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"Watch out!"

Janos cast his wind-element spell over him and Rey. The two were covered in a semi-transparent dome-shaped layer that was erected just before they were surrounded by a sea of fire.

"Kreeeeehaaa!"

The woodland creatures cried in agony and pain when they were surrounded by the fire the flying snakes breathed on them. The sheer amount of fire mana generated in the attacks left Janos stunned.

"What... what kind of summoned creatures are these?"

Janos and Rey were safe inside the dome-shaped wind-element defensive spell he had deployed. But they were safe only because he was an Expert ranker and the grade of his spell was better. If he only had Adept-rank mana at his disposal, there was no doubt in his mind that the fight would have tilted toward Eren's victory in about two seconds after it was started.

Even Rey could tell that there was something extraordinary about the way Eren was using his summoning spells. This was the kind of finesse he expected from high-ranking entities. His clan had a B-Rank summoner.

"Even Master Birmond couldn't do this when he was an Adept ranker."

Old Rey mumbled to himself as he watched the sea of fire almost eradicating his summoned creatures. The woodland creatures in E-Rank had already been burned to death by fire. Even the green parts of their bodies caught fire when they were subjected to such intense flames.

The most frustrating thing for Janos and Rey was the fact that they couldn't do much against Eren's summoned creatures because they were airborne. The woodland creatures could only hurl their wood-element spells at them.

However, Eren's summoned creatures were as cunning as the real-life mana beasts. When spells or wooden shrapnel were thrown at them, the flying snakes dodged them effectively before countering the woodland creatures with fire breaths and fireballs.

"How... how the fuck can this guy sustain this much mana consumption?"

Janos couldn't help asking. He was no summoner because he hadn't been provided with the resources to become one, courtesy of being born in the side branch of the house. As a result, he only knew the basics of the class.

"His fire-element attainment is way too high for his rank. In that regard, the maniac has surpassed his rank. But that is not the whole thing.

The various spells he is deploying through his summoned creatures don't have separate mana fluctuations. It's as if the creatures were summoned with those spells in their arsenals."

Rey didn't care about the summoned creatures that were getting destroyed. He could summon new ones anytime he wanted. He just wanted to see the extent of Eren's capabilities with his eyes for the time being.

"This... this is spell integration! What kind of monster is he? Even Master Birmond is only starting to dabble in spell integration and this kid has already achieved it?"

"What the fuck is going on? Aren't WE supposed to be the experts in summoning classes?"

Rey almost pulled his white beard off in surprise when he figured out Eren's spells were so strong. He also figured out how he could sustain them for so long with minimal mana consumption.

Janos was about to say something to an agitated-looking Rey when he felt his mana signature getting wiped off his ring. Next, he felt a distinct presence just outside his deployed shield. In the next moment, his shield was broken by the tip of a Kusarigama.

This was Kirin's weapon. A lethal weapon set named dual Kusarigama. It had two spearheads connected by a runic chain. Janos's defense had been shattered in a split second by the Oni princess. Using the same ring he was used to wearing.

Dual Kusarigama could be used for close and mid-range combat. It had high maneuverability and terrifying penetrative power if the ranker knew how to handle it well.

Kirin's dual Kusarigama had been with her since a very young age. She had been training with the weapon all her life. So even with her sheltered childhood and adulthood, she was quite a skilled weapon handler.

The runic chain that bound the two spearheads could be extended and retracted. The spearheads themselves could change their lengths and shape to a certain degree, depending upon Kirin's needs.

As a result, in Kirin's hands, the weapon would get crazy momentum before delivering high penetration power with one of its heads. The spearhead that hit Janos' shield had such incredible momentum and compressed fire-element mana imbued into it that it broke Janos' shield as soon as it made contact with it.

'This bitch....'

Janos couldn't help cursing Kirin in his head when he looked at her stone-cold pretty face. If he was meeting her under different circumstances, he would have praised her unblemished beauty and presence. But she had become his nightmare by first piercing his heart and then chopping his finger. A wound that no longer bled but he didn't have his finger.

Kirin wanted to appear inside the wind-element dome Janos had deployed. But she couldn't control the newly acquired artifact she was gifted by her husband. As a result, she appeared just outside the shield and decided to attack it.

Eren had coordinated with Kirin. He had controlled his fire and made it easy for her to attack the pair.

"Come...."

Janos took out his sword and looked at Kirin with non-maskable anger. She had tried to attack Rey as well using her chained weapon. However, her attack failed when Janos intervened.

Janos and Kirin exchanged a few moves with each other in a fraction of a second. It was clear to the Oni princess that she couldn't harm Rey as long as Janos was with him.

Janos had immediately cast a wind-element pulse that repelled Eren's sea of fire and kept old Rey safe from its clutches. The wind-element pulse was strong enough to push Eren's fire back out and allow the two Remus clan members some breather.

However, Kirin had proved her mettle by displaying that she could be an assassin and a close-range fighter equally well. She could also function as a mid-range fighter using the weapon she had.

Kirin's stay on the battlefield was as detrimental to Rey as Janos's stay was to Eren. she needed to be led elsewhere if Janos wanted to keep Rey safe. Otherwise, he wouldn't be able to sack Kirin and defend Rey at the same time.

"Lord Rey..."

Janos warned Rey and the latter understood.

"Go. I'll handle this brat."

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Bzzzz. Woosh. Splash.

A wave of water-element mana suddenly appeared out of nowhere. It doused off the fire Eren's flying snakes had rained down on the land almost instantly, leaving behind wooden pieces, big and small, charcoaled with various degrees of burn.

Rey had cast his water element spell to take care of Eren's fire. By now, Eren's summoned creatures had served their purpose and were about to disappear. So this was the right time for Rey to launch his retaliation.

He quickly extinguished the fire by creating a giant pool of water. He then cast a dome of water element mana shield around him. The old man fortified it with green vines that could stay immersed in water. First and foremost, the summoners had to ensure their safety.

There were only two D-Rank woodland creatures left when the fire was set off. They too had half-burnt bodies, indicating that they were on their way to join their brethren before the water's timely intervention.

"Brat, it's not easy to get rid of my summons."

Old Rey laughed as he followed his water spell with additional summoning class spells. A moment later, the earth, which had been irrigated by water and fresh ash from woodland creatures, started sprouting more plants.

