.

Almost everyone in the room thought that Garetsa would be winning this fight, sure, they had seen how strong Aiden was in the entrance exam. But, this was a whole other level, he would be fighting one of the most talented students in the academy.

And from what they had seen, Aiden only knew the most basic spells. However, the only thing that made him truly unique were all the affinities that he possessed.

"Do you think he's going to win David? He's your disciple, after all. You probably know best," one of the teachers around him asked, wondering what he would say.

"Of course I do, there's no doubt in my mind that he will completely destroy his opponent. In fact, I wonder if he's even going to get hit by a single spell," he asked with a lot of confidence.

His confidence was after all quite normal when you knew about Aiden's background in close-range fights.

"Also, I'll give you a little preview of what's going to happen, but he will defeat that girl without using the slightest amount of magic spells. He would do so only with physical abilities."

Everyone in the room couldn't believe what he had just said as they all knew that such a thing was impossible in the first place.

It was common knowledge, after all, that magic was superior to physical weapons, there was no doubt about that.

Garetsa was starting to panic, she didn't know what was happening.

Why would someone get closer to her?

It simply made no sense considering that the two of them were mages.

Shouldn't Aiden be keeping his position launching spells from far away?

'What are those small lightning sparks that are coming off his shoes?' She thought, wondering if this was a magic spell.

She wasn't sure if that was the case, and it wasn't like she could analyze what he was doing since, with his current pace, he would soon be reaching her.

'I need to do something, but what spells can I even use for someone moving that fast? None of them will even hit him,' she thought, completely destabilized over what Aiden had just done.

The ones who were watching from far away probably had a lot of difficulty gauging the speed at which Aiden was currently moving.

From their point of view, he probably wasn't moving as fast as Garetsa could see, being right in front of him.

That's why many were mocking him for their actions, however, even the director knew that Aiden's speed couldn't be taken lightly, he had to use his portal spell to counter it after all.

Nonetheless, Garetsa was completely lost as she decided to launch multiple spells of ice affinity, unsure if they would hit.

However, she had no other choices, it wasn't like she could teleport away from Aiden to gain distance, she didn't have the space affinity which meant that she was pretty much assured of losing as many icicles started leaving her hands.

Aiden saw them and simply scoffed as he couldn't believe that was the spell that she had gone for. Even he could cast those spells.

'Wasn't she supposed to be extremely talented? So why is it that she's trying to hit with those spells,' Aiden thought as he made sure to dodge every single icicle.

However, that wasn't the end of those spells as there was now a giant ice wall that separated both Garetsa and Aiden.

It seemed like she had understood the current situation, or rather, Aiden's plan.

That's why she decided that she would make it a lot harder for Aiden to reach her by putting walls around her. Search the website to access chapters of novels early and in the highest quality.

'Does she really think that this will stop me?' Aiden thought as he deactivated [Lightning Steps], slowly but surely flying up in the air.

Everyone in the crowd who saw that Aiden had just started to fly out of nowhere was now in complete awe over the young man.

"How can he use the flight spell already? Just who is that young man?"

Everyone in the arena seemed to have different questions on their mind as they couldn't believe that Aiden could already fly at such a young age.

However, they didn't know that he wasn't using mana to fly, but that was a detail that those people would never know.

Now flying, Aiden quickly looked at what was happening inside those walls and it seemed that the beast girl was simply panicking at the moment, wondering what she could do to win.

She was currently seated on the ground, crying. She knew that this was the end for her.

"Why did I do that? Why did I do that?"

She kept repeating that sentence over and over again, knowing that there was no way that she would be winning this fight.

She saw that look in Aiden's eyes before the fight. She knew that once he started moving at that speed there was literally nothing that she could do.

All of her spells worked on people who couldn't move at great speeds, what was she supposed to do if none of her spells could hit Aiden?

The only reason she had decided to use icicles was quite simple, that was the only spell that she had in her arsenal that could rival Aiden's speed. The rest of them were designed in a way that they could hit mages.

'What's happening to her?' Aiden thought as he didn't even remember what would happen to her if she lost.

Nonetheless, he couldn't care less as he remembered how confident she had been yesterday.

That's why Aiden needed to make that to pass on a message.

He needed to make sure that no one would be stupid enough to ask him to a duel once again.

He stopped asking himself any questions as he knew very well that she hadn't paying attention to her surroundings, murmuring something to herself over and over again.

Without wasting any more time, Aiden dived down just like he had done a thousand times back in that Cultivation World.

'Let's see if this is all but an act,' Aiden thought as he held his dagger firmly.

He remembered what the announcer had said at the start of the fight, they could try to kill one another as there would be people ready to stop their attacks if it came to that point.

That's why he didn't waste any time, aiming right for that girl's throat. He didn't care if they couldn't stop him, he was going to kill her. The only way that he wouldn't was if those around were to stop like they had said at the start of the fight.

Then, as Aiden continued to get closer and closer to that crying girl, he couldn't feel anything wrong or any pressure put on him. It seemed that the ones who needed to stop him still weren't reacting at all.

'Whatever, it's not my problem, either way,' Aiden thought as he was in arm's reach of Garetsa.

Aiden's dagger slowly started getting closer to that neck, only an inch away from it.

'Are they really going to let me do this?'

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Then, as soon as the dagger grazed Garetsa's skin, Aiden couldn't move a single inch anymore. He was stuck in place and she seemed to be in the exact same situation.

Since he was the same person, the commentator or even the announcer was shocked by what he had just witnessed.

"Did you just see that, he almost killed him, but it seemed that someone just barely stopped Aiden from doing it," the commentator exclaimed, unsure about what had just happened.

Why had the two participants completely stopped moving?

'Just what is that energy? I can't fucking move,' Aiden thought frustrated as he could see some blood starting to leave Garetsa's neck.

Being so close to one another, Aiden took his chances as he looked at her with the smile that he had made at the start of the fight, looking at her as if he was about to kill her.

Garetsa, who had already been crying because of all this, seemed to have some sort of panic attack as her tail seemed to hide itself.

She truly looked like an animal who was scared of dying.

However, Aiden didn't care, she had gotten what she had deserved, she was the one who had started all this, after all.

It wasn't Aiden's fault that she was in such a situation at the moment.

