

## Vampire 451

Chapter 451 Regrets And Ambitions

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The barrier kept cracking. It wasn't long before cracks like a spider's web appeared on it.

One single push was all it needed to shatter.

Lith was now in a stalemate with this external force. His thoughts ran wild like horses but it was not enough. Not only that, he was running out of topics to think about.

His thoughts were becoming increasingly incoherent, and he needed new topics.

Amidst his random thoughts, Lith suddenly got the idea to recall things about his previous life. Lith ran with the idea and started remembering his life back on Earth.

——Lith's POV——

I was just an average person back then with ambitions to bring about a change in the world. But most importantly, the thing that mattered to me the most was money.

I was from a family where we had enough money to have a roof on top of our heads and food to eat three times a day. But we didn't have enough to pay for anything else.

I still remember how I never got to go on school trips because my parents didn't have money. They used to reject me, saying it was for my own safety. Still, I don't blame them for anything. They had done the best they could.

I was from what people used to call a middle-class family. A lower middle-class family, to be precise. My parents saved everything they could for my brother's and my education.

My brother eventually became an engineer who earned decent money and became independent. It was only me who was left behind.

My parents did not shower me with excessive love or care as they were busy making money. I was not very attached to them as most of the time we conversed, the talks revolved around money.

Not even a single day passed by when they did not talk about money. It was very tiring and irritating.

I could not hang out with the few friends I had as my meager allowance prevented me from going to most of the places they frequented. I usually had nothing on me. So, I never treated them to food nor did I join when they went out for parties. It was sad that I had spent my teenage years thinking of ways to earn money.

I realized that the only way to get out of this place was to become good at academics.

I studied hard day and night and finally cracked the exam for an ivy league university. Thankfully, I scored pretty well and got a scholarship as well. My tuition fees were quite cheap, and I only had to manage my cost of living.

I took a loan and went to study abroad and got a part-time job there. While working and studying, time passed in the blink of an eye.

I think it was my second year's semester break and I was going home after two long years in a foreign country.

I didn't want to go home because I had no emotional attachments to it, but I still went because I missed the food back home and my culture.

I wanted to go out on the streets of my city and have some street food. I wanted to visit places in my City that I was never able to because I had no money.

I was studying in a first-world country and had saved up a good amount. I was going to use this money in my developing country. Everything was cheap in my city compared to the country I was studying in.

Anywho, I was happy to go back home as I would be able to eat anything I wanted back there. It would've been a pretty fun thing. I could point my finger at any place in my city, and I was sure that I could afford to eat anything on the menu until I was full.

I remember the first time I received my first paycheck. It made me feel good and independent. The happiness I felt then was unimaginable.

For the first time, I ate at a burger shop I couldn't afford before. I did not have to worry about money and find the cheapest option. I ordered something I wanted to taste and because it was cheap.

Even then, my total bill was around \$20 or something. It was a lot of money, and I regretted splurging on it thoughtlessly.

In a developing country, that sum of money could've lasted me for a week. Yet, I ended up paying this sum for just one meal.

But it was alright in the end since I got over it.

Since then, I did not spend more than \$3–\$5 on food, and I mostly avoided good quality takeouts because I had to save money.

I also never went on a vacation. I did not visit any tourist spots or places where I could have fun with friends.

I was lonely in that ivy league university and made no friends for the duration of two years. I didn't have time for chilling and relaxing as I had to juggle work, lectures, and studies.

I did talk to people where I worked and in the classroom where I sat, but I never made any close friends. I read novels and manga or watched anime to unwind and relax as they were cheaper alternatives to hanging out with friends.

Gradually, I saved up enough money and bought a plane ticket home. But who knew that the plane would crash and take my life?

Who knew I would reincarnate into a world of Swords and Magic?

I never expected to get a second chance like this. I also did not imagine that I would reincarnate as a son of the Vampire Queen!

In this life, I did not even need to work as I had everything from birth. I was happy to have everything and I was happy knowing I could eat anything I want and buy anything I wish. But at the end of the day, buying those things didn't bring me the same amount of pleasure as in my previous life.

It wasn't the same happiness as buying a \$30 meal without thinking twice or getting a \$10 iced coffee from a popular coffee chain at the airport before a flight.

I knew the reason for it. It was because I had not earned that sum of money. The money belonged to my mother. Although it could be considered mine, I could not feel the same happiness when I bought stuff with the money I had worked hard to earn.

Alright then, I think I'll change that.

Once I get out of this hole, I'll earn enough money and become rich enough to rival my mother's net worth. I'll become the richest man in the world!

I'll do business, I'll rob people, I'll slaughter people, I'll do anything I possibly can and earn money!

Is it a good thing to kill people for my own benefit? Absolutely not.

Is it moral? It isn't.

Will getting money in this way make me happy? Perhaps.

Will I be content? Perhaps not.

Would I be able to do the things that I never was able to in my first life? Absolutely.

I am gonna hurt a lot of people with my greed and ambition. Many people will be sad because of my wish to relieve my past life's regrets.

But do I care? No. Perhaps a little but mostly no.

At the end of the day, I am doing it for the sake of my own happiness. I want to re-live my last life's nineteen years and have no regrets.

I am happy and content with my current life. I have the most beautiful wives in the world and I also have the best mother and sister. I also have two good friends and I am not lonely anymore.

I do feel happy with being with my friends and family but I want more happiness. I not only want to redo everything from my past life, but I also want to give the best things possible to my wives, family, and friends.

I want to be a good son, brother, husband, master, and friend.

I'll give myself nineteen years' worth of time to undo the regrets and fulfill the wishes of my past life.

After that, I will give up on them and focus on my current life. I'll focus on spending time with my wives and giving them all the love and care they deserve.

For the coming nineteen years, my major focus would be on making money and becoming rich.

Money was the thing I wanted the most in my past life and I'll make sure to have more money than I can ever spend in this life.

I am supposed to go to the Elven Continent and help the beastkin, right? I'll go and make as much money as I can with them.

I'll start a business in this world as soon as I get out and become the world's most revered merchant!

The Vampire Prince shall walk the path of being the richest person!

When I am dying and on my deathbed, I don't want to have any kinds of regrets whatsoever. Though I highly doubt that I'll even face a life-threatening situation, I don't want to have any regrets.

For that, I'll satisfy my past life's ambitions, and then I'll focus fully on satisfying my goals in my current life.

I'll become the richest merchant in the world, and I'll be the strongest businessman. I'll slaughter anyone who gets in my way, and I'll kill innocents if needed but I'll achieve my goals and fulfill all my ambitions.

I, Lith Evure, swear to have zero regrets whatsoever!

Chapter 452 Ascension

BOOM!

One more crack appeared and the barrier broke completely!

The light from the immortal core shined in all directions and it immediately disappeared from its original place.

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Astral World.

Lith's aura exploded once again and this time it was far more stronger than before.

Lilith standing near him also felt it and noticing that, she flashed a small smile while a drop of tear fell down her eyes.

"He made it..." She said softly while wiping the tear off her face.

Lilith then felt her connection with Lith become stronger slowly and having ensured everything was fine with him and he was undergoing his ascension safely, she looked down to see what Arya was doing.

Lilith noticed Arya fighting tides of people and she didn't seem to have any difficulty doing that.