The ground around Rey was covered in green fields once again. This was as if the fire and ash had only made things better in the end by providing the soil with the necessary nourishment. The half-burnt pieces of wood started growing saplings on them which eventually developed into lush plants.

"Skreeehaaaa!"

Twenty new D-Rank plant monsters emerged from the wreck the sea of fire unleashed on previous woodland creatures. The butcher knew that Rey had made use of the destruction caused by fire as a natural phenomenon in his summoning spells. So when he summoned the creatures again, they were more resistant to fire.

Unlike the previous creatures, these green plant monsters seemed more resistant to fire. They were also blessed with high regenerative powers.

Swoosh! Swoosh! Swoosh!

The plant monsters shot various water spells at the already-fading snakes. Their range of spells was also more extensive and could reach the flying snake just fine. It was apparent that Eren didn't have the advantage anymore.

The battle raged on between the two groups of summoned creatures. Eren's flying snakes fought well. But they couldn't keep up with the regenerative powers of green plant monsters who kept attacking them with water element spells.

Before long, only three D-ranked flying snakes remained flying in the air. Their mana bodies were about to disintegrate unless Eren provided them with additional mana.

'This old man is just making it all the more tempting for me to devour him.'

Eren thought to himself as he watched Rey take countermeasures against his flying snakes. He smiled before casting another spell on the three fading flying snakes.

Fireball!

The flying snakes generated three fireballs in their expanded maws and launched a kamikaze attack on Rey's shield. A brilliant detonation took place when three D-Ranked fireballs were detonated at the same time along with the bodies of the three summoned creatures.

Boom!

A large chunk of the water shield was evaporated in the blast, creating a small opening. A Solis Spark was sent inside the opening that struck old Rey right in his chest.

"Aaaaagh!"

Rey Remus dropped to the ground when Eren's lightning-element attack struck him. Thanks to the armor he was wearing underneath his clothes, he wasn't seriously injured. However, the impact was still enough to cause him injury.

Rey gritted his teeth and stood up. He had already closed the opening in his dome-shaped shield even when he was processing the pain he was feeling in his chest. He looked at Eren with a bit of fear in his eyes.

'For... for a moment, I thought it was game over for me. What is taking that lad so long?'

Rey and Eren both could feel the mana fluctuations of Expert ranked spells bouncing off not too far away from them. It wasn't clear who was winning. But from the looks of things, the Expert rankers would wrap up battles sooner than Eren and Rey.

'I'm sure Janos would win. I just need to bide my time.'

Rey came to a decision and started working on it. By this time, half of his mana reserves were expended on summoning and maintaining the woodland creatures. He decided to draw the fight out.

Rey sent his woodland creatures to target Eren. but this time, he took flight with his Wind-Fire Wings. The butcher had no problem dodging the water element spells hurled at him from the ground.

Making his summoned creatures airborne was a revolutionary change for Eren. it allowed him to keep his summoned creatures out of harm's way for longer and made their attacks more effective and difficult to dodge. As a result, his enchanted creatures could keep on fighting for longer with minimal mana consumption.

Rey and Eren both knew that provided no interference occurs, Eren was determined to win the fight no matter if it gets expedited or dragged on. It was only a matter of when.

"That defensive spell is not too bad. But since it uses water, I wonder what would happen when I do this..."

Eren said this and changed his position in the air. He raised his hands and cast the spell that Alephee had taught him.

Twenty clusters of red lightning mana suddenly appeared on the battlefield that slowly started taking shape. They metamorphosed into bulls with their mana bodies made from red lightning. They also had purple-colored limbs, indicating that Blitz Steps had been integrated into them.

Eren also made Ertaur come out to lead the horde of bulls he had summoned. He also granted him the effects of Blitz Steps on his limbs. The contracted beast was elated when he was given a horde to lead.

"You better not hold back, Ertaur. I want that shield destroyed by any means."

Eren looked at Rey sadly and commanded his contracted beast. The Red Lightning bull released a gush of breath through his nose before nodding his head. He dug the ground beneath him with his front hooves before sending a simple command to his red soldiers behind him.

Blitz Steps + Red Bull Rush

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The clusters of red lightning moved at breakneck speeds before crashing onto the plant monsters with all they had. The monsters were subjected to such an impact that it looked like they had been pushed back in unison by a wave of red lightning.

Eren was still not able to completely control his mana circuits the way Alephee wanted him to. Thus, he still had some limitations in controlling the summoned creatures using Alephee's trick.

As a result, the red lightning bulls couldn't be retained for longer after Blitz Steps was integrated into them. They could only be employed for launching kamikaze attacks.

However, the red lightning bulls' limitations didn't matter much to Eren. Compared to Rey's woodland creatures, they were very light on his mana consumption. Plus, their attacks delivered exceptional destruction powers.

The red lightning bulls pushed Old Rey's woodland creatures farther back. The detonation of the red lightning clouds that followed completely obliterated their bodies. Unlike fire-based attacks, they couldn't offer much resistance to red lightning's destructive nature.

Old Rey watched the scene unfolding around him with horror. He looked at Eren who was flying in the air at a distance from him with genuine fear.

'Summoned creatures that can use movement spells along with their inherent spells. Flying snakes can breathe fire and drop fireballs. And a murder-seeking maniac who can shift between two classes like it's no big deal.

What... What kind of summoning is this? And I have seen a fair share of fucking everything there is to see damn it.'

Old Rey pondered in his head with a look of dismay on his face. He decided to try to salvage the situation.

"Young man, I think we were off to a rough start. Why don't we..."

Eren shook his head in denial when Rey started speaking with forced politeness in his tone. Before old Rey could say something more, he observed that a relatively massive red bull had appeared outside his dual-element shield.

Ertaur snorted his nose and bellowed before charging at the shield with his horns pointed straight at it. Unlike the summoned creatures, he had complete autonomy when he used Blitz Steps.

Thus, Ertaur decided to test the waters before attacking with all he had. Eren didn't like that his contract beast circumvented his orders by making the summoned creatures initiate their kamikaze attacks while he stayed behind.

'This mad bull wants to finish the old man all by himself.'

Eren smirked when he understood Ertaur's intentions. He decided to watch the show while his contract beast took the reins from him.

Bzzt. Swoosh. Boom.

Ertaur's attack made old Rey's water-element shield ripple as red lightning seeped into it. The shield soon started having tongues of red lightning streaks over it. It started destroying the green vines that were submerged in the shield.