"So, got anything to say, now?" Aiden asked.

He knew that this fight was done, he had won and she had lost. However, there was still a minor problem, Aiden had no idea what he had asked her to do if he won the fight, he hadn't cared about it, after all.

As if reading Aiden's mind, the announcer started talking, revealing who won and who had lost.

Everyone who had eyes already knew the winner of this fight, but he still needed to announce for everyone to know.

He had to make it official.

"The winner of this fight is Aiden Nightshade which means that Garetsa will be leaving the Magic Academy as of today."

'Leaving the academy? Did I really ask such a thing?' Aiden thought, admitting that it was sort of a cruel thing to ask.

However, he couldn't really pity her since she had asked something that was also cruel.

If Aiden lost, he would have been forced to lose his discipleship which would have, at the same time, made this whole trial a lot more difficult.

Because as of right now, Aiden was still in his learning phase, he hadn't started to amass a lot of Reputation Points which was the only thing that mattered in this trial.

He was currently trying to learn as much as he could since he wouldn't be able to use his assassin skills after those months of preparation.

"Do you regret it, now?" Aiden asked as he could clearly see that the Magic Academy was something that she held dear.

It made him feel somewhat bad as he knew that this place really had no importance as he wasn't even from this world.

Nonetheless, it wasn't like he could change the result of this fight, maybe he could politely ask to remove that consequence, but then people would think that he was weak.

They would think that he would remove all the consequences from the fights that he wins, and as a result, he would be getting all sorts of offers to partake in a duel against all sorts of people.

That was the last thing that Aiden wanted as he simply wanted to acquire as much knowledge about magic as he could since it would be extremely useful to him in the future when opening that shop.

"I-I do, please don't make leave the academy," Garetsa cried as she was still in the same position as earlier, not able to move a single muscle.

Aiden noticed this and was starting to get honestly pissed off as he could only move his eyes or his mouth, the rest of his body was completely frozen.

'It really is cruel, huh? Does she deserve it?' Aiden thought as he started remembering the conversation that he had gotten when she tried asking for a duel.

Aiden hadn't really cared about whatever she had demanded as he had asked what she cherished the most.

To be honest, that had been quite a dickhead move from Aiden.

'Should I ask to remove that consequence? But then...' Aiden thought as he knew that this was a huge debate.

He knew what the director of the Magic Academy would be telling him as Aiden had slowly but surely started to understand what he was like.

However, all those thoughts left his body as fell to the ground as that energy which had been holding him up completely disappeared and stopped supporting him and Garetsa.

It caused quite an awkward situation between Aiden and Garetsa as they landed one on top of the other.

Aiden because of the position that they were currently in was able to feel all sorts of different things on her body. He had to admit that since she was an animal, there were a lot of things that were completely different from a human.

However, there was still one thing that was the same, and that was the red face. Every single time that such a situation had happened to Aiden, the girl always had one hell of a red face as if truly embarrassed of what she had done.

The commentator who saw such a thing happen between the beast girl and Aiden didn't lose a single moment as he knew that it was the perfect time to ask some embarrassing questions to the two of them.

"Let's see what our winner of today has to say," he exclaimed as he slowly approached Aiden, who had managed to get off the beast girl albeit slowly.

"What did you think about your opponent today, did you think that she was strong or was she weaker than you thought?" The commentator asked.

That first question of his was clearly warm up as the rest of them would be a lot more interesting. He would be asking about the fighting style that Aiden had used since that was probably the only thing that the crowd and the teachers were currently thinking about.

"Well, she was alright, she was definitely not stronger than what I anticipated."

"What about her leaving the academy? Do you have something to add about that?" The announcer continued.

"Well, actually I was debating whether she should leave the academy, what does the public think?" Aiden said as he made the public shout without any single problem.

"Let her leave, she was the one who asked this in the first place, you just demolished her!" someone in the public said.

However, that wasn't the only opinion as a lot of different people continued shouting all sorts of different things.

"She deserves her place, change that decision of yours!"

The commentator hearing all this, thought of a new opportunity.

"Is there something that she could give you that would make you change that decision of yours?" The commentator asked with a big smile on his face.

He knew that there must be something that Aiden wanted, and since that beast girl seemed absolutely desperate, she would probably accept.

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'Something that I want?' Aiden thought.

He had absolutely no idea of what he could ask in exchange for her staying in the Magic Academy.

The reason why it was so hard for Aiden to ask her something was actually quite simple, he didn't live in this world. He had no idea what was of value.

Normally, he would have asked for some help learning magic, but there was literally no reason to do so since he had such a great teacher at the moment.

In fact, he had the greatest teacher ever.

'Maybe I could ask for her help later?' Aiden thought as he knew that he would be leaving the Magic Academy, in the next month or two.

"Are you there, Aiden?" The commentator wondered as he noticed that there was absolutely no movement coming from Aiden's person, staying completely immobile at the moment.

"Oh, yes, sorry... I was thinking about it."

"So? What did you decide?" He asked, wondering if he would be nice or cruel.

It was also an important moment for all the students in the arena who had been thinking about dueling Aiden.

"Well, I guess I could make an exception. However, I will say it right here, but it will never happen again. Everyone else who thinks that they will be able to duel me and get no consequences in return is wrong."

"In fact, I won't tell her my demand right now, but just know that there is still one. However, it doesn't have anything related to you leaving the Magic Academy," Aiden explained as he knew that this was probably the only thing that she was worried about.

Garestsa, hearing that, was confused wondering what was happening.

She was sure that she would soon be gone from the academy, but it seemed that there had been some sort of deal happening right now.

She hadn't been listening to Aiden's conversation with the commentator as she was worried about what would happen to her when she went back home and announced what happened to her parents.

Garetsa knew that she would be in deep trouble if she came home and told her parents what had transpired that day.

"I accept!" She shouted as she started to understand that Aiden had completely changed his opinion about her needing to leave.

"Oh, it seems that you have made someone's day over there," the commentator said as he pointed toward the beast girl who hadn't said a single word since earlier.

'Well, I wonder if I really did,' Aiden thought as he knew what would be happening to her in the next couple of weeks.

"Are you going to tell your request or will you announce it to her in private?" the commentator continued, being as obnoxious as possible.

"In private."

