

Vile 931

[Chapter 931 One-Track Mind*](#)

"Aaaaaah!"

Nina felt like her entire body was on fire. She felt Eren's tongue inside her pussy and his finger up her anal cavity. The intruders slipped in and out of her tight caves with seamless synchronicity, allowing her to experience maximum pleasure.

Eren could only sigh in his head as he realized Nina had stopped sucking him as soon as he increased the level of his tongue storm. She was way too preoccupied with her emotions to please him. He couldn't blame anyone but himself for being so proficient at his job.

'Hash! I'm suffering from my success.'

Eren said to himself in a melancholy manner as he continued to do his current job. He sucked on the pink button that was Nina's clit. He ran the tip of his tongue through her pussy lips. He did that while driving the two fingers of his other hand in and out of her rear entry.

Nina kept moaning while calling out Eren's name. She started fine-tuning her nipples as she sat upright on his face, giving him full access to her cave by stretching her legs apart even further. She had her eyes closed and her tongue would show out from time to time as she breathed heavily. She started moving her hips up and down, treating Eren's intruders with the same form of affection as his dick would get soon enough.

Eren was spared from having to forcefully empty his balls into Nina's mouth since she stopped sucking him. As a result, he was more confident about making Nina come first. In a marathon, checkpoint wins don't matter. But every small victory matters to him at this point.

The sin of Lust was acting on Nina as well. It was enhancing the effects of the lust she had suppressed for so long. The mist of lust became the vent for her suppressed emotions to come out. And come out they did.

Nina's moans grew even more seductive and blatant as she started rocking her hips vigorously. Her tits kept bouncing because of her movement, making subtle flesh noises whenever her hips went down.

"Yesssss... Yesssss. Erni... lick your aunt's pussy well. That's it... that's..... Eeeeeeeet!"

Eren's face was sprayed with Nina's love juices as she came all over his face. This was proof of a job well done in his first round. So he welcomed it with open arms and Nina's open legs.

Love juices seemed to stimulate Eren's devouring ability for some reason. As the liquid had a B-ranker's life force mixed into it, it was not something he would discard anymore.

Nina was too lost in her ecstasy to notice that her love juices had just seeped into the butcher's slime-like skin before returning to normalcy. Eren received an instant shot of rejuvenation when his half-blood Ability started extracting a strong life force from Nina's love nectar.

Nina crashed beside Eren when she was given a breather to recover from her elevated feelings of ecstasy. She was breathing heavily as if she had run up an uphill mountain road.

Eren got up and channeled his mana through his body to revitalize himself. He stood on his knees and looked at the live art he had created himself. A panting Nina with her jugs spoke volumes about the exhaustion she was suffering.

Nina looked at the wickedly smiling Eren and knew what he was thinking. She cursed herself for allowing Eren to continue using his Sine Series Ability. It was even more potent than she had thought.

"Scored one point against all odds. But who's keeping track, right? After all, this is not a game. Kekeke."

Eren said to Nina and chuckled like a hyena. He seemed proud of his pussy-eating skills that he had honed after many such sessions.

Nina hmped at Eren before channeling her Master-rank mana throughout her body. She snapped her fingers and an incredible water element attainment manifested around her in the form of dense white fog.

Before Eren could register the changes around Nina, the fog disappeared and she was seen fresh and proper. It was as if it was not her that was suffering from post-coital fatigue, but someone else entirely.

"You are not the only one with Abilities, little devil. I have the Ability to turn all your accomplishments to zero."

Nina said confidently as she smiled at him with a tinge of provocation. Only now did Eren realize that aunt Nina had a quick recovery Ability too. And it was one of the most sought-after Abilities a healer could have in their arsenal.

Eren's eyes shone with a peculiar light as he looked at Nina with an unmasked thirst. Instead of feeling intimidated by Nina's powers, he seemed interested in them. He licked his lips and chose to reply to Nina's provocation with his actions instead.

Nina opened her arms wide while lying flat on her back. And she received her partner in her arms the next moment. He kissed and smooched her before going for her still-erect nipples.

He started sucking on one brown bud while pinching the other with his one hand. His other hand slipped between their bodies and reached for her dripping pussy. He stimulated her clit while coating his fingers in streaks of lightning mana.

A bunch of fire snakes was summoned into existence before they were assigned their respective tasks by their summoner. They began licking Nina all over her body using their hot forked tongues. Some snakes started nibbling on her earlobes. Some others bit near her armpits and neck. Her asshole was licked and the wet cunt began to drip, turning even wetter due to the snakes' activities.

The fire snakes were tasked with the job of nibbling on Nina's sensitive zones. The lightning snakes on the other hand had a job giving her small and deliberate jolts from time to time to stimulate her senses further.

Nina felt like she was being attacked from her direction when Eren started acting like a pro summoner. She was forced to lose herself in her passion once again.

'He.... Aaaaah... this one-track devil wants to prove a point.'

Nina had a brief realization in her head before experiencing another trip to a blissful paradise.

[Chapter 932 Backlash*](#)

Eren felt himself being surrounded by a sparkling mass of water that blocked his vision.

When his vision returned to normal, he found out that he was still on top of Nina. However, he was no longer sucking on her flesh melons.

Nina arranged Eren's position near her face with his legs spread in either direction. She took hold of his dick and stroked it a bit before taking the entire length into her mouth in one go.