"Aaaaaaaaah. Listen to what your elders have to say, you devil."

Old Rey yelled at Eren with anger and horror mixed into his tone. The old man didn't call forth any more of his summoned creatures. He had decided to stake everything on sustaining his defense spell until Janos returned.

Eren ignored Rey's ramblings and focused his gaze on his contract beast who was gearing up for his second charge from a different direction. Eren could tell the beast was trying to locate the right angle to unleash his maximum power.

'What is that mad bull doing? The shield spell is the same from all angles.'

Eren looked at his contract beast confusedly. He thought that Ertaur had become mad trying to think about his charge so deeply instead of simply doing what he had told him to do.

Thankfully, he had someone in the pendent he was wearing who could answer this riddle for him.

'Hehe. You are wrong, Eren. Every spell manifestation can be divided into a few basic building blocks. They include mana, elemental attainment, the will of the person in the form of their mana sense or soul sense, and invisible mana flow. These things have to come together for any spell to manifest itself.

What Ertaur is doing right now is finding a point of contact in the shield that is most vulnerable to his attacks. There is a flow of mana in the spell that he is trying to keep tabs on. He is doing it with his animal instincts alone.

Don't underestimate the beats. Sometimes they can be smarter than most rankers.'

Alephee explained Ertaur's actions in brief. Since the bull was doing things on his animal instincts, the butcher couldn't get a read on him even though he could understand him mentally.

'The basic building blocks of spell manifestation, huh? Interesting. I suppose the mana circuits are also included in the list.'

Eren's trail of thoughts was completed by Alephee right away.

'Yes. Because spell manifestation starts when the mana circuits have done their job casting the spell. But typically, mana circuits are often overlooked when spell manifestation is considered.

You can tweak each of these basic building blocks individually or in unison to maximize your spells to absurd levels. Provided you know what you're doing. Otherwise, the spell manifestation will get destabilized and it would end up causing you harm.

What you are doing with your training is learning to control the flow of mana. You have already seen what a bit of improvement in that section can do to your spells. It would set you apart from the crowd one day as you keep on refining your control over the flow of mana.'

Eren watched his contracted beast attack old Rey's shield a bunch of times while chatting with Alephee. He wondered why she did not mention anything about the other building blocks of spell manifestation and ways to improve them.

After all, he was addicted to casting spells with better control than before, thanks to the mana circuits control training he was working through. The optimal mana flow allowed him to enhance the effects of the spells while minimizing his mana consumption.

As such, the butcher was interested in learning about ways to improve other sections of the spell manifestations as well.

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Alephee knew what Eren was thinking mid-battle.

She hmphe before continuing.

'You don't need to know about ways to improve in other sections of the spell manifestation, Eren. Your obsessive-compulsive mind would do you more harm than good if you tried to do everything at once.

One needs to learn to control their mana flow first before one could think about other sections of spell manifestation. It paves the way for the rest. Also, it is the safest way to tweak your spells. Let's say other ways carry some risks."

Eren raised his eyebrows when Alephee criticized his behavior. He tried to counter her words using various thoughts that had sprung into his head. But ultimately, he closed his mouth and sighed, almost becoming loyal to his fault.

'Fine. But what is Ertaur doing right now? He wasn't the one who cast that shield. So how can he interfere in the mana flow of the defensive spell cast by someone else?'

Eren asked as his contract beast headbutted the water shield with his horns. Old Rey was laughing at the beast at this point. Mocking him for his foolish endeavor. But one could tell that the old man was stressed.

Alephee didn't take long to answer Eren's question.

"Controlling the mana flow and finding faults in others' mana flow are two different sides of the same coin. One could approach them using different means.

What Ertaur is doing right now is using his animal instincts consciously to find a weak point in Rey's shield spell. The weak point of a spell changes with the duration and intensity of the spell among other things. And it appears and disappears within a fraction of a moment."

Eren opened his eyes wide in surprise when he started to realize the significance of mana flow and the capability to see and alter it. Alephee realized what he was thinking and carried on.

"That's right. You can break and crumble any spell with relative ease once you know how to tackle these weak points. However, you'd have to use your soul sense with utmost precision to keep track of the weak points in a spell. Of course, you'd need to master your soul sense before that happens.

There's another way to take advantage of mana flow without exercising control over it. Mana flow can be predicted for most known spells, and spell execution can be set in such a way that it takes advantage of ideal mana flow.

This Rey Remus took advantage of optimal mana flow by casting chain spells. Chain spells create harmony in the mana flow of your spells because of the way the previous spell worked in the surroundings."

Eren shook his head when he heard about the intricacies involved in a simple spell manifestation. He wasn't introduced to any of these aspects of spells when he was in his last timeline.

'Those fuckers in LA didn't tell me about anything related to the subject in all my academic years. Only a few prominent Houses are privy to such nuances of mana-related topics.

I was so dependent on the system that I didn't think about these things either. What a farce!'

Alephee chuckled in Eren's head before answering him.

'Although we call them the basic building blocks of any spell manifestation, they are not easy to tinker with. Because spell manifestation is based on them, tweaking the foundation might have unwanted consequences.

One day, your bloodline powers will give you a huge edge when it comes to tweaking the basic building blocks of spell manifestations. But at this point, you only need to focus on your mana circuits training.

You should avoid having too many irons in the fire.

Now concentrate on the fight. I think Ertaur has found what he was looking for.'

Ertaur bellowed just when Alephee finished warning Eren. The red bull finally used his red bull rush and Blitz Steps combo on Rey's dual-element shield. A wild mana pulse spread when his horns made contact with the shield.

"Aaaaargh!"

Old Rey cried in pain and agony when the red lightning penetrated deep into the shield and wreaked havoc on him even before the shield was broken. It was as if the contract beast had managed to find a loophole in the shield and sent his attack through it.

'Basic building blocks but not really meant to be tinkered with by basic rankers, huh! Got it.'

Eren thought to himself and smiled as he watched Rey suffering from Ertaur's targeted attack. Knowing about these things really helped him see that he didn't just need to look ahead, but also needed to work on his basics. Alephee had opened his eyes to another truth in his life that he hadn't thought much about before.

Ertaur bellowed and detonated his mana body when he sensed Rey was trying to fix a portion of the shield he had worked so hard to damage. The detonation damaged the shield faster than Rey could fix it. As a result, another gaping hole appeared in the shield.