Aiden was starting to get annoyed by all the questions that he was currently receiving as he could only pray that this interview would soon be finished as he remembered that his class about Space Affinity was quite soon.

"Alright, I just have one last question," the announcer said as if reading Aiden's mind.
"Just what was that?"

'What was what? Who the hell is that interviewer?' Aiden thought.

That question was simply so bad, that Aiden had no answer for it.

"I'm talking about the fight, what was that? What was that fighting style?"

The interviewer had noticed that Aiden had trouble understanding the question which is why he added some precisions on it.

"Well, I don't think I'll reveal it right now, I'll let you guys think about it a little."

After saying that, Aiden couldn't be bothered anymore but all of this as he took the microphone from the interviewer's hands.

"Now, if you will excuse us, I need to talk with Garetsa," Aiden said as he dropped the mic, walking toward the beast girl picking her up in his arm as he flew up.

"WAIT! Put me down!" The beast girl shouted, surprised by the actions that Aiden had just taken.

"Where are you even taking me!"

She seemed to be panicking to be so high up in the air as she kept looking below, seeing this, Aiden thought of a way to reassure her and he found one without thinking too much about it.

"Just look at me, stop looking below, I won't drop you."

Garetsa, hearing that, blushed as she kept eye contact with him which slowly but surely reassured Aiden.

"So, what is it that you're going to ask me for?" She asked, wondering if it was going to be even worse than her leaving the academy.

"Um, wait let's talk about this later when we get down," Aiden reapplied as he didn't want to drop her this high in the air.

She nodded as she was still completely red... what was happening right now was unbelievable.

"Sure..." She said as she lost herself in those red eyes of his.

'He doesn't seem too bad from up close,' she thought, succumbing to his charms just like all the rest of the girls that had met her in the past.

However, like always, Aiden didn't pay her any attention as he was trying to find a spot where they would be able to talk without any distractions from people.

"Do you know any spots where we could talk one on one?"

"Um, well there's always the woods," She said as she pointed to her right toward one big and dark forest.

'Meh, I guess it will do,' Aiden thought as he accelerated toward the forest, diving down without even slowing one.

While doing so, he made sure that he wouldn't drop her out of his arms, that's why he held her tightly bringing her really close to her body.

Aiden felt all of her body for that simple reason.

"There, we arrived, finally," Aiden said as he released her from his arms.

Garestsa was completely red as Aiden told her that, she had just felt all his body since they were so close to one another.

"Thanks for the ride," she said with a little smile on her face.

"Just keep your thanks for later, you still need to agree to what I'm about to say," Aiden added.

"I already agreed, I won't change my mind, there's no way that my parents will accept me coming back home. So shortly after I entered the Academy, they will kick me out of the house," Garestsa said as she held back her tears.

Well, seems like I was right, she really cares about this whole academy thing. Well, she did say that it was the most important thing in her life at the moment.

"Stop talking to me about all your families and just listen to what I'm going to say," Aiden said, as he truly couldn't believe that he had wasted so much talking to her and fighting her.

It was all the fault of that stupid interview, thinking about how he left, Aiden had to admit that he was really happy.

"Alright, so what's going to happen is quite simple, you will need to help for two weeks. Do keep in mind that the help might not be related to the Magic Academy, also during those two weeks, you won't be able to refuse anything that I say," Aiden explained.

While saying this, his mind couldn't help but think about Ava, who had made the exact same promise.

'I do wonder when I'll see her again, she had told me that there were good chances that we would meet at the Inter Family Tournament,' Aiden as his mind completely diverted from the current conversation.

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Chapter 304 - 304 - Distant Memories

Ava, the person that he had first met when coming to this new world. It had been quite a long time since he had thought about her, however, there was one single thing that he remembered extremely well and that was the promise that she had made to Aiden.

The one where she would be doing everything that she wanted for the rest of her life if they ever met again.

He remembered that she had talked about the Inter Family Tournament, however, Aiden hadn't caught sight of her anywhere there.

'Maybe I could try finding her when I go back to Nova,' Aiden thought as he knew that she would be a somewhat good ally for him.

Aiden remembered that she hadn't been the strongest in the past, but she could progressively get stronger. That was certainly one option, that's why Aiden wanted to find her when getting back.

There was also the fact that she knew that he was a Nightshade since he had told her at the start.

'I hope she didn't tell anyone,' Aiden thought as he knew that it could become a problem in the future.

While Aiden was clearly lost in his thoughts, Garetsa was wondering what was happening to him as he hadn't done the slightest thing in a few minutes.

He seemed to be thinking deeply about something which is why she hadn't said anything only watching him.

However, she was starting to get impatient, especially since she had a lot of questions over what he had just said.

That request of his had surprised me greatly since it was pretty much becoming his slave for two weeks.

"Aiden, are you there?" She asked wondering what was happening to him.

Not talking for a couple of minutes in a row was really the weirdest thing.

However, there was still no response at all.

'What's going on with him, it's like he's in a whole different world from mine... I have so many questions for him, from how he fought to that damn request.'

Garetsa hadn't been different from the rest of the public, she was also wondering how he had pulled that off during the fight, from the running to how he held that weapon in

his hands. Everything had been spectacular from start to finish, she was slowly but surely realizing why.

That man simply wasn't like the rest of them, just by looking at his body, she knew that he was special.

Usually, mages were slim and had no muscles whatsoever since they had no use for them. However, it was clear that Aiden had trained for a long time.

"Aiden? Hello?" She repeated wondering what was happening to him, it made no sense that he couldn't hear.

However, that really was the case as Aiden was slowly remembering everything that he had gone through ever since arriving to Nova, and doing all those different trials.

Right after leaving Ava, he met Maelis who had shown him how this new world of his worked.

Then, he met Mia in the trial where he started discovering what life was all about.

'Man, those were great times,' he thought as he knew that he would need at some point to go back to all the worlds that he had visited.

Realizing how he had just acted, Aiden finally came out of his thoughts and what he saw was... weird.

"Um, are you okay?" Aiden asked as he saw Garetsa currently right in front of his face, making many different faces, probably trying to bring him back.

Seeing that he was now back, she became all red.

"Oh, you finally came out of that little world of yours, huh?" She said with a little smile on his, clearly shy over what she had just done.