'Damn. She's hungry.'

Eren smirked as he watched Nina give him another round of blowjobs. This time, she looked adamant about milking him. He had won two too many rounds to not hurt her pride as a woman.

Eren held Nina's head with both his hands from either side as he stood on his knees and started ramming his dick inside her mouth. To prepare Nina's oral cave, the thrusts were slow at first.

Nina stroked Eren's thighs with her free hand and caressed his balls while moving her head to accommodate Eren's thrusts. With each passing second, the rate of Eren's drilling motion was increasing. And so Nina had to bring out her A-game to keep up with his actions.

She spread her legs and let Eren's fire and lightning snakes stimulate her wet cave and anal openings. This time, she didn't allow herself to indulge in the waves of ecstasy all by herself. And by doing so, she prevented herself from coming anytime soon.

Eren felt like something massive was about to erupt from his little member as he was being sucked deep by Nina. He could hear her making 'gawk gawk' noises with her choked mouth. Eren was sure that he wouldn't have found those noises arousing if it was any other time. Yet it was this time and moment that made him listen to them in this way.

"Fuccccccck!"

Eren grunted as he released all his load inside Nina's mouth. He kept on nutting for quite some time until he felt there was no drop coming out anytime soon. He couldn't see his cum as Nina had expertly gulped it all down without wasting a drop. However, he was sure that it would have been one of the thickest productions he had ever released in a while. He felt like his stretched urethra cavity spoke volumes about how viscous his manly essence was.

Eren realized the drawback of using the Sin Series Ability on a ranker higher than him at this time. He felt an abnormal amount of exhaustion wash all over him once he stopped releasing his milk. He could swear that he wasn't this tired even after spending an entire night with 24 Orchinas.

This time, it was Eren's turn to crash beside his partner. He wasn't huffing and puffing like Nina. However, his muscles felt like they had atrophied after spending months in a vegetative state. He was in a more dire situation than Nina was earlier in the day.

Nina was smiling at first when she saw Eren crashing beside her. She felt proud of her skills which made him lose his focus and drive. She also patted herself on her back for not coming with him. This was because she had stopped herself from falling prey to his Sin series Ability.

Nina felt like she had consumed the most potion at this point. For some reason, her mana circuits were stimulated and she felt like she had progressed a bit in her ranking journey. Furthermore, her water element attainments were also enhanced a bit. It was as if she had come out of seclusion after practicing her ranking technique for weeks on end.

Nina didn't understand the carnal phenomenon that had happened to her at this point. She subconsciously put the topic on the back burner as she had better things to do with her time.

What she did not know was the fact that her act had made Eren face the repercussions of failing to use his Sin Series Ability on her. And in doing so, she had benefited herself. Moreover, since she was a Master ranker, Eren couldn't easily brush off the backlash he felt.

Nina was about to brag in front of Eren. However, when she turned around, she saw that Eren's face had turned pale. He looked like he was suddenly suffering from anemia as his supple, full-of-vitality skin started looking colorless, dry, and callous. As if it was the skin of some undead.

"What... what the fuck happened to you?"

Nina was shocked when she saw Eren's condition. She could immediately tell that his state was beyond normal. Then she wrapped his body in her mana sense and checked his vital signs.

"It's... it's like you were fasting for a month or two. Is... is this related to the strange Ability you had used on me? Some kind of backlash?"

As ecstatic as Nina was at the time, she wasn't an idiot. She had just compartmentalized her priorities after finding out the effects of Eren's Ability to act on her. She had thought of asking him about his powers when their sessions were over. After all, she wasn't too keen on knowing how he got this lecherous Ability in the first place.

Nina didn't wait for Eren to answer her. She snapped her fingers once more and used her Ability on him. In the next moment, the butcher felt like some external force had intruded into his body without altering his immune response.

A new dose of vitality was injected into Eren as Nina's Ability fixed him from within. He felt like he too had just gotten into bed with Nina without initiating any action.

Eren looked at a worried Nina and laughed. He assumed a relaxed position after he was fixed. He folded his arms and propped his head on them before speaking up.

"Don't worry, aunt Nina. It's not anything serious."

Eren smiled mirthlessly and scratched his forehead before adding up.

"Just don't oppose my Ability when it acts on you. Let it make you as horny as you could be. Kekeke."

[Chapter 933 Lust-Induced Epiphany*](#)

"Just don't oppose my Ability when it acts on you. Let it make you as horny as you could be."

Eren's smile and his body language assured Nina. She wasn't sure how the Sin series' Abilities worked. However, she decided to play ball with Eren all the same.

"Hehehe. Alright. Be careful what you wish for, Erni. There's a high chance you'll turn into a mummy all the same as you did just now when we are done."

Eren raised his eyebrows before spreading his arms. His bed was filled with countless vials of super-expensive recovery potions and tonics when he did that. The butcher quickly glanced at the vials around him before responding to Nina's words.

"I can always depend on them. But it won't come to that if things turn out according to my plan."

The vials disappeared from the scene in the next moment and the bed was put to use once again. Nina climbed on Eren and placed both her hands on his chest. She started rubbing his now-resting dick between her ass cheeks as she maintained eye contact with him.

'I hope I know what I'm doing. Otherwise, I'd turn into a dry twig.'