"Although she's having no problem fighting those people, she'll miss watching baby's ascension if she continues to fight them. I don't think it would be nice."

Lilith then looked at Lith and said softly, "Ascend safely, I'll be back in a bit."

Lilith dropped down towards the base after saying so and went towards Arya.

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Down at the base of the golden beam of light, Arya did a flip to the side and dodged the attack coming from the front.

She then sent a counterattack and moved to fight another person.

While moving, she thought, 'There's no end to them. So troublesome. Despite killing everyone I encountered, I still haven't been able to finish this and go up. Tsk.'

Arya jumped over the head of a person as she finished her thoughts and sent a lighting bolt at the person's face who was close to her.

Arya was about to send another attack towards another person when...

Zwwwipppp!

BOOM!

A lightning bolt appeared and killed and reduced the person to ashes.

Soon, more and more bolts appeared and everyone around Arya was killed.

The people coming closer also got killed in the vicinity of a thousand kilometres in radius, nobody was left alive.

A few moments later, Lilith's figure appeared right in front of Arya and before Arya could ask anything, Lilith held Arya's hand and said,

"Let's go. There's no time to waste."

Lilith immediately charged upwards after saying so, without giving time to Arya to even process things.

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Royal Castle, Nightingale.

Lucy, Alexandra, and Emilia, sitting around a round table, were oblivious to what was happening to Lith in the Astral World.

Although Lucy was sort of not in a good mood as her mother forcefully sent her out and she had no idea why she would do that.

Lucy wasn't angry at Lilith for doing this but she was also not happy. She wanted reasons.

As for Alexandra and Emilia, they had no idea what Lilith and Arya were doing in the Astral World and Lucy also hadn't said anything to them about it.

They could only just look at their screens and see what Lith was doing.

There was a point where Lucy, Alexandra, and Emilia saw Lith to be still as a statue. This made them wonder what was happening with him and this stillness continued for a long time.

Such a thing worried Emilia who was experienced and she felt something was off.



However, before she could go check him, Lith's aura exploded out and his clothes got ripped off.

The impact was so strong that the place he was sitting on had a small crater form and the surrounding walls, had they not been equipped with magic circles, would've been damaged.

Lith's spiritual power went into a frenzy and near his abdomen, the three could see a small silver ball of light appear.

Looking at him, the three realized that he was undergoing ascension and they sighed in relief and continued to look at him.

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In the Astral World, near Lith's abdomen, a bright silver ball of light appeared. It became larger as time passed and its radiance was so bright that inside the golden beam of light, a part became completely silver.

This phenomenon made the people all over in the Astral Realm curious and many who didn't want to move towards the light, moved.

Many were watching the light curiously and the ones who did have an idea about it, all thought just what type of a genius was there in the light and what was he doing.

They also wondered just how powerful was the person over there.

Their curiosity increased as time passed as the silver light was starting to overpower the golden light.

They all left everything they had to do and merely stayed still and watched Lith.

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Lith, amidst the darkness, felt something come close to him.

It was a bright dot coming closer and closer.

This felt familiar to Lith and soon, before he knew it, the immortal core was right in front of him.

"Hmm? Did I get close to it or did it come to me?" Lith wondered.

Lith walked close to it and decided to touch it. Previously, he was sent into some other place for touching the barrier and so he knew that the answer to get out was definitely to touch it. There was no other way.

Walking close, as soon as Lith touched the transparent ball in the middle, Lith felt himself get sucked into a vortex and felt his head spin.

Soon, it was complete darkness in front of Lith's eyes and a moment later, as soon as Lith opened his eyes, he saw a silver radiance all around him and far away was a gray world.

"Oh, I am back?" Lith looked around and said while also noticing whether he was alive or not.

He then felt a warm feeling near his abdomen and looking down, he saw a bright ball of light.

This once again felt familiar to Lith and he knitted his brows.

Lith crossed his legs and sat in a lotus position in mid air. He then meditated and looked at what was wrong with his core.

As soon as he saw his core...

"WHAT!?"

Lith couldn't help but exclaim in shock!

His core was gone and there was nothing present here except a bright ball of light!

But his initial panic soon went away when he felt a connection in his mind to something.

Lith had an instinct that he had to summon that 'something' and Lith did just that.

The bright ball in his abdomen appeared the same as the bright dot from before and having experienced it twice, Lith thought about something coming closer and closer towards him.

In just a matter of a few moments, Lith soon saw the immortal core from before.

'So it was mine all this while?' Lith had a thought.

It was pretty strange for him to see a core before it was even formed, and that too, his very own.

He also had no idea how he was having an immortal core when he was ascending to Half Saint Rank.

But keeping all his questions to the side, he focused on his ascension first.

Whatever was the case, his immortal core was there and he had to ascend now.

Ascensions in immortal realms were really risky and they were also something that everyone had to be wary of and prepare against beforehand. Those were:

Tribulations!

Chapter 453 Tribulation (1/3)

'Tribulations should arrive any moment now.' Lith thought to himself while looking around.

His core was forming and as much as Lith knew, the tribulation would come at any time to stop him from ascending and having his core formed.

Rising up in ranks in the mortal realms was easy and not risky. One would be a mortal even if they become Rank 9. Except, they would have a long lifespan.

But long didn't mean infinite or inexhaustible and it was limited.

A Rank 9 could live upto ten thousand years without any problems but they would then die of old age when they exceed that limit and reincarnate again.

Rank 1 could live upto a hundred years, they were the ones with the shortest lifespans.

Rank 2 could live upto 200 years and the lifespan increased by hundred years upto Rank 5 where it would become 500 years.

At Rank 6, due to the qualitative change happening, the lifespan doubles and a person can live upto a thousand years.

Rank 7, a person can live upto 2500 years, Rank 8 it was 5000 years and Rank 9 was 10,000 years.

Tribulations thus didn't appear unless one was doing something heaven defying and challenging the natural laws and rules of the universe.

But after Rank 9, things were different. Tribulations didn't appear for Half Saint Ranks as this was a transitioning phase.

Tribulations appeared for everyone when they would have their core undergo transformation and turn into an immortal core.

The laws of the world wouldn't allow people to turn into an immortal and defy the natural order and thus tribulations would take place depending upon the person's strength and their foundation.

Lith knew about it and was expecting one to arrive at any moment.

But he was slightly in doubt and fully on guard as he had no idea what type of tribulation might occur here in this place.

Firstly, he had a solid foundation and he knew about it. He was the strongest in his rank and although this was a good thing, it wasn't so much when tribulations would arrive.

Lith's tribulations was bound to be really strong due to that.

Secondly, he was in the astral world and not in his own one.

How would this place be, Lith had no idea, and how much the strength of the tribulation would be, also had no idea about it.

Lith could only grit his teeth and brace himself.

A while passed.

The tribulation finally arrived.

Winds howled and the strong breeze made Lith's clothes and his long silver hair flutter.

In Lith's vision, there was no one else present in this Astral World apart from him and the golden light around him. He was fully focused and had his attention on the tribulation.

What was happening externally, he kept only a small part of attention there and focused fully on the tribulation as it took a greater priority and was a risk to his life.

Soon, the howling of the winds transformed into a gray vortex out of which many tiny bugs appeared.

Lith squinted his eyes to see what these bugs were. But despite noticing their cricket-like body and grey colour, Lith wasn't able to point out what type of bugs they were.