However, she had tried to grab his attention by shouting, jumping, moving around, she had done everything and there had still been no option and that's when she started doing all sorts of weird faces to him.

"Yeah, um, sorry about that, just old memories that I just remembered, so right... where was I?"

"You were talking about how I would need to listen to everything you say for a month..."

"Oh, right? Any questions about that, want to refuse and leave the magic academy?"

Garestsa, hearing this, shook her head instantly as she knew that this wasn't possible at all.

"Actually, I do... what did that mean about needing help outside of the Academy, I won't need to quit right?" She asked, wanting to make sure that this wasn't a trap.

Aiden, however, quickly reassured her telling that there would be no problem with the Magic Academy, even if it was possible that there might be some.

"Also, do you have any idea how to craft potions?" Aiden asked, as he had been thinking about the shop that he would be opening for a while. The only idea that he had in his mind at the moment was an alchemy shop, where he would be selling all different types of potions.

That's why he would need to ask the director about potion-making, it's not like he really wanted to learn how to fight with magic.

He was already a lot better with a dagger, even if he had noticed that it was quite lacking against a stronger opponent.

He knew that he would need to learn better fighting techniques in the future, however, for the moment it would do.

"I do, actually, I dabble... so don't expect me to be really good," she said, not wanting Aiden to have any expectations of her.

She thought that she had been extremely talented but she had been proven wrong by Aiden in quite the rude manner.

Nonetheless, it wasn't like she could blame her since it was her fault in the first place.

"Well, that's all I need," Aiden replied, not minding if she were to be the absolute worst at making potions, there were many potential roles that someone needed to occupy in a shop.

"So, everything is alright, right? Want me to bring you back to the academy?" Aiden asked, clearly implying that he would be flying her all the way there.

However, Aiden seemed to have been finished, but she wasn't as she still had a lot of questions.

"Hmm... actually would it be possible for you to teach me, those moves that you used against me?" She asked as he knew that there were a lot of chances that Aiden would straight up refuse.

"My skills... what are you going to give me if I accept?"

She didn't think as she gave him whatever answer he wanted.

"Anything you want, I don't care."

Aiden hearing this once again thought of Ava as there were simply too many similarities between those two situations, it was honestly quite interesting to see.

"Anything?" Aiden repeated with a smile on his face.

He wasn't sure if she was stupid or not, but he would take it.

"Then, instead of two weeks, you will help me until I leave this place," Aiden said, not revealing how much time that would take.

He knew that she would at least need to do this much, since he would be greatly occupied with the director and everything that came with it.

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Garetsa, hearing this, didn't say anything as she wasn't sure if learning his skills was a good or a bad idea at the moment.

She had to admit that the skills shown were extremely impressive, but were they worth it?

That's what she was currently asking herself, she wasn't sure if it would be worth it.

"When are you going to leave?" She asked.

She knew that there was no way that she would be his literal slave for months. She didn't want such a thing to happen as it would ruin her whole experience here at the Magic Academy.

Aiden smiled hearing that question, he knew that she would be asking something like that since it was extremely logical.

However, he had decided against revealing it.

"All I can say is... that it won't be long, not more than a year," Aiden said as he knew that it would only be a month or two.

'A year, huh?'

Garestsa had a pensive expression on her face, probably wondering if it was a good idea to accept.

"Then, can you at least give me some sort of ideas of what your skills are? It would help me understand if it's worth it or not."

Aiden sighed as he didn't want to, but he still complied.

"I guess I can show you some of my skills, what do you want to learn first?" Aiden asked as he would only be showing one single skill, he didn't want to waste too much time here with her, after all.

"The one where you were moving so fast that I couldn't even see you..."

Aiden was now in his Space Affinity class as he had finished showing Garestsa everything that he had needed.

He had also brought her back to the academy by flying.

Garestsa had been extremely flustered the whole way as her face had been extremely red.

Still, that really wasn't important at all compared to the decision she had taken regarding whether she wanted to learn Aiden's skills or not.

Nonetheless, she agreed to listen to everything he would be saying until he would live. In fact, she had become his roommate as Aiden had requested it to David.

Right now, he had to admit that the choice of classes that he had made was clearly flawed as he couldn't see how any of this would be able to help him get a successful business.

'I need a successful business, I need to learn how to make potions,' Aiden thought as he suddenly stood up while the teacher was explaining many things.

He didn't want to see the teacher's reaction he simply left the class as he needed to go and meet the Director. Aiden had made a decision and he could only hope that the Director of the academy was knowledgeable in that area.

Everyone in the class saw that the director's disciple was leaving without saying anything which caused some reactions from all of them.

"Does he think that he's better than the rest of us? And why isn't she saying anything about it?" A student complained with a big frown on his face.

All around him, many agreed as they nodded heavily.

Aiden heard some of the comments, but simply couldn't bother as he kept walking in a straight line, not even looking behind him.

He was now flying toward that hill where the director was residing as he wanted to explain to him, what he would need.

Aiden had made a mistake when first entering this trial, he had focused on strength like he had always done. However, in this scenario, it wasn't the best way to approach the trial.

He needed useful skills that he would be able to sell in the future.

Sure, he could become extremely strong protecting many people, however, that would be really difficult, considering his lack of talent in magic.

As he walked up the hill, it seemed that David had spotted him from far away as he immediately went out of his small cabin.

"Shouldn't you be in your Space Affinity class? What are you even doing here?" He asked, confused.

"Change of plans, I don't have any need to learn all those affinities at the moment, what I need is a way to money. I need to learn how to make potions... I need to learn alchemy!"

Aiden knew that he would be able to come back to this world in the future where he would be able to learn more about affinities to become stronger, however, right now he needed to focus on preparing his shop for next month since it was getting closer and closer.

David looked at Aiden wondering how he came to that conclusion.

'Why does he even need money either way?' David thought, not finding any good reason.

"Alchemy? Are you sure?"

David slowly asked, waiting for Aiden to calm down from his current state.

He knew that something must have happened to be changing his mind in such a way.

"Are you sure that everything is okay?"

Aiden sighed as it made sense for him to receive it, however, it wasn't like he could explain the whole situation to David as the system would probably intervene when he would do so.

'But, maybe I can tell him some details about what I need to do, he could probably help me,'

Aiden thought as he knew that it would be even better having two helpers instead of a single one.