Eren chuckled to himself with a stressed expression before activating his Ability once again. He knew that his Abilities were evolving along with his rank up. And he could subconsciously feel what they allowed him to do whenever they evolved.

However, the information provided by that subconscious was more like a feeling and it was difficult to explain in words. Therefore, he needed to do some practicals before being assured of their capabilities.

Lightning struck and Nina found herself lying on her stomach. She could only allow Eren to be aggressive now that he was in the mood to push beyond his limits. She felt Eren's semi-erect dick rubbing between her buns and her pussy started dripping with love juices in response.

Eren lay on top of Nina while she turned her head to look behind her. Her neck was turned even further as Eren kissed her in that position. She tightened her glutes instead of spreading them to make Eren's little guy get trapped inside her valley.

Slap! Slap! Slap!

"Aaaaah!"

As soon as Eren released her from his lip lock, Nina felt her ass cheeks getting slapped by him. Eren's hands began clapping her cheeks with each stroke, and she couldn't help but moan in pleasure-mixed pain.

The butcher pulled Nina's hair back when she threw her neck behind and increased the intensity and iterations of his slaps. He did that with his hands coated in the mana of various elements, giving her enhanced sensory stimulation.

Slap! Slap! Slap!

Nina's consciousness started drifting to a faraway land from reality as she let Eren's Ability work on her. What he was doing was not regular magic known by the common denizens of Anfang. It was an intent-

based magic that had feelings of lust mixed into it. As a result, once the Sin Series Ability started working on Nina on her own initiative, it managed to make her forget about the supposed control she had over it.

"Aaaaaaah! More... Eren.... I want your cock in me... now... now... you... you hear me... give it to meeeeeee!"

Nina started lifting her pelvis upwards to meet Eren's dry strokes. She reached between them and began stroking his dick. And she allowed Eren to grab one of her flesh melons. Her pussy started producing a new batch of nectar that kept oozing out of her wet hole.

Nina turned doggy-style and spread her pussy lips with her own hands. She still had her head placed on the bed, enabling Eren to penetrate deep inside her. The butcher was forced to stand on his knees when she became desperate to have his rod.

"Kekeke. Your cooperation will be rewarded."

Eren smirked when he found Nina to be mentally where he wanted her to be. He adjusted his dick and placed the mushroom head right at her vaginal entrance. He gripped her hips from either side and pushed his dick inside in one go.

The vaginal fluid she produced in abundance made it a bit easier for Nina to accommodate Eren when he was half inside her. However, she couldn't help but open her eyes in surprise when his dick dived balls-deep.

"Aaaaaaah!"

Nina cursed Eren for his dick move. The next moment, however, she was also led into a blissful haven as a result. She felt like the effect of Eren's Ability on her had increased tenfold after his wood was completely inside her.

Nina's moans sounded like the acoustics of a classical symphony to Eren's ears. He enjoyed raw-dogging her from behind, without any restrictions. He adjusted his dick size and put more stress on her vaginal walls.

He increased that stress even further by making Nina close the gap between her legs completely. Her pear-shaped ass started getting slapped by Eren's thighs and his hands as she brought her legs closer.

For the first time since its binding, Eren started feeling the effects of his own Ability. He felt the effects of the Mist of Lust taking over his senses. However, unlike Nina who wasn't in control of the effects she was experiencing, the butcher knew exactly where his subconscious was being taken.

Eren and Nina's consciousnesses were pulled into an epiphany-like state that was created by Eren's Sin series Ability. Unlike the normal state of epiphany that connected a ranker to higher consciousness, this Ability-induced state of epiphany allowed Nina and Eren's consciousnesses to interact with each other in a manner they had never done before.

Eren could feel the level of ecstasy Nina was feeling at the time as he pounded her without any self-imposed limits. She could do the same by making herself understand his needs. She tightened her pussy

walls and stood up on her knees as well. She gripped Eren's hands and placed them over her breasts so he could squeeze them while entering her from behind.

Bang! Bang! Bang!

Nina and Eren's elemental attainments manifested around them as they were lost in their epiphanies. Nina's ranking status started improving as she started gaining Eren's water-element comprehension of herself. In the same way, the butcher also gained experience and elemental attainments

What was also in the process of being claimed was Nina's Ability.

[Chapter 934 Copying An Ability*](#)

"Harder... faster!"

Nina demanded Eren up his game. She only had to think of this thought once. In response, she observed that Eren had obliged— in ways she never thought he would.

He adjusted his dick size once more and let his elemental attainments work in sync with him. The Sin of Lust also worked in tandem and responded to its caster's intentions.

Clouds of various elemental mana were summoned from thin air and surrounded the couple. Lightning crackled and orange-yellow flames burned the atmosphere that was hosting them. The masses of water started taking various abstract shapes as they co-existed with flames and other elements.

Eren also bit Nina's neck as he kept on exciting her clit with his free hand. His other hand was squeezing her bouncing tits so hard that his hands were now imprinted on her flesh. Her brown nipples had turned darker due to all the blood accumulating on them. Her pussy was producing love juices to no end, creating wet noises every time her man drove his rod deep inside her.

Eren kept on pounding Nina with all he had under the influence of the Sin Series Ability they both had. They both were talking to each other through the mental connection they shared at the time, responding to each other's wishes in the most efficient manner possible.