Lith waves his hand in front of him and created a barrier made up of Dark elemental energy and covered himself, defending against the bugs.

It was better to be cautious.

The bugs moved towards Lith at great speed and immediately hit the barrier.

The bugs weren't able to penetrate inside and Lith sighed in relief.

But soon, his relief was for naught as the bugs ended up sucking the elemental energy out of the barrier and ended up weakening it.

Lith was surprised as he noticed it and immediately cast a Fire spell — Flame Slash towards the bugs and killed them.

Some bugs that weren't able to react got burnt while most escaped from the fire. Some bugs got on top of the blades of flames and sucked the elemental energy out of the flames.

It was now clear to Lith that these bugs had the power to suck elemental energies.

The bugs continued to charge towards Lith and their goal was to get in touch with his body.

Lith could tell what would happen if they ended up sticking onto him. He thus extended his wings out and flew in random motions to dodge the attacks of the bugs.

The bugs swarmed together and attacked Lith.

Millions of them ended up creating a storm of bugs and rushed towards Lith. Their speed was anything but slow and threatened Lith.

'Elemental attacks don't work...' Lith thought while dodging and thinking of a way to attack them.

He decided to use his spiritual power if he couldn't use elemental energies.

Lith opened his palm and willed his spiritual power to manifest into a sphere. A grey sphere of around six inches was formed on Lith's palm and Lith immediately threw it towards the bugs.

His spiritual power hit the bugs and exploded but Lith noticed that it had little to no effect.

'What even are they...'

This was the Astral World and Lith's own. He had no knowledge of it and he could only do trial and error to try beating them.

With the attacks Lith did, it was evident that the bugs weren't too powerful and could be killed but their numbers were so high that doing any attack would get absorbed by them and become null.

'I should try using area of effect attacks.' Thinking so, Lith did some hand gestures while running from the bugs and finishing casting the spell, he looked at the bugs and said softly,

"Blazing Fury."

A huge tide of flames appeared out of Lith's body and engulfed the swarm of bugs.

The bugs chirped loudly as they felt the high temperature from the flames and a burning sensation. This sound wave was intense enough to rupture the eardrums of people below Rank 6 and Lith, having the body of a Half Saint currently, felt a slight tingle in his ears.

The flames that Lith sent ended up burning a good one-tenth of the bugs before it got absorbed by them as usual.

Lith didn't waste time and sent another attack and he attacked with Blazing Fury four times in a row.

Lith was getting a hang of finishing these bugs. As long as the attack was intense enough and could kill a group of bugs in an instant, it was a good attack.

Lith sent out waves of other area of effect attacks and in no time, he ended up killing half of the bugs.

Lith was relieved to know that the situation was under control but it wasn't for long when he heard a faint cry of some creature.

Lith looked in the direction of the sound and noticed it coming from a vortex.

In no time, five eagle-like birds, over thirty feet tall, appeared out and charged towards Lith while letting out an angry cry.

It was as if Lith had killed their nine generations and they were thirsty for Lith's life.

In just a breath's time, an eagle closed in on Lith and this caused alarm bells to ring all over his body and made him aware that he was in danger!

Lith immediately cried out in his mind after distancing away,

'They can use Space!'

#### Chapter 454 Tribulation (2/3)

The three eagles chasing after Lith, the blue sand eagles, were a species of creatures living in the blue sandy deserts.

These deserts had a blue color due to the rich mineral deposits in them along with the fact that just beneath the sand, there was some or the other form of water body present.

Vast sandy desert were spread over the oceans and had the blue color to them. The eagles traveled from one place to another by using Space elemental energy that was abundant in these places and found their prey and mate.

Hence the name blue sand eagles.

Lith had no idea about them as they weren't present in his world and as this was the gray Astral World that was spread everywhere, the eagles were summoned for the tribulation.

He also wouldn't have any idea about these eagles even if they were from his world as these eagles appeared gray and not like their original colors.

Escaping from these eagles was troublesome as they were proficient in Space as well.

Lith could only brace himself after a while and prepare for a head-on attack. That was the only way to defeat these eagles.



Lith extended his hand and gathered Destruction elemental energy in there. Magenta, red, and black colors appeared in his hand and soon a black sword with a mix of red and magenta colored hilt was manifested.

This was made from the colors of the Destruction energy and Lith took an attacking stance and was ready to attack the eagles.

The blue sand eagle screeched and charged towards Lith with apparent killing intent. It pointed its sharp claws in Lith's direction and just as it was about to rip Lith's body apart;

Lith used Space elemental energy and glided through the space in front.

His sword cut the eagle from its head to its back into two equal halves, eventually killing it.

The two halves fell down and other two eagles, despite noticing it, continued to charge towards Lith.

Lith's palms were bleeding as he held his elemental energy sword and his hands went numb.

His attack might've appeared smooth on the outside but only Lith knew how tough the body of the eagle was.

It felt as if Lith was hitting an iron shield with a steel stick.

Lith used his spiritual power and castes life spells on his hands to heal himself.

He was in urgent need of it.

The eagles obviously wouldn't wait for Lith to finish and the same was the case with the bugs.

The bugs, also called the Ovarian Parasites are present in rainforest regions rich with beasts and elemental energies. They breed in ovaries of female beasts and die there.

The eggs present in the ovaries get developed by having nourishment from the beasts and once the bugs get hatched, they feed on the flesh of the beasts they are in as well as the elemental energies from the surroundings.

In one batch, around a thousand bugs grow up and they eat a beast inside out within a matter of a few days and leave.

These bugs are notorious for causing great harm to all creatures and are usually on the hunt list by all people.

Many have tried to make them go extinct but by some or the other reasons, they end up living and have survived the harshest of times.

The only way to kill these bugs was to send an attack with such intensity that the bugs would be unable to suck the elemental energy from it and explode.

Lith did the right thing by sending Blazing Fury. He also was correct in assessing the situation with the blue sand eagles.

His years of training with his sister and mother along with assassinations had made him have good judgement.

Lith flew around with his wings extended and went in a killing spree. It was tiring but he had to do it.

Meanwhile his core had formed by almost fifty percent.

There was a transparent crystal near Lith's abdomen and around it were twelve small crystals of different colors.

It was a brand new core and the process of completion was slightly slowed due to Lith using his spiritual power to focus on fighting the tribulation and also the energies from his body.

The elemental energies was falling short for the cores to form and things were a bit troublesome.

Lith couldn't help it.

If he focused on his core and gathered elemental energies, he would be killed by these bugs and eagles.

Lith was hundred percent sure that once these bugs stick to him, it was game over.

Lith focused on ending this tribulation instead of the formation of his core.

He charged towards the two eagles and tried his best to kill them.

As soon as he killed one eagle, his hand became numb again and it bled more profusely than before.

The other eagle didn't give Lith a chance to relax or heal himself and charged towards him.

Lith had no choice but to pick up his sword and hit the eagle.

The eagle dashed towards Lith and Lith dashed towards it, eventually piercing its body with his sword and killing it with all his might.

Lith's both hands burst due to the strain from the double attack on the eagles.

Lith felt some pain, but having high tolerance, he endured it without a problem.

Having the eagles defeated, Lith now had some time to relax.

He flapped his wings and escaped from the bugs while trying to relax and heal himself.