Bzzt. Swoosh. Land.

Rey was terrified when he saw the breach in his defense. He quickly closed it with the almost spent mana while managing to stand on his two shaky feet. Only after making sure that his defense was intact again did the old summoner try to find his opponent.

"Where... where the fuck has he gone off..."

Rey stopped his speech and froze in his thoughts when he sensed a foreign presence inside the shield he had so desperately tried to fix. He now understood that was a futile attempt.

p Because Eren was standing behind him.

"Kneel."

A cold voice sounded from Rey's back before his legs gave up. His body started shaking in fear as he was affected by Eren's soul sense.

The next thing he felt was... anger.

"Let your wrath consume you and destroy you. Let me feed on that destruction and offer you eternal salvation.

All our struggles and worries end here."

Eren said as he activated his Sin Series Ability.

[Chapter 805 Capturing A Spy](#)

The dual-element shield was dispersed in the air when its caster lost all his focus.

"Hahaha. You are planning to kill me, aren't you?

You have turned into a madman, son of a whore."

An old man mused while gritting his teeth, staring blankly into the distance. The open path and lush vegetation had unfolded in front of his eyes. But his eyes were staring into the void as if trying to look for an emissary of death that was coming to claim his life.

His white hair had lost its previous regal look. His white beard started looking unkempt and dirty. His eyes were getting redder by the second as he processed his emotions.

"Hahaha. You just fucking wait, you vile fucking snake.

You won't get away with this. Do you hear me? House Remus will make sure that you..."

Drop!

Old Rey was feeling livid all of a sudden. He was feeling uncontrollable anger towards everything and anything that came into his sight. But someone dropped something in front of him that temporarily snapped him out of his unreasonable rage.

"What is..."

Rey's red eyes were wide open in shock when he realized that he was looking at a decapitated head on the ground in front of him. The cut part had been cauterized so much that it had stopped bleeding. As a result, the head looked completely fine and almost alive.

Old Rey was about to scream once more. But Eren's soul sense overwhelmed him and affected his consciousness. As a result, he entered a vegetative state while the wrath mana was still inside him.

Kirin appeared beside Eren with virtually no signs of battle on her. Of course, she had taken care of Janos.

But Kirin was not alone. She was controlling the runic shackles of someone standing behind her. Their mouth was also sealed with a runic imprint, making it impossible for them to speak.

"I was wondering what was taking you so long. So it looks like we have an admirer admiring us from a distance."

Eren addressed Kirin, taking her in his arms. He caressed her blond hair and tucked the bangs behind her ears while observing the prisoner she had taken in.

"Hm. This girl was spying on us when we were busy, lord husband. I trapped her after killing that guy. I was planning to kill her as well. But thought that there was a chance you two knew each other. So I brought her here."

Kirin said, looking at Eren adoringly. The Oni princess that had just killed Janos was nowhere to be found within her. She liked being embraced and pampered by Eren.

This prisoner of Kirin was an Adept-ranked female ranker who radiated a wild aura around her. Eren and Kirin could feel that there was something different about her as she looked at them with a mixture of surprise and disbelief.

This prisoner had black hair and wild eyes. She had a slim build and curves at the right places. She was wearing leather-like black armor and seemed to have been out and about for a very long time because of the way her mana signature felt to Eren.

"Hm? Who is she? I don't remember her. She doesn't seem associated with any of the forces we know either."

Eren looked at the wild-looking girl with a bit of curiosity in his eyes. But at this moment, he decided to focus on his task at hand.

"It looks like we'll need to interrogate her. Kirin darling, use the spatial array I showed you and take her into the city. Lock her up in the guild's basement and keep an eye on her. I'll wrap this up soon."

Eren said, pecking Kirin on the right cheek. The Oni princess nodded and hugged Eren a bit before disappearing. The shushed prisoner was suddenly seen getting dragged in the air by her shackles. Her eyes and her body language screamed the need to get free from the Oni princess that had caught her effortlessly.

Eren rubbed his palms together and clapped when Kirin and the prisoner were removed from sight, leaving him alone with a vegetative-looking Rey.

"Now... where were we?"

Eren asked nobody in particular before expediting the process to generate wrath flames. Old Rey's blue veins on his skin and the mana circuits inside him started getting overflowed with wrath mana.

Before long, a creature of wrath was created who had assumed the same kneeling position as Rey. This creature of wrath looked so different from Rey because of his pumped-up physical appearance.

Eren was about to snap his fingers and destroy old Rey's wrath body to obtain the wrath flame. Suddenly, he thought of something. He was having an inner feeling that since all his Abilities had evolved with his rank up, his bloodline Ability must have followed the same pattern.

This was his instinct as a half-blood. So he decided to act on them.

Devour!

Eren extended his arms and shapeshifted them into a slime-like form. He activated his bloodline Ability on Rey on top of his Sin Series Ability.

Instead of absorbing Rey's life essence and fortifying his body stats, Eren decided to refine the wrath flame using his Devour Ability. He started liquidating Rey's body to nourish the wrath flame that was lit inside the active slimy mass.

Activation of both Abilities on a single subject produced a distinct and never-felt-before mana pulse. Within a moment, it drained all the mana in the area before congregating around Rey's body.

Eren watched the whole process with keen interest. He could see the outcome in his head. Before long, old Rey's entire body was disintegrated and changed into something else by Eren's Abilities.

There remained a single wrath flame floating in front of Eren in the end. It was dark red and felt so much different from the previous wrath flames Eren had synthesized.

"This should be interesting."

Eren thought to himself and smirked. He could feel that the gains he would receive by absorbing this wrath flame would be on a different level than all the previous instances.

[Chapter 806 Summoning Spells And Wrath Mana](#)

Boom!

Eren threw out a potion bomb on the battlefield before leaving. It wasn't really an explosive but an alchemy product made to spread the Potion of Innosense.

He then moved to a barren area to absorb the latest wrath flame. He didn't want to wait this time.

Eren sat cross-legged in a meditative position inside a cave that he had created with his earth-element spell. He has his hands on basic spells from every great element at this point. And practiced them from time to time.

Eren practiced his Rootless ranking technique for a while to stabilize his mana flow inside his mana circuits. The flame of wrath floats in front of him, burning silently.

Alephee came out of her newly hijacked pendent abode and looked at Eren. she then cast her barrier spell so that the mana fluctuations that arise due to Eren absorbing this special wrath flame stay inside.