They didn't know what was happening around them. They didn't care if the entire house was broken apart because of their wild session. They just enjoyed each other's touch and proximity to the fullest. Lust-induced epiphanies caused them to feel as if their souls were entangled with each other.

"Aaaaaaaaaaaaaa!"

After hours of such prolonged sessions, Nina's body shuddered before she had the most intense orgasm ever. Her knees grew weak as she fell face-first onto the bed. She felt like she had lost control of her body.

Most of her muscles had no power left in them to obey her orders. She could hear the sound of her heartbeat apart from the white noise in the background. And everything around her had turned blurry, telling her that her eyesight had also been temporarily affected.

Nina also felt like she would be able to drink an entire lake until it turned dry. This is if anybody was kind enough to take her to the source of water. She felt like she had been walking in the desert for miles on

end and running after the mirage of an oasis. However, she found the illusion to be broken once she was able to grasp it in her hands.

The butcher had released all his load deep inside her. The amount of content in her cunt was so overwhelming that it began pouring out as if a dam had broken. The elemental manifestations around the couple stopped when Eren crashed on the bed beside her.

The butcher was in almost the same condition however, he was certainly better than his previous time. He had a victorious smile on his face as he kept taking deep breaths.

"You... oooooof... you fucked my brains out, Erni.

Co... Color me satisfied."

Nina managed to voice her thoughts to Eren after some time. The couple could not tell how long they had been fucking. But the healer could tell that they had broken all their previous records by a huge margin.

Nina struggled to get her hand up before snapping her fingers. In the next moment, a dense mass of B-rank water-element mana took her inside it before it started moving abstractly. Unlike last time, it took a while before the mana was dispersed into thin air.

When Eren saw Nina again with his tired eyes, he saw her full of life and ready to go for the next round. She looked at him intimidatingly before commenting.

"Hehehe. Maybe you should use some of the supplementary potions you have. I can wait."

Saying this, Nina got up from her bed. She started walking towards the exit at a slow pace, giving Eren the view of her naked stride to tease him a bit. She could feel his eyes on her round buns as she walked and swayed her hips a bit more than usual to visually stimulate him even further.

Nina was about to head to the kitchen and prepare tasty recovery food. The dry rations and potions weren't what she needed. Her body and soul demanded something traditional and nutritious.

"Wait..."

Nina was just about to get out of her bedroom when she heard a weak voice behind her. She smiled and turned back to see an exhausted Eren sitting upright on her bed. His body was tired but Nina could tell that his hunger for her had only increased.

Eren licked his dry lips and narrowed his eyes on Nina. Her tease had worked more than she had thought. Eren wanted her to walk seductively in the same fashion once again. But he knew he wouldn't be able to do anything if he didn't take care of his exhaustion first.

"Promise not to freak out?"

Eren looked at Nina with a wolfish grin as he asked her the question. The latter just raised her eyebrows in response as she didn't know what he was talking about.

"Hmm? What do you mean by the little devil?"

As she continued to speak, an assumption entered her mind.

"Oh? Do you want to experiment? Hehe. It's fine if you want to try something different. I promise I won't freak out. Doing those things or not is an entirely different matter though."

Eren shook his head in disbelief, trying to explain to her that her assumption was incorrect. But since she had promised him anyway, he decided to move ahead.

The butcher raised his hand in front of him and looked at Nina. His exhausted-looking face was suddenly painted with shades of excitement as he snapped his fingers just like Nina was used to doing.

Zmmmm!

The manifestation of the water element mana appeared around Eren before making him disappear into it. After it was dispersed, he too was able to recover from all his fatigue in one go.

[Chapter 935 Instant Reset](#)

Nina's boudoir once again fell silent after the couple's another magically charged session. Only the sounds of deep breaths and suppressed chortles could be heard. As dawn broke, the two rankers realized they had spent the night together.

Nina turned to her right while lying on her back and looked at a tired-looking Eren. The latter was staring at her breasts which were restless because of her quick and deep breaths. There was still unmasked hunger in his eyes.

"I... I thought you were very "active" in my absence. What's with this increased libido as if you are not getting enough of it?"

Nina asked with a voice mixed with exhaustion before snapping her fingers once again.

Snap!

Nina made use of her Ability once again to recover from another round of Lust-induced epiphany. Eren had gotten better at controlling this peculiar state of epiphany after his first attempt. Thus, she wasn't as tired as the first time. However, that didn't mean that her problems ended there.

Snap!

Eren used the same Ability to recover himself as well. The healer was so amazed by his capabilities that she was lost for words. She could only look at Eren with a mixed set of emotions reflecting in her eyes.

There was one more thing that she hadn't realized before. Her ranking status was making steady progress because of the new elemental comprehensions she gained from Eren.

The butcher himself had gained varying elemental attainments in water from his victims and Lensa. Thus, gaining his elemental attainments served Nina well in deepening her understanding of the element.

Eren stopped looking at Aunt Nina's naked body by averting his gaze. The Sin Series Ability was taking hold of him because of his overindulgence in using it. And he knew that too much of anything was unwise. Even one's gains need to be obtained in moderation. Otherwise, they would cause more harm than good.