His hands were his priority now and they had to be healed quickly or he'll suffer.

He was a vampire with good regenerative abilities, but because he was in the Astral World without his material body, he had to use elemental energies to heal himself and his body didn't have the innate regeneration like usual.

Soon, Lith's body was healed and he was back to casting Blazing Fury on the ovarian parasites.

A few breaths of time later, only one-fourth of the bugs were remaining.

Lith was relaxed slightly now but before he could rejoice, five flying beasts appeared out of the vortex and let out an ear piercing screech.

This shrill cry of the creatures made blood to ooze out of Lith's ears and his hearing to go numb.

Lith turned to look towards the source of sound he heard previously and was shocked.

He was shocked not because his ears were bleeding and he went slightly deaf, but because of the flying creatures in front.

The five flying creatures looked like bats but had a large wingspan along with a head like a crane but an extra large beak.

Lith knew exactly what they were.

They were the extinct ancient species of blood bats. More correctly, extinct native species of Nightingale.

These blood bats could will the blood inside a person to their desire and could even kill him if they wanted. These bats were so powerful in the aspects of blood, they could even control a person from afar.

They were also intelligent beasts and the higher the grade of them, the stronger and more proficient were they in aspects related to blood.

People hunted these beasts to cultivate blood arts and they also caused lot of harm to the vampires when they were present.

The bats went extinct long ago and the ones that did manage to survive, they were killed by the previous Vampire King and there was no existence of them in this world anymore.

Lith was greatly shocked to find a few and that too in his tribulation. These bats were very strong and he had to be really wary of them.

They could control him and could even make his body burst if they so wanted.

One trouble was gone and another appeared. Lith just wondered whom did he offend to get such badluck today.

He cast a dark spell equipped barrier around him and ran from the blood bats before they tried to control him.

Lith's core was now greatly slowed and it would take a lot of time to form.

Lith couldn't help it and he prepared himself to fight against the blood bats.

The blood bats screeched again and charged towards Lith and so did the bugs.

Lith could only click his tongue in annoyance and prepare to attack these creatures.

At one side was his core formation at another side were these creatures. If he focused on his core formation, the creatures would kill him, but if he focused fully on killing these creatures and his core wasn't formed before his spiritual power ran out, he would be crippled for life.

Lith was now stuck in a rock and a hard place with no way out.

Still, he was calm and breathing out, he prepared himself for the upcoming onslaught.

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A/N: Have a good December everyone. Drink lots of hot chocolate, drape over blankets, sit before a fireplace, and make sure to cuddle lots.

Laze around as much as you can as it's winter now and enjoy your Christmas and New year's.

I am supposed to do mass release around 15th something, so let's see how it goes. I haven't gotten any requests from webnovel yet, but if they do ask, I'll do it.

Have a good day everyone!

Chapter 455 Tribulation (3/3)

The blood bats and the ovarian parasites charged towards Lith with all their might and killing intent.

They were the creatures of the tribulations and naturally were in a crazed state and weren't normal. Their killing intent was at its peak and they wouldn't be at ease unless they killed Lith.

Lith had lost a lot of his spiritual power and only around thirty percent of the original amount was remaining.

The summoning of the core, the formation of it, followed by the battle with the bugs and eagles took a great toll on him.

Formation of the core was the major cause of spiritual power depletion. Lith couldn't stop that even if he wanted as it was an automatic process.

The core would keep consuming the spiritual power of the body and the elemental energies from the body as well as the surroundings.

If the person has all his elemental energies and spiritual power exhausted, he would simply die.

Lith had no idea that he would be ascending in the immortal realms so soon. If he did, he would've better prepared himself. But everything happened too unexpectedly and he was caught off guard.

Lith could only grit his teeth and face this predicament he was in.

He made a destruction sword once again and took an attacking stance. He was ready to go all out with these creatures.

Lith knew that this was the last of the batch in his tribulation and there weren't any more coming. Once he killed these, the tribulation would be over.

Lith had to ensure he only used twenty percent of his spiritual power and the remaining ten percent was saved for the immortal core.

If he ends up exhausting everything, he will die.

Lith's mind worked in full capacity and he formulated many plans to fight with these creatures in front.

There were five blood bats and around two hundred and fifty thousand ovarian parasites.

Lith had to find the best possible way to kill them.

As Lith's thoughts accelerated, the creatures came closer and closer.

Soon...

Lith was about to attack them as they came closer but before he could do it, the creatures in front exploded like fireworks and they all got wiped out.

Lith was momentarily confused before he saw his mother and wife appear right in front of him.

He understood the reason for the tribulation ending so easily.

Looking at their divine figures, Lith internally thought, 'I missed them...'

Lith didn't know how long it was since he last saw them, but it definitely felt like an eternity. He was away from them for far too long and he hated this feeling.

Lith was about to move towards them and hug them when Lilith said calmly, "meditate and focus on the formation of the core."

She reminded him of his situation and didn't let him slack.

Lith sighed as he heard that. He looked at Lilith and nodded his head.

Lith sat in a lotus position and meditated.

Lilith went behind him and placed her hand right in the middle of his back.

Life elemental energy surged towards Lilith's palm and moved all over Lith's body.

Life soon felt his spiritual power get restored and it wasn't long before all his fatigue was gone followed by his spiritual power getting fully restored.

Lilith backed away and moved towards Arya after she finished healing Lith.

After Lilith arrived, Arya asked softly, "what happened to him, mother?"

Lilith continued to look at Lith and said in a low voice, "someone tried to take control of him. Eventually it failed as Lith fought back. His ascension then began and he was fighting the tribulation for it."

Arya understood the gist of it as Lilith explained. There were many questions inside her head, but Lilith continued and said,

"Don't ask me questions for now. Just watch him. I'll let you know everything later."

Arya nodded her head and looked towards Lith.

Lilith and Arya both had appeared in this place when Lith's tribulation started. However, they didn't help him as they wanted to push him to his limits. Doing so would help him greatly and helping him would only hinder his growth process.

The two only helped him when they felt he couldn't take it anymore.



Lilith was the one assessing the situation so everything was under control. She obviously wouldn't watch Lith die. Thus, to be on a safe side, she ended Lith's tribulation when he was at his final thirty percent spiritual power.

The two ladies stood at one side and watched Lith as he ascended.

The tribulation that was over brought about great after effects for Lith.

His body had a surge of elemental energies and his attainment in the Fire, Space, Destruction, and Dark elemental energies rose sharply.

This attainment caused the respective elemental cores to shine brightly and pour in a lot of elemental energies into the main core, that was the transparent crystal.

The transparent crystal had elemental energies from all twelve cores poured inside it and as time passed, it took the shape of land, water, air, clouds, trees, etc.

A new world was formed in Lith's core and as time passed further, creatures appeared inside, first the wild ones and then the sentient ones.

Lith was amazed to see life form in his core. He had waited for a long time to see this.

This primitive form of life that occurred, it was humanoid but not humans. Lith was yet to figure out who these people were and what their race was.

The world formed in Lith's core again because his previous core was destroyed. Had that not been the case, Lith would've had something completely different than this.

But all was well since it didn't matter if the mortal core was there or not.

Lith's immortal core was still better without it and he didn't suffer any losses due to losing his previous core.

Lith's immortal core was formed in his subconscious when he had his mortal core with him. Thus, Lith lost nothing.