"Do it."

Alephee said and smiled at Eren. The latter smiled back before raising his open palm. As soon as the dark red wrath flame was placed in his palm, it started melting in his hand.

"Aaaaaaaaaaargh fuccck!"

Eren felt an unbelievably painful headache when the wrath flame completely disappeared from his body. This was the first time he had ever felt a headache like this after absorbing the wrath flame.

"Practice your ranking technique while absorbing the wrath flame."

Eren was barely able to hear Alephee's advice amid the feeling of headache and burn he was feeling throughout his body. It was as if someone was trying to reshape his body.

Eren started seeing the childhood memories that belonged to old Rey. his sense of time was twisted and he started living his victim's life in quick succession. Some scenes were cut short. Others were blurred. But deep down, the butcher could subconsciously remember things even old Rey would have had a hard time recalling.

Water-element attainments.

Earth-element attainments.

Wood element attainments.

This was the most complete set of memories Eren ever had a chance to look through. But the journey he was living through wasn't just limited to what was happening inside his mind.

Eren's ranking status started changing as his body began absorbing the wrath flame while the Rootless technique was active. His mana core started absorbing mana from the surroundings at a rapid pace. It was also absorbing the attainments of wood, water, and earth elements that once belonged to old Rey.

Eren's body started sweating heavily as he was living through a peculiar state. In his mind, he was living an entire life. As a result, his stats increased. The adept-ranked mana core was trying to enter the liquid state.

The class-related memories and elemental comprehensions were the next sets to get absorbed by Eren. but there was something else that he had never absorbed before.

Spells and spell comprehensions.

Execution experiences.

Eren was absorbing everything that old Rey had to offer to him. He had stripped the Remus clan member of all his achievements.

Eren's mana core started vibrating as it absorbed plenty of Adept-ranked mana along with the elemental attainments. Before long, he had broken into the liquid stage of the D-Rank.

The butcher was still undergoing his white-haired transformation. The runic tattoos all over his body started getting darker. They started moving over his skin as if they were alive, creating brand-new patterns that weren't previously there.

"You are doing well, Eren. But don't be too greedy. Hold onto things that are useful and discard what is unnecessary to you."

Alephee's voice sounded in Eren's mind when he was living his life as Rey Remus. At first, it sounded foreign to him. But his soul sense aided him in snapping out of the illusions induced by memories.

Eren started following Alephee's advice. He had a new clarity in the task he was doing because of his soul sense.

The butcher started discarding memories related to Rey doing things and memories that didn't matter much to him. He only started focusing on the memories related to his class, spells, and elemental attainments.

Within a few minutes, Eren was able to handle the self-inflicted crisis. He then focused on stabilizing his situation by practicing his ranking technique some more.

Eren opened his eyes to what he thought was a lifetime later. He could tell that there were a lot of things different about him as a ranker.

"How do you feel?"

Alephee asked, folding her arms. Eren replied with a smile on his face.

"Haha. Awesome. I wish I could kill a bunch of Reys to regain these gains."

Eren answered before licking his lips. For some reason, he felt hungry. So he took out the ice-element fruits that he had stocked up on and started eating them. The chill they induced also refreshed his mind.

p Eren thought of testing his newly obtained comprehension and spells.

He first summoned a giant flower in front of him with yellow and green petals. This was the same kind of spell Rey had used earlier.

Eren had started broadening his horizons with each breakthrough, big or small. Thus, he acquired a brand-new spell combo in his head.

Woodland creatures' summoning spell + wrath mana.

As soon as Eren injected the wrath mana into the woodland creature with a normal body, it began to transform. It started transforming into a much broader and more prominent version of itself. And of course, infected by the emotions of wrath.

"Kreeeeeeeeh!"

The woodland creature yelled at its master because there was no enemy around for it to launch its attack and focus its wrath on.

A whole new branch of summoning magic was open for Eren when he acquired wood-based summoning spells. And Rey's experiences and comprehension as a summoner had helped him integrate his Sin series ability with summoning magic, enabling him to bring out the summoning spell's true potential.

Eren knew that he could only inject wrath mana into the bodies of the summoned woodland creatures because they had organic bodies. For now, the wrath mana injection wouldn't work on his other summoning spells.

However, the butcher was all smiles after learning that old Rey had given him everything he could. The old man had enabled Eren to become one of the top-class summoners of his generation

[Chapter 807 Incredible Progress](#)

"I feel... so fine."

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"No... I was feeling fine before. Now I feel great."

Eren corrected himself energetically with his still-closed eyes. Opening his eyes the next moment, he took a long breath and decided to check up on his progress.

Name- Eren Elijah Idril (Verified)

Organizations- Edinburgh Army (Nightshade duchy) Lionhearts Adventurers' Academy

Academic Status- Graduation On Hold

Ranking Technique- Rootless (Custom Name)

Base Stats:

HP- 26 / 26

MP- 25 / 25

STR- 27

AGI- 26

INT- 27

BTP~ 131

BTP Visibility- Private

Ranking Status: D-Rank (Liquid Core State)

Abilities (custom): Sin of Wrath (Domain of Wrath), Sin of Lust (Mist of Lust), Sedating Gaze, Expedited Regeneration (Bloodline), Memory Extraction (Bloodline) Devour (Bloodline), Shapeshift (Bloodline)

Self-created spells: Wind-Fire Shards

Lightning-element spells: Blitz Steps, Blitz Heal, Blitz Storm, Blitz Shield, Blitz Bolt, Solid Spark (Aspect variations. Red-Destruction Purple- Speed), Lightning Seed, Lightning Tree

Fire-element spells: Fireball, Firebreath, Hatching of the Flame (variations), Fire Wings, Rain of Fire, Crimson Storm, Igni Chains, Igni Steps

Time-element spells: Sedated Perception, Stunning Speed, Total Control, Age Expedite, Age Reverse, Motion Manipulation

Space-element spells (not completely synchronized): Blink, Dynamic Distance, Perfect Projection

Wind-element spells: Wind Wings, Wind-blade Tornado, Wind Steps, Wind Wall, Wind Shards

Water-element spells (not completely synchronized): Aqua Hammer, Aqua Heal, Aqua Blades, Aqua Wall, Aqua Steps, Aqua Storm, Aqua Dome

Earth-element spells: Earth Wall, Earth Steps, Earth Manipulation, Earth Spikes

Miscellaneous spells: Beast Contract Spell, Demon Beast Transformation Spell, Wind-fire Wings, Wind-Fire Shards

Summoning Spells (multi-element) (not completely synchronized): Fire snakes, Wind-Fire Flying Snakes, Red Lightning Bull, Griffin (calibrating updated entries)

Eren had started practicing a whole bunch of brand-new spells these days. He had elemental affinities for all the significant elements that had increased over time as he kept on practicing the Rootless ranking technique. Plus, he had received elemental attainments from a variety of "sources."