Eren shook his head as if trying to get rid of a stubborn thought stuck in his head. He sat upright on the bed and entered meditation mode to get rid of the effects of his Ability on him.

The Rootless technique made it easy for Eren to control his vital signs. It took Eren only a few minutes before he returned to normal. The side effect of using his Ability was eliminated, and he could think normally without getting influenced by the voices in his head.

After hitting a reset on himself, Eren opened his eyes and found Nina looking at him with curious expressions-- as if asking the same question using her eyes as a medium. She had gotten fresh in the meantime and was in her nightgown.

Eren smiled before answering her.

"It's the side effect of using my Ability way past its normal limit, aunt Nina. I know when to stop so there's no problem."

Eren then looked outside Nina's room through her sealed windows. He thought of taking fresh air into his lungs before doing anything else.

Lightning struck and Eren appeared at Nina's deck outside the room. He welcomed the first rays of the sun on his naked body and felt rejuvenated.

He was forced to overindulge in the sin of Lust a bit but overall his plan was a success. He had successfully obtained Nina's Ability for himself without using his devouring. Now he had other ways to get the rankers' quirks for himself instead of killing them.

'Hmm. This method is very different from my devouring Ability. It has... obvious restrictions.

But what it lacks in inclusivity, it makes up for it by giving me a nonviolent way of obtaining Abilities. I guess I should visit Lensa one of these days to see if it works on her as well.'

With various thoughts swirling inside his head, Eren lit up his Sativa Smoke and started smoking as he looked at the lush green valley in front of him. The butcher had gained a new avenue of obtaining Abilities. And he wasn't planning on wasting the opportunity.

Nina appeared beside Eren in her white nightgown that revealed her ample cleavage. The satin-like cloth hugged her body nicely and accentuated her curves. The loose-fitting form gave her a relaxed vibe.

Nina had been given a brief explanation about his Ability by Eren. He had left many blank spots in the explanation. However, the healer knew that it was intentional and didn't prod him further.

Only now did she realize why Eren was asking her about the Abilities and otherworldly mana on their previous date before coming to the Nightshade Duchy. He wanted an in-depth explanation about them from her because he wanted to understand his own powers better.

Nina looked at Eren and closed the distance between them. She slipped into his embrace, rested her head on his chest, and listened to his steady beat before commenting.

"Erni, be careful in using these Abilities on others. The whole of Anfang will deem you as a rebel and heretic if they get exposed."

Nina voiced her concerns in a low voice. She was happy for Eren that he could gain her Ability. After all, this Ability had allowed her to turn the table on her opponents so many times. It was like a trump card that would work in every situation against any enemy he would face in the future. As such, he named it Instant Reset.

Of course, the use of Nina's Ability had its limits. But her Ability would serve as a very effective offense in the form of a counter, an effective defense in the form of self-healing, and a convenient way out for Eren in case he was caught in a pinch. Very few Abilities in the world could do that for their casters.

The Ability could also help him heal his allies. Thus, its usefulness would get enhanced when he started using his summons.

Nina was more surprised by Eren's Ability to copy Abilities from other people than by the whens and hows of the whole thing. She had never heard of anyone possessing Abilities like him even outside of Edinburgh.

[Chapter 936 Taking Over Healers' Nirvana](#)

Eren could only laugh in his head after listening to Nina's warnings.

He had been nothing but prudent in handling these matters. That's because he had no choice. The situation was grimmer than Nina thought it to be because of his artificial half-blood status. He wouldn't even be welcomed by the cultists if the exact details about him were known to them.

Nina also felt that the side effects the butcher received from using such an otherworldly Ability were too shallow to qualify as side effects. It was as if these Abilities were made for him in the first place and not granted to him through some ritual.

Eren released a lungful of smoke through his mouth while looking at the morning sky. He caressed Nina's back to assure her that there was nothing to worry about.

To relieve Nina of her concerns, Eren started kneading Nina's buns once again while they stood on the deck. This time, there was no lust-induced epiphany involved. There was no point in proving anything anymore. Both rankers were in complete control of themselves and no elemental manifestations appeared around them.

After a few minutes of stimulation, Eren entered Nina by making her place her left leg on the deck's ledge. A slow and intimate fuck took place as the couple welcomed a new day.

Eren and Nina continued their sessions throughout the week while taking intermittent breaks. The former stopped using the Sin Series Ability on the latter after she stopped progressing further in her ranking journey. Meanwhile, he also learned to use his Ability better by recalibrating its effects on a B-rank entity. He had started to quantify the feelings he had earlier before applying the Ability this way.

Nina's gains were significant because they were obtained in such a short time without her doing anything strenuous or ground-breaking. She thought that spending time with Eren was the easiest form of progress she could have asked for.

Eren managed to break even with Nina after obtaining her Ability. One could say that he had "cleaned his pipe" for good after the week was over.

He also understood the Ability's limitations after using it extensively for over a week. This was a crucial time for Eren to make the claimed Ability his own.

The region surrounding Nina's house in the Corvo Bianco vineyards remained inaccessible to rankers and monsters alike during this week. Visitors looking for Eren and Nina were told to wait outside the valley and sent away by Majordomo Seraf.

Nina and Eren would have enjoyed each other's company more in isolation. There was, however, a person who appeared in the Resanstour valley one day, whom Seraf couldn't send away with any tactics.

Knock! Knock! Knock!