"Everything is fine, can you teach me or not?" Aiden asked as he wouldn't be revealing any information until he knew that the director could be useful.

There were good chances that he would be, but Aiden still didn't act too fast.

"I can, I have some knowledge in alchemy, but can you at least tell me why you want to learn out of nowhere?"

Aiden smiled hearing the great news as he decided to release a big boom on the director of the academy.

"The reason is simple, I want to leave the academy next month and open a potion shop."

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"What did you just say?!"

The director shouted as he simply couldn't believe what he had just heard coming out of Aiden's mouth.

"I want to leave the academy next month and open a potion shop."

Aiden repeated slowly as he knew that such a reaction was to be expected.

"You're not joking, right?" The director asked, still doubtful.

He simply couldn't grasp how Aiden had changed plans so quickly, he had planned to learn two affinities and now he wanted to learn potions.

Just what was it that changed absolutely everything?

Aiden didn't know yet, but he could only hope that he would figure it out soon.

"I'm not, I can't tell you the reason as to why I need to do such a thing, however, I have no choice. I need to open that shop next month, or else, well..."

'Well... I'd die,' Aiden thought, admitting that it really was a sad moment.

The director of the magic academy took deep breaths as he heard that, calming himself down. He didn't want to have some sort of crazy reaction in front of Aiden.

"I see... so, you have no choice, huh?" The director muttered as he knew that was the case.

He saw how hesitant Aiden was acting which is why he didn't press on the answer.

"I guess I could help you, but remember that you will also have to help me."

The director made sure to remind Aiden that he also needed to teach him some things regarding his close-combat abilities.

"Look, here's what we can do, you will be learning alchemy here all day without any breaks for the whole month. Half the day will be me teaching you, and the rest of it will be you,

Aiden, teaching me, is that a good deal?" The director asked as he locked eyes with Aiden who seemed to be thinking.

'So, I would be living here, for a whole month. Actually, maybe there's someone else who could come here to learn from him. Wouldn't that be perfect?' Aiden thought thinking of

Garestsa who will be another student of his and at the same time the director.

"Would you be open to receiving another student in your house? I'm sure she would want to learn from someone like you," Aiden said as he knew that Garestsa wouldn't be refusing such an opportunity.

And, even if she wanted to refuse, she couldn't since it would break their whole agreement.

"Which student?" The director asked, intrigued.

"Are you serious? Are we really going to see the director of the magic academy? You're not lying to me, right?" Garetsa uttered as she looked directly into Aiden's eyes.

She wanted to make sure that this whole thing wouldn't be a trick because from what Aiden had told her, she would need to stop going to her lessons.

'He told me that I was going to learn with him and the director, but is that really possible? Would that man even accept?' Aiden thought, unsure.

"Stop worrying about every single thing and just let me take you there," Aiden said as he sighed.

Garetsa simply refused for Aiden to fly her up there, she remembered how she had reacted in the past, which was why she had decided that the two of them would be walking up the hill, instead of flying up there.

It wasn't anything bad, but still, it would have been a lot more efficient for her to agree for Aiden to take her up there.

They would have been moving at her much faster pace, however, it seemed that Garetsa was dead set on wasting time for the two of them.

A couple of minutes later, they had finally reached the top of the hill where the director had been patiently waiting for them.

"What took you so long?" The director asked, his question directed at Aiden.

He knew that he could fly so why was it that he had walked on the way here, just what had been the problem?

"It's because of her," he said as he pointed to Garetsa who was starting to realize that she should have accepted.

"Hm, alright, whatever I prepared everything for us to start learning alchemy while you were gone, both of you guys can follow me," he said as he started walking toward the forest.

'Why aren't we going inside his cabin?'

Aiden couldn't make sense of that, however, he didn't mind it that much as he continued walking behind the director.

A few moments later, they had arrived at the spot that the director had talked about earlier.

It wasn't too far away from the cabin as Aiden could still see it from here, albeit barely.

Right in front of them, there were two big cauldrons with many different ingredients on both sides of it.

"That's where both of you will be practicing," the director said as he pointed toward the two cauldrons that he had borrowed from the academy's grounds.

Aiden nodded as it seemed to make a lot of sense, however, it seemed that Garetsa wasn't of the same opinion as she raised her hand up high.

"Yes?" The director asked, wondering why she was putting her hand up.

"Why is it that we are practicing here and not in the academy?"

"It's because I don't want to deal with everyone seeing us. I want this to be private, that way it will be a lot more efficient.

"Also, you don't need to raise your hand every time that you need to tell me something. Just speak, I won't eat you alive," the director said in a joking manner.

Garetsa became all red hearing that.

"Oh, sorry I won't do it again, sir."

The director sighed as he continued his explanation, guiding both of them behind their respective cauldrons.

"Alright, I will now be teaching you the basics of making potions. Even if you know some of them already, make sure to listen to every single thing that I'm about to explain as it might help you tremendously."

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Chapter 307 - 307 - First Potion Attempt

Both of them nodded in understanding directing all their attention toward David and the instructions that he was about to utter.

"First of all, I must mention that the quality of the potions that both of you will be able to create will depend on the quality of your cores, so can you both tell me the grade of your cores?" The director asked, already knowing Aiden's.

However, he still wanted to know about the core of the beast girl as it would be really helpful for the rest of his teachings.

"Mine's Gold," Aiden replied.

"Mine is also Gold."

The director nodded not that surprised by the grade of their cores. Garetsa had been invited to join the Magic Academy, so it made sense for her to at least have this level of talent.

"Alright, great that means that you can pretty much do every single potion that exists, there might be one or two that aren't available because of your cores' grades, but that really isn't that important."

The director was sort of relieved when he learned that they both had the same grade as it made his task a lot more easier for the future.

"Alright, enough about that, I will now show you how to create the most basic potions that exist, make sure to watch attentively," David said as he made appear a cauldron out of nowhere.

In his hands, he had a single ingredient.

It seemed that he hadn't lied when saying that it was the easiest recipe that existed.

"This is called the mana potion, it is used when you are low on mana... to replenish yourself," the director explained as he started heating up the cauldron.

Aiden wasn't able to see how he had done such a thing, but he kept watching in interest.

He knew that would be the first step into becoming much greater at potion-making.