As a result, the butcher faced almost no hurdles in grasping new spells that belonged to varying elements. Of course, he wasn't completely confident in using them during battles. However, the amount of time and work he had put in was bound to ensure his mastery over old and brand-new spells alike.

'Hm. There are several spells that might require my attention. But my space-element spells are way behind and need thorough practice.

Damn it.

If only I could have a space-element "snack" to myself. I'd be able to expedite the process much faster.'

Eren chuckled and shook his head. He smiled mirthlessly before realizing that he had called his potential victims "snacks." This was Reen's way of addressing people she wanted to devour or had devoured.

The space-element rankers were rare. And they were highly valued by the kingdom for their expertise. Most space-element rankers were array masters and were earning hefty amounts for their professions under the kingdom's protection. As such, Eren couldn't target them even when he knew of a few of them.

It was interesting to note that Eren had started practicing movement spells belonging to various elements. That's because movement spells were easy to learn and cast. And they served as a basis for Eren to get familiar with the element.

Even though Eren had been practicing these new movement spells with equal amounts of effort, he could tell that there were various subtle and in-your-face differences among them. Some provided them with enhanced control while others focused on agility.

Eren's lightning element movement spell Bitz Steps was still faster than all the other movement spells he was practicing. Thus, it made sense that he continued using it for the time being. However, he could use the other movement spells for variation in his battle style.

The butcher's water element spells were almost a complete set by themselves. They covered everything from defense, offense, movement, and AoE to healing. He just needed to be a bit hands-on with them for him to use them in real battle.

The summoning spell set Eren had was soon going to get enriched with spells the butcher had received from old Rey. As such, the set was also going to cover everything from defense to healing.

Of course, Eren had also added new entries to his sets of fire and lightning element spells. And he had mastered them as well.

Eren didn't focus on casting his newly acquired spells because he wanted to fight Rey as a summoner. Fighting a long battle with an established summoner made him realize how he could improve in his class.

Eren looked at his progress on the spectral screen and thought about how far he had come from his previous life. His eyes shone with determination as he dispersed the spectral screen and started towards the void.

"Still feeling regret over your past timeline?"

Alephée realized that Eren was taking a trip down memory lane and asked him casually. The latter stayed in his meditative position and replied to her in a serious voice.

"No. Not anymore. In retrospect, I'm glad my past timeline was so messed up. Without that life to compare to, I won't be able to appreciate the life I have now. The progress I have made feels so rewarding because it creates a stark contrast to my rock-bottom self.

I know you always tell me that my standards as a ranker have been set lower because I keep remembering my past. Comparing my progress to that level would make me feel less motivated to progress any further because I'd feel I have already done enough. Archived enough.

I can now tell you it's not like that.

This juxtaposition of both lives in my head is what motivates me. It won't make me complacent. On the contrary, it drives me forward.

However, don't worry about me living in the past forever. This comparison won't always cast its shadow on my conscience. It would fade eventually when I reached the Adept rank. I couldn't get into the Expert rank in my first life after all."

Alephée acted as a reliable listener for Eren to deal with the emotions he was feeling. She looked at him and pursed her lips before diverting his attention to a pertinent topic.

"Your incredulous progress comes at a cost, you know. House Remus is preparing to retaliate harder than before after this."

[Chapter 808 Using Memory Extraction On The Prisoner](#)

"Your incredulous progress comes at a cost, you know. House Remus will retaliate hard after this."

Eren nodded at Alephee when he heard her. Then he just shrugged his shoulders before responding from his seated position.

"It wasn't like they weren't gunning for me and my city before. Nothing really changed for me."

Eren said and got up from his position. He reverted to his normal self and ripped off his shirt which had been ruined because of his breakthrough. His slim but muscular torso was soon covered with different clothing.

Alephee watched him change while speaking up.

"Yes. The retaliation was bound to happen. But you killed the two members of House Remus knowing they were associated with that guy Demonmir. If things we have gathered about him are true, then he'd see that as an insult to his name.

You should expect an entire Edinburgh army to stand against you when your exit mission is assigned to you. His influence in the army is not something you can take lightly of."

Eren started walking out of the cave he had created when he heard Alephee who was walking beside him. He smirked before commenting.

"Hahaha. An entire army, you say? You are just exaggerating to keep me grounded.

But it doesn't matter anyway if that had been true."

Eren said and looked at Alephee knowingly.

"Why do you say that?" Alephee asked with raised eyebrows.

"Because if they have an army, I have you.

Because if they have an army, I have one of my own.

And lastly, if they have an army, I can always count on myself."

Eren laughed and walked ahead, leaving Alephee frozen in her steps.

"Besides..."

Alephee listened to Eren's voice as he continued walking.

"Who gives a hairy rat's ass to Demonmir? When the time comes, I'll rip him a new one too."

Eren said and lightning struck. He disappeared from his position. Alephee shook her head and smiled before following him right afterward.

Next day. White Raven guild's underground facility.

"Who are you?"

Eren asked the female ranker that had been caught by Kirin. She was made to sit inside an imprisoning array, which had restricted all her movements. Her mana circuits were constantly agitated by external influence, making her unable to cast her spells.

"Sir, this is a misunderstanding. My name is Ayena..."

She was interrupted before she could finish her lies.

"Let me warn you before you lie to me. I don't like to brag, but I am very proficient at torture methods.

Trust me. You don't want to find out what I'll do to you if you give me a reason to."

Eren sat down on a chair and adjusted himself. He spread his legs and leaned forward with one of his arms resting on his knees. He inhaled a large dose of his Sativa Stick before slowly releasing it to create smoke rings to entertain himself.

The female ranker had a terrified expression on her face. But Eren could tell she wasn't really afraid of him or about the idea of what might happen to her. It could only mean that she was driven by a cause greater than her own well-being. And the butcher wanted to find out what it was.