When Eren and Nina were having brunch together while talking about random things, their front door was knocked on. Nina stopped laughing and frowned, looking at the door. She didn't like that Seraf had failed to give her the sought-after privacy she wanted with Eren.

Eren sighed, knowing the affairs of the rest of the world had caught up to him once again. Still, he couldn't complain because he got an entire week to himself without any training or life-and-death events. He operated the array and opened the rune-enforced large doors, allowing the person waiting outside to come in.

Levine de Montmorency had come to meet Eren.

"You are a tough man to find these days, my student. I would have been sure of your abduction if I hadn't found you here."

Levine greeted Nina with a light smile before sitting beside him. She had decided to join the couple at their table without an invitation. She picked up the table knife the butcher had just put down before fixing herself a plate on the table. The B-rank potioneer began having brunch with Eren and Nina as if she were someone they had been waiting for.

Nina didn't like that Levine made fun of Eren's precarious position by talking about the possibility of abduction lightly. The smile the potioneer gave to her also seemed fake to her for some reason. However, she knew that Levine had helped Eren a lot in constructing his city. So she kept quiet and let Eren handle the matter himself.

"Haha. Good morning, teacher Levine. I was just..."

Eren was only wearing his pants when he received Levine, which was the most amount of clothes he had worn in a while. The latter observed the topless individual briefly before interrupting him.

"It's afternoon, silly. When was the last time you got out of this house? It reeks of..."

Levine looked at Nina and forced another smile before continuing.

"Anyway. Master Jiana Jihang contacted us. She is ready to take you up on your offer. She couldn't reach you or Nina so she got hold of me.

She asked me to tell you that you need to finalize the guild takeover as soon as you can. That's because she wants to participate in the rank-up program meant for high-ranking entities as well."

After taking a bite of the lamb chops on her plate, Levine said. Eren was surprised by how quickly Jiana had agreed to assimilate her guild into his.

He quickly thought of a possibility that would influence her to take this decision.

"Did... did anything happen to Midnight Moon?"

Levine didn't know about the connection the two separate incidents shared because she wasn't present when the discussion between Eren and Jiana took place. However, that didn't stop her from confirming Eren's conjecture.

"Um... yes. Midnight Moon was attacked in both Edinburgh and Layos at the same time. Moreover, a distant branch of the royal family in Layos was assassinated the next day after the attack.

A day after the royal assassination, various prominent cities in Layos were targeted and bombed by unknown cultists. The kingdom of Layos had issued several warnings to Edinburgh because it claimed that Edinburgh had a hand to play in the turmoil within its borders.

All of this happened this week while you were in... let's say... seclusion with Master Nina."

Eren couldn't help but smirk as he listened to the brief report provided by Levine. He could only think of one topic at this point.

'I guess I need to pay Sirius some serious money as a bonus for a job well done.'

Eren thought to himself and chuckled. He knew that the investment he was making in Jiana Jihang was going to be worth it if she was this decisive about her direction.

[Chapter 937 Tyrant](#)

Eren failed to copy Lensa's Ability for himself even after four consecutive days of "research." He could only conclude that his Sin series-based Ability was not as convenient as he wanted it to be.

He needed to build his foundation in the light element before even thinking about copying her Ability for himself. He managed to obtain and refine Lensa's elemental attainments. But it turned out that they were not enough for him. They had left some blank spots that he needed to fill in himself.

Eren was a bit annoyed but he got over it quickly. He was only trying his luck. And it was not like the Sin series Ability did not work at all. He would need to strengthen his foundation before trying his hand again.

Eren was keen to have Lensa's Ability for himself because of the potential it carried in his eyes. He believed that he could use that Ability more creatively.

While Eren was trying his luck with Lensa, Nina settled into Corvo Bianco vineyards. The valley had become an ideal space to grow ranking resources. So she got to work immediately setting up arrays and elemental pools for the varying herbs and plants growing in the valley.

Nina was soon joined by Jiana Jihang and the rest of the healers in Healers' Nirvana. The members of Healers' Nirvana were very adept at cultivating and processing resources related to healing. Eren, therefore, settled them in the valley itself.

Jiana Jihang was offered almost the same type of living arrangements as Nina on the other side of the Corvo Bianco vineyards. The kingdom-bonafide B-ranker healer was a bit hesitant about dissolving her guild into White Raven when she entered the city. But seeing the valley made all her worries vanish into thin air. She knew she could regrow the ranking resources her guild was previously famous for in this place.

Eren knew that the guild lands of Healers' Nirvana would take a while to recover from the elemental contamination RDX had caused. The contamination wasn't harmful to the environment or the human population. But mana-sensitive resources couldn't be cultivated on those lands anymore.

To rid the land of contamination, either a lot of time had to pass or external intervention had to be conducted. Eren didn't have time for any of them. He, therefore, sold most of the guild lands previously owned by Healers' Nirvana as soon as possible by having Agatha conduct an auction in Curar.

Jiana Jihang was totally against Eren's decision to sell the lands. Her emotional attachments to her previous guild lands were too strong to see the practicality of Eren's move. But fortunately or unfortunately for Jiana, her opinions couldn't influence Eren's decisions. The man did whatever suited him best.