"So, as you can see, you start by heating up the cauldron. Now that this is done, you take this blue herb called Manatrum and throw it into the cauldron."

"While you are doing that, you also need to put water inside of it, so that the Manatrum gets dissolved into, just look... I'll show you," the director said as he finished heating up the cauldron, preparing himself for the next step.

He took the blue herb in his hands and threw it with a lot of caution, not wanting to miss the huge cauldron in front of him.

He then watched as the herb inside the cauldron for about a minute or two, and while he was getting an eye on it. He made a bucket of water right in front of him as he prepared himself for the final move of the potion.

A few seconds later, he dropped all the water that he had prepared into the cauldron and started mixing it using magic.

"There now, both of you come closer, this is the most important step in the making of this potion," the director said as both Aiden and Garetsa got closer wondering what he was talking about.

As both of them approached, the director continued swirling everything that was inside the cauldron without the slightest difficulty.

"Even if you can't see it right now, what I'm doing at the moment requires a lot of precision, I am mixing all the ingredients in a certain manner."

"If I were to make even the slightest mistake then this blue color that we can all see at the moment would turn black."

A few moments later, David stopped all movements as the color stayed blue even we he stopped the mixing motion.

"And... done!"

The director exclaimed quite happy with the performance that he had just shown to everyone to see.

He knew that what he had just done was extremely basic and that anyone with a little bit of knowledge, everyone could do it.

However, he didn't want his students to see him fail. It would be quite an embarrassment to be completely honest.

"It's now your guys' turn."

The director said as he looked at each of them.

Garetsa didn't seem to be too nervous since she had some previous knowledge. She had also told Aiden about it.

However, Aiden could feel himself becoming somewhat nervous as he had never done such a thing before and he didn't want to fail.

"Go to your cauldrons!" The director said as both Garetsa and Aiden quickly turned around and went to their respective working spot, or rather, potion-making spots.

"Alright, so both of you will be attempting to do the exact same thing as me. So, make sure that you get that blue color at the end, or else, it means that you have failed," David said as he tried to add some pressure on both of the participants.

Aiden hearing that made sure to use all of concentration as he looked at the cauldron, wondering how he could heat it.

He knew that he had access to fire since he had all affinities, but David hadn't done it that way, so he was trying to find the way that the director had done it as he made sure to analyze the entirety of it.

Then, as he continued and continued to search, he finally found it.

There was a button hidden on it that activated the heating.

'Alright, so now what do I need to do?' Aiden thought as he looked at all the ingredients that he had to his right.

He was currently in the process of finding the right herb which was bright blue.

'Not this one... not this one either,' Aiden thought as he continued to look at every single one of them.

'Just where is it, goddammit...'

It seemed that no matter how much he had tried going through the ingredients, he hadn't been able to find it.

That's when he heard the voice of David, adding a little something to this whole potion-making session.

"Oh, I think I forgot to mention it, but you guys have to find your own Manatrum."

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Chapter 308 - 308 - A Stronger Cyclops

"What do you mean?" Aiden asked right away.

He wasn't sure if he had understood that correctly, they needed to find their own ingredient for the potion.

But... why?

"Exactly what I said, you told me that you wanted to open a potion shop. To do that, you will need to buy and find your own ingredients, so I decided to help you in that area," the director said with a serious expression on his face.

Aiden nodded hearing his reasons as it made a lot of sense, if he was to be completely honest.

He knew that when he would have to leave the academy, he would be on his own from the start all the way to the end of the trial which is why Aiden didn't complain simply nodding.

"And where do we find it?" Aiden asked as he, at least, wanted an idea of where to find Manatrum.

"In those woods, it's usually in trees, just make sure to look up and you'll probably find it at one point."

Aiden once again nodded in understanding as he asked one last question.

"Can we have some sort of example of what it looks like, just to make sure that we have the right thing?"

Aiden knew that the herb was somewhat blue, but that was it. He wasn't sure if he was going to be able to recognize it from far away, he would need a closer look for sure.

"Hmm, I guess I can. Oh, and... one last thing, just be careful there are some monsters in those woods," the director said as he disappeared instantly.

Just after disappearing, both Aiden and Garetsa received a piece of paper with the image of the plant on it.

David would have given them the real thing, however, he knew that there would be good chances for them to decide to cheat, and he didn't want such a thing to happen obviously.

"Alright, so what should we do now?" Garetsa asked as she got closer to Aiden.

It seemed that she was scared of the forest as she kept looking at it her eyes becoming rounder and rounder.

However, Aiden didn't even notice that as he started walking forward not even looking back.

"Well, we go explore the forest obviously."

Aiden had heard David telling them about the monsters, but that didn't worry him in the least as he knew that there weren't many monsters who he wouldn't be able to kill.

Also, Aiden knew that if this was considered the easiest potion to make, then the ingredient had to be easy to find. That was simply a fact.

The potion wouldn't be simple if the ingredient was impossible to find.

Sure, as time passed it might get dicier finding all the ingredients that are needed, but at the moment Aiden didn't think it would be one.

"You coming?" Aiden asked as he couldn't hear the slightest noise behind.

Garetsa then came out of her trance as she caught up to Aiden by running behind him.

While all this was happening, the director of the Magic Academy hadn't disappeared to a random place.

He was currently keeping an eye on the two of them as he knew that there was some chance that they could get injured or hurt by the monsters inside the forest.

"Well, Manatrum isn't that hard to find, so they shouldn't have any problems. However, for the next recipes, there will probably be times when I will have to intervene if they go too deep inside the forest."

"I hope it won't happen, I know that Aiden is strong, however, there are some monsters in that forest that even I struggle against, so... I can't imagine him."

It seemed that even David wasn't confident in defeating every monster that was in there, so he could only pray that they wouldn't be meeting those at a later time.

Aiden, also, hadn't been wrong, Manatrum was quite easy to find as it was really close to the director's cabin.

They could find a lot of trees close to the cabin, so from David's estimation... it should take them ten minutes to find it.

However, the problem was that finding it was only the first step, they needed to succeed in making the potion.

And, to be completely honest, David had made it look extremely easy compared to how it really was.

Aiden and Garetsa were still walking forward while looking in every single tree that was around them, in search of that little flower that had blue ends.