"Okay. You got me. You are Eren Idril, right? My name is Chayim..."

As the female ranker started to lie again, Eren spread his soul sense. He overwhelmed her consciousness easily and subjected her to a sense of extreme dread.

The female ranker felt like she was in a quagmire that was actively trying to bury her inside it. She felt like she had been turned into a creature of wrath and running aimlessly on land made of half-solid lava.

Her skin started to develop blisters due to extreme heat and her lungs were filled with sulfur gas. Her eyes started burning as if lava was pouring out of the tear ducts.

Her consciousness was then pulled into a world of indescribable bliss and pleasure. She was so overwhelmed by the feelings of lust that she started getting scared of it. As if she subconsciously knew that these heightened feelings might break her as a sane person.

Her consciousness lasted in the world of lust for what felt like an eternity to her. And somehow it also felt like her time was cut short inside. She has been pulled into a world full of creatures of wrath once again.

Eren's soul sense carried the mark of Seven Sins on it. As a result, his soul senses would often subject people to such hallucinations whenever he attacked them with them.

Eren walked up to the female ranker and placed his free hand on her head while she was subjected to his soul sense. He used his rare bloodline Ability that Reen had used on Jules once.

Memory Extraction!

Eren's hand turned into a slime-like mass that covered the female ranker's head entirely, leaving only two openings for her nostrils so that she could breathe. He then closed his eyes and tried to read her most recent memories.

Zinn!

Eren's slimy hand was pushed away as some form of magic barrier appeared covering the female ranker's brain. The slime mass that had covered her head was repelled with overwhelming force. The butcher's hand took a while to regenerate from the dispersed slime mass.

"Hm? What just happened?"

Eren asked, looking at the female ranker with curious expressions. She had indeed extracted some surface-level fresh memories. But when he tried to dig deep, some form of mechanism acted against his Ability.

'This lass resisted my Ability when she was affected by my soul sense? This doesn't add up.'

Eren thought to himself. Alephee appeared beside him when he was about to try his Ability on the female ranker once again.

"Don't. A Grandmaster-ranked entity has placed countermeasures against anyone who tries to read her memories.

This time she would die by getting brain dead if you tried your luck one more time."

Alephee spoke and put her hand on the female ranker's head. Eren was instructed to retract his soul sense after she closed her eyes.

The female ranker took her time to stabilize her condition and open her eyes once again.

"You..."

The female ranker looked at Eren with mixed emotions as she tried to recall what had happened since she was imprisoned. Eren felt the female ranker's heart was still beating relatively faster.

He also smelled some vaginal discharge from the female ranker, indicating that the Sin of Lust had affected her.

"What... what the fuck have you done to me?"

[Chapter 809 Meeting Fiona Fenris P1](#)

"What have you done to me?"

The female ranker asked Eren a question in a weak voice. Her body was shaking uncontrollably. She was drenched in sweat. And her heartbeats were erratic. Her previous cunning was no more.

She didn't pretend to be scared of Eren anymore. She didn't have to. That's because she was genuinely scared of him at this point.

"I told you not to give me a reason to torture you. Will you tell me everything now? Or do you want another special psych treatment.... Fiona?"

Eren didn't tell the female ranker that he couldn't read her memories any further than he already had. Instead, he just made her focus on the part that he could.

"How.... Do you know my name?"

Fiona was spooked by the way Eren knew her name. Her eyes darted across the giant hall and found a female ranker standing not too far from Eren.

"Help... help me, miss. I know nothing..."

Alephee shook her head when she heard Fiona trying to garner some sympathy from her. Seeing Fiona's damsel-in-distress performance, Alephee spoke in a clear voice while narrowing her eyes.

"Lies won't get you anywhere, Fiona. As you can see, we have our means to extract memories from our brains. It's just that you might not survive the procedure and we don't want our prisoner to die on us.

Especially when we haven't received sufficient information from you. I suggest you speak of your own volition. That way, you'd at least be in some semblance of control over what information you want to provide to us."

Alephee said and raised her hand towards Fiona. She used the control she had over the array to free the half-blood ranker from the array's restrictions placed on her.

But before Fiona could celebrate being free to cast her spells, her mana core was completely sealed by Alephee. She became a mortal-like entity even without being subjected to an isolating array. It could be said that she was in a more difficult situation against two Adept-ranked entities than her previous restricted self.

"Let's start this one more time, shall we? Where have you come from and why were you spying on us?"

Alephee asked in a cold voice devoid of any emotion. Her presence felt even cold and callous to Fiona and made her realize that the young woman standing beside Eren was as terrifying as him if not more.

Fiona took a long breath to reset herself. She then looked at Eren before asking him.

"You... what are you?"

Fiona's question caught Eren off guard. He looked at her with a puzzled expression before responding.

"I am what I need to be, Fiona. Why do you ask?"

Fiona looked at Eren's expressions intently before finally speaking up.

"Are you a half-blood?"

Eren and Alephee both looked at each other when Fiona asked that question. Alephee quickly closed in on Fiona before creating a scalpel-like mana spike on her right hand's index and ring finger. She cut Fiona's cheek ever so slightly with the scalpel and drew a drop of blood.

"I don't know how she managed to mask her bloodline energy. However, it looks like someone from Team Half-Blood has done a great job. Under normal circumstances, nobody would be able to tell who she is. She is indeed a half-blood, Eren."

Alephee said after placing the mana-coated drop of blood levitating over her left hand's palm. She then dispersed the scalpel and snapped her fingers, closing the light slash wound on Fiona's face.

Eren was a bit taken aback by Alephee's revelation. But through JJ Edgar's journal, he was already aware that half-blood societies existed in the shadows. So he quickly got over his initial surprise and confronted Fiona about it.

"Are you from one of the Half-Blood societies?"

Fiona was a bit angry when Eren neglected her question and asked his own.

"Information-sharing is a two-way street, mister."

Eren smirked before responding. "It can be. But this is not information-sharing between two parties who have negotiated with each other. What we have here is interrogation. The sooner you realize it, the better it would be for you."

Fiona looked at Eren and pursed her lips. But she didn't budge from her stance. She looked at both of her interrogators with determination before speaking up.

"Go ahead and kill me if that's all you have to say. I'll only cooperate with half-bloods. And nobody else."