The twelve elemental energy cores revolving around the transparent main core, they had elemental energies come out of them in gaseous form and got connected to the main core.

The elemental cores poured energies into the main core and sustained it.

Finally, after a week, the core was formed completely.

The golden beam of light surrounding Lith in the Astral World started fluttering and soon, it went inside Lith's core and came out as grey.

The entirety of the golden beam of light went in over a period of a few weeks and came out.

Lith's core and the twelve elements cores got nourished greatly and after the golden beam of light was finally gone, Lith's core was fully ready and functional.

Lith, who was in a meditative position for all this while and had his eyes closed, finally opened it slowly.

He looked in front of him and a serious glint shone in his calm purple eyes.

"I am an immortal now."

Chapter 456 Saint Rank

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Royal Castle, Nightingale.

"So you're telling me, you ascended to Saint Rank directly from Rank 9!?" Lucy exclaimed in utter shock.

Anyone would have the same reaction if they were told this, Lucy being no exception.

Emilia and Alexandra also had the same shock written all over their faces and they looked at Lith with a questioning gaze.

Lith and his wives were sitting around a round table in the courtyard and discussing things over tea.

After Lith's ascension ended in the Astral World, he was out of there and came back home in his original body.

A while later, here he was, discussing things with his wives and answering all their questions.

Lith looked at Emilia, Alexandra, and Lucy, and said calmly, "that's right. A few things happened and I became a Saint Rank."

Lucy still felt it was unbelievable and she couldn't help but say, "how is such a miracle possible..."

Lith took a sip of tea and said softly, "even I have no idea."

Lucy soon gave up thinking about it and said with a bright smile to Lith, "In any case, congratulations for becoming an immortal. I am very proud of you and you are also the reason for my pride."

Lucy was very happy and the same was the case with the other ladies.

Ascension to Half Saint Rank at the young age of twenty-one was unheard of let alone ascension to Saint Rank. The ladies were bound to feel pride in their husband for such a heaven defying feat.

"Congratulations, darling." Alexandra said with a smile.

Looking at everyone congratulating Lith, Emilia knew she had to do so as well. She wanted to say this in private but now the situation called for it, she could only blush slightly and say,

"Congratulations, husband."

She wasn't used to calling Lith husband in the open yet. It hadn't been long since they got married and she would need a bit of time to do so. Of course, she was alright with calling Lith husband intimately in private without any qualms.

Lith looked at them and said softly with a gentle smile, "thank you, everyone. I am truly grateful for your well wishes."

Emilia then asked the important question, "So, what happened in the Astral World?"

Before Lith could answer, Arya, with her usual blindfold on, looked at Emilia and said with a smile,

"He created a big scene there. It was very flashy but he did undergo ascension."

Her words had a lot of hidden information and she didn't reveal the complete truth. She didn't want Emilia, Alexandra or Lucy to get worried like how she was. Knowing about the situation in the Astral World would only stress them out. It was better to keep it put and not let them know.

The feeling of knowing her husband was in great danger but not being able to help and only look was a horrible experience for Arya. She still hid this behind her usual jolly expression and pretended as if nothing happened.

The ladies here would eventually feel this as well if Arya explained to them the situation in the Astral World. Thus, hiding it was for the best.

Lith looked at her with slight surprise but eventually understood why she said that. Sometimes it was better to be quiet and not say too many things. It would only hurt your loved ones.

Emilia felt something was off but couldn't point it where. Being with Arya for so many years, she knew a lot about her. But Arya's abilities were still something Emilia couldn't match yet.

Lith then turned his head to look at his mother who had been quiet all this while. It wasn't like her to stay so quiet but he could understand her emotions as well.

Lilith was sitting calmly beside Lith but her emotions were in a mess and her thoughts were chaotic. She was constantly trying to figure out who it was that was trying to harm Lith and why only the Astral World and not somewhere else?

Lith had been to Astral World thrice by now.

It wasn't a good thing and Lilith needed answers to this.

Her future self had told her not to worry as she would eventually get the answers, but a mother's heart could never risk the safety of her child.

Lith, noticing the evident worries on his mother's face, placed his hand on top of hers and said, "Mom, please ease your worries."

Lilith broke out of her thoughts and looked at Lith. Noticing his gentle expression, her worries did ease slightly but it wasn't for long when she turned to the side and got up.

Lilith held Lith's face with her palms and bending down and looking him straight in the eyes, she said with knitted brows,

"Why can't you be safe?"

This was a question Lilith knew was pointless to ask since even Lith had no answers to it, but she couldn't help but ask anyway.

Lith could only awkwardly smile as he heard that and stay quiet.

The other ladies, except Arya, wondered what caused such a reaction in Lilith.

Lilith then sighed as she realized what she just asked. She then changed her question and asked,

"Lith, promise mama, you'll not do anything risky and always stay safe."

Lith knew things were serious when his mother called him by his name instead of the usual 'baby'. He understood the gravity of the situation but he couldn't promise something like this to his mother.

He placed his hand on hers and said softly while looking her in the eyes,

"I am sorry, mom. But I can't promise something like that. But I can assure you I'll always calculate risks before taking them."

This was a world of Swords and Magic and there was no way one wouldn't be in a risky situation or have their life threatened. Lith would be lying to his mother and break the promise if he agreed to that.

Lilith's eyes became moist and a drop of tear fell down her eye.

"Why must you get hurt..."

Lith didn't waste time and hugged his mother. He placed her head on his chest and patted her back, trying to ease her worries.

Lilith, although a very strong woman, couldn't help but have a breakdown thinking of the past moment when Lith was almost about to die. That was such a helpless moment and thinking about it still brought shivers to her.

She didn't want Lith to get hurt again like that and she wanted him to promise her this. But she knew she was asking for far too much and there was no way such a thing would be possible.

But a mother was a mother and she couldn't risk losing her child.

Lilith never had such a breakdown before in all her life. Even in the worst of times, she never cried and even in the harshest situations didn't make her falter.

But now, feeling the helplessness of the situation and watching her child almost die brought great sadness to Lilith.

Her children were the only thing that mattered to her. Power, riches, everything else was secondary and she didn't give two fucks about it.

Lilith's happiness was in her children's and her entire life revolved only around these two people.

Lith and Lucy were Lilith's whole world.

Lith was starting to understand this and this breakdown of his mother made him further understand this emotion.

Lucy had no idea why her mother was so sad but looking at her be like that, she was feeling really bad as well.

Emilia and Alexandra couldn't understand their mother-in-law's situation and as for Arya, her world was Lith as well and she could understand Lilith's emotions fully well.

Arya would've broken down as well but she controlled herself and could only hide it.

Arya didn't want to make Emilia, Alexandra, and Lucy have hints about the situation in the Astral World.

Lilith broke down because the pain she suffered was far more than Arya's. Arya only knew that Lith's life was in danger and she was in a helpless situation, but Lilith had experienced Lith's life fade away and had Arya experienced this, she would've broken down right now as well.

The feeling of having your loved one die would make even the strongest of man cry and break down.

Lith patted his mother's back and prayed for her betterment.

Chapter 457 Time Affiliation And Time Path

After a pleasant chat with his wives, Lith sat down to meditate and look at his immortal core.

He was seated on the roof of the castle, basking in the silver glow from the moon and enjoying the dark atmosphere of Nightingale.