From what Aiden had seen, Manatrum wasn't a herb at all, it was a little flower that had blue ends.

'I got to admit that we're lucky to have that image,' Aiden thought as he knew that it would have been a lot more difficult to find anything related to that.

"How much time do you think finding Manatrum is going to take?" Garetsa asked Aiden as she kept being really close to him, probably scared.

"Not long as I said before," Aiden replied with a sigh as he had answered that question too many times in the last five minutes.

'Wasn't she supposed to be extremely talented, just why is she so scared of everything around her?'

Aiden rolled his eyes just thinking about it.

"Can't you get a little further away from me?" Aiden asked as her presence was starting to annoy him.

Sure, he could be used as someone to comfort her or whatever, but did she need to be in constant contact with her?

Garetsa became a little red because of what Aiden had asked her to do.

However, she complied still looking around them, wanting to spend as little time as possible.

But, not even a single second later, Aiden once again felt her touch.

"What do you want?" He asked, this time, really annoyed by her behavior.

"S-Sorry... but um, what's that?" She asked as she pointed forward.

And exactly where she pointed there was what seemed to be a monster, it was all green and had one eye.

Aiden had no difficulty remembering the name of that monster as he had fought such a monster in the past.

It was a Cyclops, the same monster that he had fought in the first trial. However, this Cyclops wasn't like the one he had seen in the past, from the looks of it... this one was much taller and much bigger.

'Yeah, I'm sure of it, this one is a lot stronger,' Aiden thought as he grasped his dagger tightly.

"Well this is gonna be fun," Aiden muttered next to the frozen Garetsa who kept shaking right beside him.

"Have you seen those before?" She asked, her voice trembling.

Aiden glanced at her with a lot of confidence engrained in his eyes as he said, "Only once, but it was much smaller. Don't worry, I'll take care of it."

Right as his sentence ended, Aiden dashed forward preparing himself to do as much damage as he possibly could.

He would make sure that he would be the winner of this fight.

He knew that there shouldn't be any problems considering how much stronger he had gotten since the very first trial that he had gone through.

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Chapter 309 - 309 - Finding the Manatrum

'I'll try to end this one fast, I don't want to waste too much time on the first potion, after all,' Aiden thought as he knew that there would be a lot more things that he would need to learn in the future.

He needed to learn as much as possible in the month that was to come, that was the only way his shop would actually succeed.

He still didn't know how he would be able to gain Reputation Points, however, he had several ideas and the one that made the most sense was quite simple.

He would gain more and more points as his shop would be getting more popular around this new world.

Who knows, he might be able to use this knowledge in potions to learn the one that Alex, the scientist who was in the first trial had made to make people stronger.

"Take this!" Aiden shouted as he appeared behind the Cyclops cutting both of his ankles, wanting that monster to go down.

And the Cyclops exactly did so as it slowly but surely started falling down, now on its knees.

Aiden's goal was now achieved, he could actually reach the Cyclops's neck and that was exactly what he had aimed to do as he ran forward, making sure that there was an aura coating his dagger.

SLASH

Without wasting any more time, he slashed the neck of the Cyclops.

Its head was now on the ground rolling away from its body.

Garestsa who was a couple of steps away had her mouth wide open, shocked by what she had seen.

Seeing how he had killed the monster with zero hesitation, she realized that she had been extremely lucky that she was still alive.

She remembered the look in his eyes from the duel that happened between the two of them. She remembered how ruthless he was, diving from the sky and going in for the kill.

Garestsa still had no idea who it was that saved her, but she thanked him whoever it was.

"Just where did he learn those skills, though?" She whispered to herself as she hadn't seen anyone fight like that in her life.

He wasn't using any mana, simply running toward the monster mindlessly slaughtering it as if the monster was only a simple insect that had been waiting patiently to be trampled on.

She knew that he came from far away, but why hadn't she heard where that place was?

Why hadn't she heard anything about that place?

Was it kept secret by someone or had Aiden simply lied about his background?

Both options were possible and Garetsa had no idea how to decide the true one.

"See that? I told you that those monsters are nothing to be worried about," Aiden exclaimed as he slowly walked back toward her, completely ignoring the monster that was on the ground.

Hearing how confident he was, Garetsa had no choice but to appreciate having him protecting her, it was quite a nice feeling to have.

"Good job!" Garetsa answered, removing all the previous thoughts in her mind as it was time to continue exploring the surroundings.

Aiden had a feeling that the Manatrum shouldn't be too far away from them as he continued to look up at all the trees that were surrounding them.

A couple of moments later, they were only a few meters away from the Cyclops's dead body, it seemed that Aiden had finally spotted the Manatrum.

"Look up there! I think that's the plant," Aiden shouted to Garetsa as he flew up with the piece of paper in his hands.

He wanted to make sure that he wouldn't be making any mistakes which is why he started comparing every single thing to the picture he had received from David.

"I think that's it," Aiden exclaimed as he took as many as he possibly could.

He wanted to make sure that even if he failed to make his potions he wouldn't need to come back here as it would make him lose a lot of time.

He took a handful for both him and Garetsa as he went down the tree.

"Alright, pretty sure we got everything that we needed, so let's head back," Aiden as he walked back toward their working spot which was situated around ten minutes from here.

"I'll just make a little sign over here, that way I'll know where I can find Manatrum in the future," Aiden said as he took his dagger and made many slices in the trees surrounding the area.

That way it would be quite easy for him to find the spot in the future.

A few minutes later, they were both in front of their cauldrons which had finished heating for a long time.

They were now waiting for David to appear in front of them, however, it didn't seem that it would happen as it had been at least a minute and he still wasn't there, in front of them.

"I guess he went somewhere else in the meantime, well he told us what to do either way," Aiden said out loud.

Garestsa obviously agreed as she couldn't think of any other reason for such a thing to even happen in the first place.

The director was currently watching them from far away with a spell which made that possible, he could also hear every single thing that they would be saying.

He had to admit that it was quite funny hearing them, wondering about where he had left.

But, he was quite happy with how rational-minded Aiden was, not panicking at all, keeping his mind focused on the task that was ahead of him.

It also made sense for Aiden to be acting that way since he only had a single month to practice every single thing that he would need to do.