Eren looked at Fiona and sighed. He then raised his hand to try to extract some more memories from her. If she dies in the process, so be it. He wouldn't want to let slip the opportunity to learn more about the half-bloods if he could help it.

However, Alephee slapped his hand away and prevented him from taking action.

"Not so fast, Eren."

Alephee said and started to discuss things with Eren through voice communication. They talked for a while before concluding.

Eren looked at Fiona and smiled before turning both hands into slime-like masses in front of her. He turned them back into his hands before speaking up.

"This should establish my identity as a half-blood. Now speak up."

Fiona looked at Eren doubtfully even after she saw what Eren could do with his hands. Even when her mana core was sealed, her mana sense was still active. The thing Eren did with his hands was not a spell, since there were no mana fluctuations related to one.

"That indeed looks like a bloodline Ability. But what kind of bloodline is THAT? I never saw or read anything like what you have."

Eren could tell that Fiona was looking at him like he was some kind of extraterrestrial entity. So he shrugged his shoulders and answered.

"I thought us half-bloods were united for a common cause. Are you not discriminating against me by looking at me like some kind of abomination? What's the difference between you and those cruel normie rankers if you treat me like I'm an outsider?"

Eren made use of the observations Edgar had made in his journal and used them against the half-blood he had just met. And surprisingly, it worked.

"That.... Um.... You are right. You are a half-blood first and foremost no matter what kind of bloodline you have."

[Chapter 810 Meeting Fiona Fenris P2](#)

"That.... Um.... You are right. You are a half-blood first and foremost no matter what kind of bloodline you have."

Fiona said proudly. Eren flashed a smile when he heard her words.

"Excellent. Now if you could just..."

"I... I'll tell you everything once we establish the fact that you are not working for the kingdom against your fellow half-bloods."

Eren started massaging his forehead with his right hand when he heard another demand from Fiona. Talking with her was becoming a headache for him.

"It looks like you are paranoid about everything. And driven by the cause of rebellion against the current system in Anfang. I won't blame you if you have those views. In addition, I applaud your willingness to show camaraderie with other half-bloods.

But let's get one thing straight. I don't work for anyone. Moreover, I am not settling permanently in any camp. That doesn't mean I'm against all the half-bloods. But it also doesn't mean that I am with you forever.

You can look at me as a man who had his camp— his ideas— his own beliefs. I can be of some help to you guys if you can be of some help to me as well. How does that sound for establishing the fact that we are not enemies?"

Eren said and waited for Fiona to answer. She glanced at him and Alephee before looking down at her feet to ponder something. She wanted to argue with Eren concerning his alienated opinions of other half-bloods. But she also understood that the half-bloods that had stayed outside the Half-blood Bastian would have different views than those who were born inside it.

Eren read the conflict Fiona was having in her head and pressed on.

"Look, I understand the doubts you have in your head. But if I wanted to harm you solely for being a half-blood, I would have done that as soon as Alephee confirmed your identity as one.

I am not allied with the forces of Anfang that are anti-half-blood if that's what you are asking. I don't think I'll ever ally myself with them in the future either.

It was you who had stumbled upon me and not the other way around. So there's no pre-arranged trap from my side. And I gain nothing from deceiving you.

These are the facts that I'm sure you can already see with your own eyes. Now the only question is, what will you do about them? Will you gain a potential ally for your cause or will you die a meaningless death? Something I'm sure you'd abhor."

Eren's voice was calm. His soul sense was also subconsciously mixed into his voice, which mixed his emotions with it. Fiona finally decided to come clean with Eren after processing every aspect of her capture and things she had read about Eren before. She had made detailed inquiries before visiting the city of White Raven.

"First... um... let me take a bath and... cough... change my clothes. I can't talk and explain anything to you in my current situation."

Fiona could have refreshed herself by channeling her mana throughout her body. But she knew that Alephee wouldn't unseal her mana core until a formal agreement between the two sides has been reached. Thus, she asked for a traditional way to get fresh.

Eren glanced at Fiona's crotch when she put her demand forward, causing her to stare at him angrily. He looked up and pursed his lips before looking at Alephee.

"We'll be back."

Alephee said before activating a spatial array. She and Fiona disappeared from their position, leaving Eren to his devices.

Fiona had gotten fresh and changed into casual wear. She was then led by Alephee into a minimal yet sophisticated dining room.

"Come. Take a seat."

Eren gestured to Alephee to take a seat in front of him at the dining table. Alephee appeared next to him before taking a seat beside him. There was also someone else who was sitting in front of Eren. Her back was turned so that she couldn't see the person's face.

Fiona wanted to say no to any food that was offered to her by Eren. She felt that he could spike her food. Eren chuckled after reading her thoughts.

"I won't lie, Fiona. I am not above spiking someone's food or drink. But I only do something like that when I know that my opponents are stronger than me.

You are not stronger than me. And you are not my opponent yet. So you have nothing to fear. At least not when it comes to having food with us."

Eren said and narrowed his eyes. His tone changed when he spoke further.

"I can always harm you directly after you have finished dining with us."

Fiona Fenris looked at Eren before nodding at him. In some way, his threat at this point made her more inclined to accept the situation.

Fiona didn't look at the person sitting in front of Eren because she kept on looking him in the eyes. She sat beside the white-gray-haired girl and placed her hands on the table.

Eren operated the array that was carved on the dining table and started serving the dinner. There was a variety of cuisines that were on display. Some of them started looking sumptuous to Fiona as she welcomed them one after the other on her platter.

Fiona waited for Eren to start having dinner. A final test. Butcher sighed as he took his first bite of the food, assuring the half-blood that it was safe to consume.

"What do you want to ask?"

Fiona asked while taking a bite out of her lamb meat. Eren was eating venison from a ranked mana beast. He cut a cube out of his nicely carved venison slab and dipped it in the sweet and sour sauce. The butcher handled his cutlery like he was used to cutting chunks of meat for various reasons.

"First, it seems like you were tracking someone and came here. Who were you looking for?"

Eren asked while enjoying the melting venison in his mouth. Fiona took a sip from her wine glass before replying.

"Someone named Agatha Adolphus. I was tracking her that led me towards the city of White Raven."

The noises of spoons and chewing stopped when Fiona told them who she was looking for. A pin-drop silence could be heard in the surroundings all of a sudden. Eren pointed at the person sitting beside Fiona before commenting.

"You mean... her?"