Lith closed his eyes as he sat in a lotus position and sent his senses toward his core.

Lith's vision changed from dark to suddenly feeling as if he was thrown into space, getting to look at the planets orbiting around the sun.

Except, the difference was that Lith saw a big blue world around which there were twelve colorful planets and no one was moving, they were all still.

The big blue world was Lith's main core, taking the blue color from the vast amount of water present in it.

The colorful planets around were none other than the elemental energy cores.

These cores were connected to the main core via bridges made by the respective elemental energy. For instance, the water elemental core had a blue bridge connecting the blue Water core to the main core.

Lith tried to see what was so special about these elemental energy cores but found nothing over there, other than extremely potent elemental energies being present in their purest form.

The twelve cores nourished the main core and in the main core, as Lith went and saw things, everything was similar to his own world.

There were grasslands, mountains, snow, deserts, and much more.

Life wasn't primitive anymore and there were a lot of species of plants. Animals weren't present yet and the only creatures that appeared in Lith's core were some primitive insects, that's about it for life.

Lith was excited to see some beasts or humans be birthed in this core. It was a pity that no lifeforms were born inside. He decided to enter his core in person and not just check it using his spiritual sense.

Lith stood up and extended his hand out. Pointing his finger somewhere on the ground, Lith said calmly,

"Drop."

A bright light shone from Lith's abdomen and the core came out. It fixed itself on the spot, right where Lith's finger pointed. As the core affixed itself, it let out a loud rumble and then everything became silent once again.



Lith had vanished from his spot and he was pulled inside his core.

The core became invisible after a few seconds. It seemed as if there was no one present here in this place.

The rumbling that was generated by the core was heard by everyone in the castle.

Everyone in this castle was a powerful immortal being. Lith's actions of placing his core outside did not go unnoticed. But nobody had any exaggerated reaction as it was a normal thing for immortals to place their cores outside.

Although it would result in their deaths if someone found their core and shattered it, the chances of such a thing happening were pretty low unless one's rank differed by a very high degree.

Lith didn't need to worry about this happening to him. He was at home and there wasn't any place safer than Nightingale in this world.

Lith appeared inside his core and looked around, He found himself in some grassy plains. He then looked up and saw a sun to be present there. This world felt too similar to his previous one which was Earth. The size and everything else was also similar.

Lith's current world, which is the magic one, was pretty abnormal. There were gigantic trees and weird monsters. The grassy plains had grass twice the size of humans and many other anomalies.

But in this world, it was really normal.

Lith walked around and saw nothing but grass for a while. He then came across mountains and as he moved, he saw various other normal things everywhere.

He then sat down in one patch of the grassy plains and meditated to sense other things in his core.

The first thing Lith noticed by doing so was the density of the elemental energy here.

As Lith was in the grassy plains, he sensed the Wind elemental energy to be more followed by Earth. As he moved towards the mountains, the Earth's elemental energy was more.

In such a way, the density of elemental energies was different in different places.

But one thing Lith noticed when he checked the overall density of elemental energies, the one in the least amount was Life, Light, Death, Time, Lightning, and Wind.

Being in the grassy plains, Lith surely found more Wind elemental energy, but overall, it was really low.

Lith finally understood that his core was also able to tell about what areas he would need to work on and have more attainments in.

Life(animal, not plants) was still primitive and there weren't any humans or beasts in his core because Lith's Life elemental energy attainment was low.

Time in his core was moving slowly, almost similar to his current world because Lith's Time attainment level was low.

From what Lith knew, usually, the ones who had Time affinity, their cores would be two to three times faster than the real world. Meaning, if one day passed in the real world, ten to twenty days would pass in the core.

This was something that could make a strong person even stronger.

Usually, people have the rate of time in their cores almost the same as the outside world or simply two or three times faster. That was the world's average.

But the Time-affiliated immortals would have their rates anywhere from five to eight times faster.

However, some people had their core times even faster and they were the Time path immortals.

These immortals, although had other affinities other than Time, they solely cultivated in the Time element, and on average, a Time path immortal had the time of their core range anywhere from ten to fifteen times faster.

It may not look too big of a difference from a Time-affiliated immortal but in the long term, it varied greatly.

A thousand years in the normal world would equal five thousand years for a Time-affiliated immortal but it would be a whopping ten thousand to fifteen thousand years for a Time path immortal.

Ten thousand years would equal fifty thousand years of a Time-affiliated immortal but for a Time path immortal, it would be anywhere from a hundred thousand to a hundred and fifty thousand.

Rising in ranks through the Time element was hard for everyone. So not many chose this path. They would work on the Time element if they had the affinity, but not many would become Time path immortals.

There was only one person throughout history who was known to rise to Supreme Rank through the Time path. It was none other than the current Dragon Emperor Dagassi.

Having Time affinity was rare in itself and due to the serious lack of resources in the Time element, not many walked the Time path.

Dagassi was a brave and courageous dragon and he took the risk to walk the Time path. Eventually, all things fell into place and he became the Supreme Rank of the dragons and replaced the previous dragon supreme.

The previous dragon supreme went into seclusion after Dagassi took the throne and was never heard from again.

Lith, who was sitting and thinking about these things, realized that it would be difficult to raise his Time attainment.

But thankfully, it won't be too difficult as he didn't have to fight too much for resources. He had everything with him in the castle and he could simply use them to cultivate further and rise in ranks.

Lith had to urgently get stronger and although he had the thought of becoming rich and doing business for the next nineteen years, he didn't forget his main goal, which was to find the one who caused him into such a bad state in the Astral World and kill it.

Lith's current goals were to become rich, become strong, and provide all the love and care he could to his wives.

He had to utilize each day to its fullest and he couldn't simply slack off.

Slacking would mean he would be behind schedule for a lot of things and much other stuff could get compromised as well.

If he slacked on cultivation, he wouldn't get stronger fast and if he only cultivated, he would not be able to give time to his wives, which would be really bad and unfair to them.

Thus, Lith had to manage his time well and not slack off. He also had his two friends whom he had to meet and give time as well.

Lith soon mentally made a priority list and the things he needed to do.

The priority list went as:

- Spend time with wives
- Become strong
- Become rich
- Other things

Lith kept his priority list as simple as he could and didn't put too much stuff into it.

He had other things to do as well such as modify the Ying Yang Vīrya Sutra and also give some care to his maids and butlers and also spend time with his friends.

But every other thing was included in the last point in his priority list and Lith was sure that he would be able to manage it well.

After thinking of such things, Lith went back to checking his core and soon he found out...

Chapter 458 Lith's Attainment

"My attainment is low in so many elements."

Lith said softly as he opened his eyes after finishing looking at his core.

Having an all-elemental affinity had its pros and cons. The cons were that one had to work much harder than others as they would need to raise their attainments in all elemental energies.

But one of the pros of being an all-elemental mage was that they could choose any path they wanted to walk on.

"I can obviously choose the destruction path if I want since that could give me lots of attacking power, but then, there would be nothing that would make me stand out from the rest and give me an advantage."

Lith assessed himself.

He then stood up and stretched his body. He had reached a conclusion.

"It's decided. I have twelve elemental affinities, I'll walk all twelve paths." Lith said it like it was only normal to do so but it was far from it. In fact, it was a great exaggeration that could shake the world to its core. Even the people with six elemental affinities dared not walk more than three paths.