'Alright, so the first step is to add the Manatrum,' Aiden thought as he did exactly that, slowly but surely dropping it inside the cauldron.

He made sure that all of the plants went in without any exceptions.

'Now I need to prepare my water,' Aiden thought as he looked around, realizing yet another problem.

He couldn't make water magically appear before him.

"Oh, fuck we need water," Aiden exclaimed as he looked around.

He was currently doing his utmost best, however, there were still no signs of a river.

'I need to fly up, get a better view of everything that's around us,' Aiden thought as he flew as high as he possibly could.

Then, as he was in the air, he made a 360 making sure that he didn't miss anything.

"There's one over there, I'll go get some," Aiden exclaimed as he went back down and took both of their buckets.

'Why didn't we think of that before?' Aiden thought.

Well, the director hadn't told them to do so, but still, they should have thought about it.

A few moments later, Aiden was back with both water buckets and both Garetsa and Aiden were now finally ready to start making their first potion.

Well, it wasn't Garetsa's first time, but she didn't seem confident one bit, so it might as well be her first time.

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Chapter 310 - 310 - Failing Over and Over Again

Aiden was now in front of the cauldron, currently asking himself what he needed to do next.

'Alright, I put the Manatrum then I wait a little for it to burn,' Aiden thought as he was currently trying to remember everything that David had shown them one hour ago.

It was a little blurry in his mind, however, he tried his hardest and he was able to remember every single step of what he had done.

That's why Aiden took the water bucket in his hands when he noticed that the Manatrum had completely burned inside the cauldron, revealing what seemed to be blue paste at the bottom of it.

'Ok, now the water,' Aiden thought as he dumped all the water inside it without a single moment of hesitation.

As he did so, all the blue paste at the bottom started to mix in with the water which became dark blue.

Without wasting another second, he started to mix it all together, slowly but surely.

"I need to keep that exact color," Aiden muttered as he didn't know how to mix the concoction that he was making at the moment.

It was all random, in fact, not a single movement out of him was calculated. Everything was done by intuition remembering how the director of the Magic Academy had acted.

He remembered the movements vaguely and Aiden was in the process of copying them to the best of his abilities.

"Are you okay, Aiden?" Garetsa asked as she found the time to talk to Aiden.

It seemed that most of her earlier stress had disappeared if she was able to do something like that at the moment.

Aiden had to admit that she had an advantage as she had the basics down contrary to him, so all of this would obviously be extremely simple.

'Does she really think that I can answer her right now,' Aiden thought as he was arriving at the most important part of this potion-making process.

The ending... the moment where Aiden would need to stop completely. If he went over the exact mixing time, then the potion wouldn't be successful.

Sure, this potion was extremely fast to make, but that also meant that it was the best time to practice this skill.

Aiden needed to figure out a way to get that timing right 100% of the time.

There was no way to tell at the moment, or at least, Aiden had no idea of the method since he hadn't been told any tricks.

At the moment, everything revolved around luck and that wasn't something that he appreciated at all.

He needed consistency, he needed something that would make sure that he would never fail.

Would he be able to get such a thing?

Aiden wasn't sure, however, he sure hoped so.

"Do you need help?" Garetsa continued asking as she noticed that he wasn't answering at all.

Aiden hearing her offering realized what was happening.

She had already succeeded and she was currently wondering if Aiden needed her help to complete his potions because it was taking too long.

'If she finished, doesn't that mean that I need to stop mixing it?' Aiden thought as he knew that they had basically started around the same time.

That's why Aiden stopped all his movements, looking at the color of his potion, praying that it wouldn't change color.

He wanted it to stay that same dark blue color, he hoped with all of his heart that it would.

However, as a few seconds passed the color slowly started getting darker. It started from the sides of it, and it slowly made its way toward the middle of the cauldron, before it turned completely black.

"Oh, you failed!" Garetsa said, feeling somewhat bad.

However, she had to admit that it felt kind of good to beat Aiden in one single thing.

He was always so much better than her, so she had to admit that it was a great sensation that she hoped she would be able to feel again.

Nonetheless, she wouldn't straight up ridicule him, she would help to the best of her abilities that was what she was trying to do.

"Do you need help?" She asked as Aiden was able to see that her potion was perfect.

He could see that glimmer of a blue color and from that, he was able to tell that it was good enough.

"Of course, I don't. Just let me try again," Aiden shouted, stubbornly.

It was already a known fact that Aiden wasn't extremely happy about that sort of stuff.

He couldn't accept that feeling of failing something and asking for help, he hadn't done it and the past, and he would try his best so that it wouldn't happen now.

Garetsa hearing how angry Aiden was, slowly walked back giving him enough space.

'Just how do I figure this out? What is the trick at the end, how was she able to get it on her first try? There has to be something that I'm seeing here,' Aiden thought as he knew that potion-making simply couldn't rely on luck, that wouldn't make any sense at all.

Aiden thought for a bit and decided to try again as he flew up in the air to go and get another water bucket ready.

A few seconds later, he was back in front of the cauldron with a determined look in his eyes.

He would try his absolute best to succeed this time even if he still had zero idea of how to find that perfect timing.

A few moments later, after his second attempt, there was a big pool of black water right in front of Aiden's face.

There was no doubt about it, he had failed again.

This time, Garetsa once again got closer to him with the same idea in mind. She wanted to help him.

However, before she could even say a single word, Aiden interrupted her.

"No, I don't want your help!"

Then, he flew back up in the air toward the usual lake where he would be getting his water.

He came back in front of the cauldrons and repeated the process.

'I don't care how many times I need, I will figure it out,' Aiden thought as he threw another plant of Manatrum in there followed by the water.

He waited for a little bit before mixing, and... mixed.

But, the end result was the same, the color was still purely black.

"Are you sure you don't want any help?" Garetsa asked, as she had already spotted Aiden's problem, and she knew the way that he could fix it.

It wasn't anything that would be hard to correct, which was why Garetsa couldn't understand why Aiden was so stubborn about doing those things by himself.

'Should I?' Aiden thought, as he did the same things every single time, not able to spot even the slightest mistake.

He knew that his problem was at the end when he needed to stop mixing at a precise moment.

However, he never knew when to stop, which was a big problem.

"Sure, you can help me. Just a sec, I'll go get water again," Aiden said as he flew up before shortly coming back.

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