Jiana started calling Eren a tyrant after he conducted an auction for the unusable properties and other ranking resources of Healers' Nirvana she had safeguarded from the cultists. But she and a bunch of her previous guild members were showered with rare-ranking resources suitable for them after they joined the White Raven guild. So Jiana had somewhat bittersweet feelings about him.

Still, Jiana didn't regret her decision to assimilate her guild into White Raven. Seeing him work made her realize something. She was not as proficient at leading a guild as she had thought herself to be. A leader needed to be callous about making certain decisions for the betterment of the guild as a whole-- even if it turned out that some guild members would get harmed because of them.

Interacting with Agatha reconfirmed that thought for her. At first, Jiana thought that Eren was only exaggerating when he said that Agatha was able to do a better job than her as an administrator.

When she saw the half-blood work like she always did, she realized it was the complete opposite of what she thought. Eren was still not giving Agatha as much credit as she deserved. She practically ran the whole show for him.

Jiana and all the other B-ranked entities of the White Raven guild started preparing themselves for the rank-up program under Eren's orders. They needed to make the best possible progress in their ranking journeys and elemental attainments before the war erupts. All so that they could participate in the war with an added advantage.

Eren didn't want the core members of his guild involved in the war. Especially if they were B-ranked entities. But he also knew that stopping Jiana from participating in the war would make her rebel against him.

Eren had caused the Midnight Moon to suffer a tremendous loss and shaken the general populace of Layos using a borrowed knife. But that could only make Jiana join him and not make her give up the idea of making them taste her brand of personal vengeance.

The rank-up program for the lower-ranked members of the White Raven guild was about to end. From the looks of things, there were going to be zero casualties in the first program. After all, Eren had only selected those who could handle the program in the first place.

The program for higher-ranked entities was scheduled to start shortly after that. Nina, Amory, Jiana, Levine, Zethos, and a few more rankers from Levine's faction were going to participate. If Amory made it out of the program alive, he would become a Grandmaster right away. It meant that Eren's guild would have a formidable powerhouse in its midst.

Agatha managed to attain the rank of Adept during this time. Her exceptional ranking progress was especially amazing because she did not spend much time looking after her personal growth.

There were many reasons for Agatha's growth. A combination of the high-quality resources she received, her enhanced ranking technique, her diligent work despite being busy with city-related affairs, and a bit of fine-tuning from Eren's lust-induced epiphany. They all had a hand to play.

But the biggest reason for her growth would have to be the fact that she had become self-motivated. The more she was put under pressure, the more her talent as a ranker and an administrator blossomed.

[Chapter 938 Unrest In Layos](#)

Most prominent cities inside the kingdom of Layos were on high alert.

The citizens of Layos had become more restless than usual because of the recent attacks that took place in their prominent cities. They knew that war was just around the corner when the attacks took place.

The damage caused by those attacks wasn't significant if one looked at the whole thing rationally. But an act of terror never really focused on the scale of the damage in the first place. It was focused on the impact it would have on the kingdom's normal populace.

Vongola town inside the kingdom of Layos was also on high alert. The army had been dispatched and a curfew had been initiated.

This town was only three days' horseback ride from the scene of the crime. The crime scene in question was a destroyed palace in which the royal family assassination had taken place.

Vongola town was a low-key place mostly meant for mortals. Tonight, however, it was hosting a bunch of rankers in one of its remote inns.

The perpetrators of the crime didn't run far from where they had struck. It was as if they didn't care about the forces searching for them. The so-called criminals had the confidence that they could escape anyone and any situation.

"... and that would be the end of the report from my end."

Fiona finished giving her report to Sirius. She sounded serious despite the success of the mission she was involved in. That's because there were casualties involved.

Sirius was looking outside his rented room, listening intently. He was the one who had personally handled the royal assassination of Layos royalty. And he had done his job all alone, without anyone's help.

The reports Sirius was receiving from Fiona were related to the attack on Midnight Moon. He looked at the full moon and sighed before replying to Fiona.

"So 30 rankers from our side died in the attack on Midnight Moon. *Sigh. What a loss! If it weren't for these deaths, this would have been the most successful mission the half-blood forces had participated in in recent times. Especially because we got paid for it."

Fiona nodded at Sirius' comment. The 30 rankers that had died were mostly Ace rank for the most part except for a few early-stage Adept rankers. Still, the loss of each life was a matter of deep concern to her. That's because the people who had died were all half-bloods.

Sirius then turned around and looked at Fiona and his expression eased a bit. He scratched his beard before adding more.

"Some deaths will be inevitable in the following days, kiddo. You and I can't guarantee our safety as well. So there's no need to feel guilty about the fact that you survived and our fallen brethren died."

Fiona remained silent. She wasn't even naive enough to think that the task Eren had given them after paying premium money would be all roses and sunshine. She already knew that casualties were a strong possibility. However, that didn't stop her from criticizing the mission. And in doing so, she subtly criticized Sirius as well.

Sirius could tell what Fiona was thinking so he clarified his stance.

"Lass, you need to stop thinking that I took this mission simply because Eren paid us. While that kind of money is indeed a huge motivator, it's not the only reason why I accepted the mission.

The land of Anfang is too peaceful for us to come out into the open. The powers that be have a strong hold over their dominions— preventing us from ever making a stronghold outside of the Last Blood Bastian.