However, a long time ago a human had walked more than three paths. That person had walked five paths but it had been so long that nobody even remembered him.

His ascension to Half Emperor Rank was known by everyone but during his ascension to Supreme Rank, he suddenly disappeared.

With the passage of time, people eventually forgot about him and the one that is officially known by everyone to have walked the most path was none other than the Elf Queen.

The Elf Queen walked the path of Wind, Water, Earth, and Fire and her attainments in these four elements were the highest as compared to anyone else in this world.

Though she had such high attainments and walked on four paths, she still wasn't stronger than the Heavenly Emperor since that being was more than a million years old.

It was thus still a debatable topic whether walking on many paths would result in a person being stronger than others or not.

Whatever the case, Lith had decided to walk the twelve paths. His sister was doing it and he had a hunch that his mother was proficient in all twelve as well. If he didn't want to be left behind those two, he couldn't choose anything else.

"I first need to increase my attainment in the Life element and what better place for that could be other than the Elven Continent?"

The Elves were the ones closest to nature and many had Life affinity. Their continent was filled with Life element resources and was the best place to go if one had to understand Life laws better and gain attainment.

The second best place for the same was the Angel Continent but they had strict rules and not everyone was allowed there. Since angels could be corrupted easily by others, only specific places were open for people from other continents and races to visit.

They also banned the entry of demons and devils for this reason.

Lith looked at his core for a bit more and then exited it. His core came back into his body and he jumped down from the roof of the castle.

Lith fell freely down and as he neared the ground, he extended his wings out and flew towards the courtyard of the castle.

In the courtyard, Lith saw his mother sitting and calmly sipping on some tea. She seemed to be in deep thought about something.

Seeing her, Lith knew exactly whom he wanted to spend his first year with.

Lith flew towards the courtyard and landed below. As soon as his foot touched the ground, his wings retracted. Then he elegantly walked towards Lilith.

Lilith had noticed Lith's movement before and wasn't surprised to suddenly see him.

'Surprising her is almost impossible.' Lith thought as he approached her.

As Lith reached close to her, he went behind her back and hugged her neck.

"What are you doing, mom?"

"Having tea. You want to have some?" Lilith replied calmly.

"No, I want to have you," Lith replied with a smirk.

Lilith rolled her eyes and turned to look up at Lith's face.

"Do you think mama is in the mood, baby?"

Lilith had been worried about Lith's safety ever since she had learned of the mysterious entity that was trying to control him. She wasn't in the mood for jokes now.

Lith smiled and replied, "Of course, you aren't. That's why let's go on a date. I am sure your mood will get better."

"A date?" Lilith suddenly didn't feel so bad anymore. A date surely sounded nice as she'll get to spend a lot of time with her baby and get more intimate as well.

"Yes. I've decided to spend more time with my wives. Now that the marriage is over, the honeymoon remains. Let's go on a date first and then we'll go for our honeymoon as well." Lith replied with the same smile as before.

Hearing that, Lilith asked, "So you're taking the others on a date as well?"

Suddenly, her mood took a plunge when she thought that other wives would also accompany them on the date. Lilith didn't feel so good at the thought of having to share her baby with others.

Lith shook his head. "It's just you and me. I am going to go on dates and honeymoon with everyone individually. The first person I want to take out is you, mom. So are you coming?"

Lilith immediately felt warm in her heart as she realized she was her son's first priority. She might've cried, but she had already fulfilled her crying quota for the month earlier in the astral world.

Lilith smiled brightly after hearing that and said softly, "I am coming."

Looking at his mother's contagious radiant smile, Lith smiled as well and said, "let's not waste time and leave now."

"Now!?"

Chapter 459 A Good Maid Must Be Rewarded, Right?

"Now!?"

Lilith was surprised to hear that it was so sudden.

Nodding his head, Lith grinned and said, "Obviously."

"Let me go get ready then. We'll go out after that." Lilith said and got up to leave.



"Why waste time? This outfit is also great."

Lilith chuckled and said, "a lady dresses up for all occasions. You shouldn't stop her."

Lith shook his head with a smile. "Do whatever you feel is the best. I'll be waiting."

Lilith nodded her head lightly and left. Lith thought that he should also dress up to match his date.

He went to his room and was about to search for outfits when a thought crossed his mind.

'Why should I go through this task of finding clothes? Am I not the prince? I've got so many maids and it'll be a pity if I don't use their services.'

Thinking so, Lith clapped his hands twice and called out softly, "Luna."

In the next instant, Luna magically appeared out of thin air and stood right in front of Lith.

No matter how many times he saw it happen, this phenomenon never ceased to amaze him. He still did not understand how clapping twice anywhere in the castle and calling out a maid or butler's name would summon them.

In any case, it wasn't a bad thing.

Lith looked at Luna who was standing in front of him while wearing a victorian maid outfit. She was covered everywhere and seemed to be in a conservative outfit, but Lith knew that hidden beneath the skirt were sexy pantyhoses.

But Lith didn't do anything to tease Luna as he had his first date and didn't want to ruin it.

"Get me changed into an outfit perfect for a date, Luna."

"As you wish, Your Highness." Like a good maid, Luna did not ask any unnecessary questions. She obeyed the command and got to work immediately.

She walked towards Lith and made him open his arms and stand in a T position. In the next instant, Lith felt a light breeze and...

"Done. Is this outfit good for you, Your Highness?"

Lith was amazed at the speed. He looked around and saw his previous clothes were gone and new ones had replaced them.

Luna was so fast that Lith wasn't even able to see what she did. After his initial amazement, Lith walked towards a mirror to check out his appearance.

The Vampire Prince saw himself dressed in semi-formal clothes. He was wearing a tucked-in white shirt that perfectly showed his tempered upper body, blue jeans, brown shoes, and a brown belt.

Luna was aware that dressing Lith in more fancy clothes would result in a clash as his devilish looks would not stand out amidst the bling of the fancy clothes.

So, she had chosen simple clothes for him.

Lith looked at his toned figure reflected in the full body-length mirror. His clothes didn't look too tight or too loose. They were a perfect fit for him.

Lith was constantly amazed by the privileges he could enjoy as a prince.

In his past life, he had to buy clothes that were readymade and also slightly bigger than his size. He didn't have the money to buy more clothes if he became fat or by any chance grew taller as he aged.

Now it was different and Lith couldn't help but smile. This was indeed a very good life and he appreciated it very much.

After admiring himself and being thankful for this life, Lith walked towards Luna. He saw her standing still with a proud smile on her face and waiting for new orders.

Lith could tell why she had that smile. It definitely had to do with the way he was dressed.

He was about to say thank you to her and walk away when he realized a simple thank you wasn't enough. He had to reward his maid for her good work and keep her satisfied as well.

Thinking so, Lith stood right in front of Luna and said, "Good work, Luna."

Luna smiled and replied, "It is my pleasure, Your Highness."

Lith then said with a smirk, "A good maid must be rewarded, right? What does my maid want?"

Hearing the word 'my maid' made Luna lightly shiver in happiness. She didn't want anything more than to be able to serve Lith, but now that he did ask, not answering would be rude and she didn't want to come out as rude.

That was just an excuse Luna gave herself to not feel shy about asking for a reward.

Luna looked at Lith and said with a light blush on her face, "Your Highness can reward me in any form he likes."

Lith's smirk intensified and he said, "any form?"

Luna nodded her head. "Yes."

Lith took a step ahead and was going in for a hug when he immediately turned Luna around and made her bend down on the table in front.

"Ah..." Luna let out a surprised shout as she didn't expect this.

Lith lifted Luna's dress up in the next instance and saw her pantyhose. She was wearing almost transparent black stockings and stringed panties.

Lith knew that Luna was a masochist and liked getting punished. Although he didn't have anything to punish her right now, he knew that sending out some spanks would act as a good reward for her.

His guess was right.

Luna was indeed turned on when she was pushed down by Lith. She couldn't help but become slightly wet down there. As a result a stain formed on her panties. Thankfully, she was wearing black panties and the stain went unnoticed by Lith.

Luna turned back and said shyly, "Your Highness, this is..."

Of course, she knew what Lith was doing and loved every bit of it. But hey, one must try to resist for greater pleasure—ahem, when one was innocent, they should resist punishment.

"Your highness, Luna has done nothing wrong so she shouldn't be punished like this," Luna said coquettishly.

Lith smiled and said, "This is your reward for being a good maid. You don't want it?"

Of course, she wanted it! Was that even a question?

Luna obviously wouldn't say 'no' to Lith. She stopped showing any resistance and gave in.

Lith saw Luna's big butt under the dark lingerie. Her butt looked so soft and squishy that it made Lith want to squeeze it and play with it.

Lith had a date to go to and didn't have too much time on his hand. Thus, he didn't squeeze her peaches. Doing so would only make him give in to his desires and he will be late for his date.

Lith held the hem of her skirt up with his left hand and moved his right towards her butt and...

Pah!

"Mhm..."

Lith spanked Luna's buttocks. She let out a small moan, indicating she liked what was happening.

Lith slapped her plump derriere a few more times until it had become red all over. Only then did he stop.

Lith made Luna stand up, and her skirt fell back down.

Lith saw Luna in her conservative maid outfit again as she stood before him.

Knowing what was beneath that skirt and its current state made Lith feel great pleasure. He was the only man in this world with this privilege, and he couldn't help but feel how wonderful his life was.

After his shenanigans with Luna, Lith went to the courtyard to wait for his mother.

Soon...

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Lilith arrived wearing a regal dark blue dress that accentuated her perfect figure. Her curves, all in the right place, were a feast for the eyes.

The dark clothing contrasting with her silver hair was a sight to behold. It made Lith look at her with an awe-struck expression.

Lilith chuckled upon noticing Lith's expression and said, "Can we go if you have finished staring?"

Lith got out of his stupor and replied, "Mom looks beautiful."

One must always compliment their ladies. It kept them happy.

Lilith smiled and replied, "thank you, baby. You look handsome as well."

That was true as well.

Lith had his hair tied in a man bun and wore casual clothes. He looked like an absolute piece of art, just like Lilith. Her compliments weren't false in any form.

Lith stood up and walked towards Lilith. He extended his elbow out and asked, "shall we?"

Lilith decided to reply with her actions. She locked his arm with her arm, and in the next instant, both disappeared from the castle.

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Location - The World Tree, 10,000 km above the ground.

A black-haired youngster was seated on the chairs near the bar inside a tavern. He waited for his drinks, viewing the atmosphere in the room.

Though everyone was having fun over drinks and food, this youngster was not one of them. His mood was gloomy.

'Why have things been delayed so much? And what's with the notification telling me the apocalypse is coming closer? I am trying my best to extend it, so what is causing it to accelerate its timeline? It seems I'll need to move faster than before. I have to find that baby and kill it.'

'Previously, I thought killing a baby would get me the abilities. But thankfully, I wasn't rash and realized that I needed to wait until he formed his core.'

'The core must've formed by now, and he should be attending the academy entrance exam in a few years. I'll take him out when he's in Espat.'

The man's thoughts were anything but good.

The one thinking about the apocalypses and notifications- who else could it be but Lucas, the only system user in the world?

Lucas's thoughts were about to turn darker when he was interrupted by the bartender, who slammed a pitcher full of beer in front of him and said, "order's up!"

Lucas tipped him and sent him away. He took his beer and had a sip of it.

Having just a bit, he put it down and said slowly while wiping his mouth, "Elven beers are indeed amazing."

"It indeed is."

Someone replied to Lucas, making him turn his head and look toward the person. It was Qianyu.

Without any greetings, Lucas asked, "did you bring the information?"

Qianyu, currently in disguise, handed him an envelope and asked, "did I have any other option?" And then she ordered beer for herself.

Lucas opened the envelope and read its contents.

"You did a good job," He whispered as he set the envelope on fire.

"Compliments don't feed my stomach, Mister," Qianyu reminded the man.

Lucas shook his head as he took out an item from thin air and handed it to Qianyu.

"Here. Our deal has concluded. You do not have anything to do with me, nor do I have anything to do with you."

Qianyu didn't bother to check what Lucas gave her and left.

After she was gone, Lucas ordered one more beer. After he finished it, he slumped on the bar counter and sighed.

'I used almost all my coins to buy the yellow jade pin from the system's shop. I am as good as broke now.'

Lucas was too poor to afford any expensive alcohol. So, he had to drink the cheapest beer in the tavern.

Despite being the cheapest, the beer was of top quality and not something one could find anywhere in the world apart from the Elven Continent.

After finishing his drinks, Lucas asked the system, 'how much time is left?'

Soon, he heard a mechanical voice in his head along with a panel that stated:

[A class mission <<Foil the Conspiracy>> time left: 26 months...]

The system gave the exact number of months, weeks, days, hours, minutes, and seconds to Lucas. It gave him a headache.

He only wanted to know the number of months.

It was one of the long-term missions that the system had issued. Although it may seem like Lucas had a lot of time, he, in fact, had to hurry. Time would pass by in the blink of an eye, and he may not even be able to finish this mission.

But now that Lucas was at the bar, he couldn't help but procrastinate.

"Maybe I'll start from tomorrow onward."

Lucas muttered as he slumped onto the bar counter after finishing his third beer.

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Shiroi Neko Country, Elven Continent.

Sakura Mito, Celadon City.

Lith teleported out of thin air along with Lilith. They both were standing on the pavement lined by tall bamboo trees.



They had arrived in the bamboo forest of the Sakura Mito district.

"Let's go and get changed." Lith said to his mother with a smile, "We will seem out of place if we do not change our clothes. Look, there is even a clothing shop nearby."

Lith had planned things before asking Lilith out on a date. His goal was to visit the cherry blossom district in the Cat tribe country of the beastkin.

Shiroi Neko literally meant the white cat. He was the ancestor of the Cat tribe who had done a lot of good for them. So, the Cat tribe named their country after him.

Hearing that she had to get changed again, Lilith slightly knitted her brows and said, "I dressed up so much to get changed again?"

Lith chuckled upon hearing that. "Yes. Didn't I say we should leave right away? It was you who insisted on changing."

Lilith pouted in annoyance as she heard that.

'Oh damn! So cute! I mean, Kawaii!'

Lith said in his heart as he chuckled in response.

He then held Lilith's hand and dragged her toward the shop.

"Let's not waste time. We have to see the cherry blossoms before the night falls."

"Let's go!"