There's only one reason why we can't even dream of retaliating against these organizations. You know what that reason is?"

Sirius asked Fiona in a voice one would use to ask "what is two plus two?" to a kid. Fiona was used to this tone since her childhood so she didn't find anything odd about it.

"Anfang alliance."

Sirius smirked when Fiona answered him as if she knew the answer but didn't want to speak. Before continuing, he climbed the window ledge and sat with his legs hanging from the other side of the room.

"That's right. The Anfang alliance is our biggest enemy. The kingdoms on their own don't stand a chance against us. But they are untouchable as long as the alliance stands tall as the biggest hurdle for us."

Sirius felt that the time was ripe for his departure. He knew that he was being tracked by the forces of Layos. He wasn't scared of them. But he felt that now wouldn't be the time to escalate the conflict. That's why he was heading to the Last Blood Bastian.

He turned around and looked at Fiona before wrapping things up from his end.

"The kingdoms of Edinburgh and Layos are members of the same alliance. A war between the two members would shake the foundation of the alliance if only by a small margin.

But what would happen if this war became the ember that started the wildfire? What if the war starts spreading to other parts of the continent as well?

Something like that would weaken the alliance. It will cause members to have doubts about each other. They'll start suspecting each other of possible backstabbing and sabotage.

When the Anfang alliance weakens due to internal conflict, only then can we dare to challenge it. This is a slow but only possible way for us to start living the life we want."

"But Lord Sirius, we have..."

Sirius cut Fiona off before she could even finish what she wanted to say.

"You expect too much from our elders. Hehe. You don't know what kind of opposition they'll face should they decide to show themselves out in the open.

Our Sages are not like Lady Eliza we used to hear legends about. They can't change the outcome of the battle by themselves when there's an army of Sages waiting for them on the other side."

[Chapter 939 The Art Of Understanding Who To Stay In Business With](#)

"You know what?"

The bright moon reflected in Sirius' eyes as he sighed before commenting further.

"I even doubt the validity of the legends themselves even if I were to believe that someone like Lady Eliza existed in that era. I mean... Why couldn't she just beat the opponents from the Anfang alliance if she was that powerful?

The most accurate versions of history do not simply record events as they happen. Most of them exist because they act as a guiding star to inspire later generations, regardless of how far-fetched they may seem from reality."

Sirius shook his head as if he was disappointed by the incomplete recount of history. There were so many questions he wanted to ask the rankers that existed in that era. Alas, those questions would remain a mystery for him forever. At least that's what he thought.

The half-blood clan head from House Fenris felt he was being too harsh on Fiona for having bright hopes for the future. He knew that even the best-case scenarios for the Last Blood Bastian would involve many sacrifices.

However, he shouldn't kill a young girl's dream of a better future for herself.

"You are doing alright, kiddo. Don't sweat it too much.

What I said earlier was only meant as a warning for your young ones. We don't want you to take unnecessary risks just because this war allows us some freedom. We have to ensure that no half-blood becomes complacent in their tasks.

Use this room to rest before heading to your next assignment. As long as I leave this town in about 20 minutes, you are safe to stay. I'll contact you after I..."

"Wait, Lord Sirius. There's another matter that I almost forgot to tell you."

Fiona produced a runic array disk and threw it at Sirius. The latter cursed the former for her carelessness in his head before catching the array disk in his hand.

"What is this?"

He asked before analyzing the array disk. Fiona replied promptly.

"There's this Expert named Saisha Goren who has managed to contact the cultist organization we had used to target the city of Zehra.

He doesn't know who was behind the ones who attacked us. But those guys passed this message on to the Ancients who in turn passed it on to me."

Sirius arched his eyebrows when he heard the name Saisha GoreKnown as an Expert ranker in Layos' army, he was currently posted on the border shared by the kingdom of Layos and the Asikha empire. A message coming from that man was akin to the kingdom's army trying to contact his organization for shady deals.

"What does it say?"

Sirius asked while treating the array disk he was holding with even more caution than before. He didn't want to fall prey to any booby traps that may or may not get sprung on him.

Fiona didn't understand why Sirius was put on edge by a mere Expert ranker's message. She had seen the recording of the message so she replied right away.

"Saisha Goren wants to know who ordered the attack on these many cities in Layos. He doesn't have a problem if we need to keep the client unanimous but he wants us to cause the same level of unrest in Edinburgh as well.

This man is willing to pay double the amount Eren paid to target him and many of the cities present inside the kingdom of Edinburgh. Even a successful attempt to create unrest in Edinburgh or aid the forces that have been injected into the enemy kingdom will be rewarded handsomely.

He has embedded a way for us to contact him and establish an anonymous link. The exchange of resources would also take place securely.

How should we reply to him?"

Fiona didn't have a problem creating unrest in Edinburgh. She was a bit hesitant about going against Eren. But she also believed that she wasn't rebelling against him. For someone like him, it doesn't matter where they target Edinburgh as long as it is not related to him or his business.

Edinburgh and Layos were all part of the problem in Fiona's eyes. If she could participate in the attacks on the cities inside Layos, she could do the same inside Edinburgh as well, provided the right amount of "motivation" was presented to the Last Blood Bastian.

After all, the half-bloods were loyal to their cause. And their cause compelled them to look for financial resources. All so that they could fund their movement.

Sirius, on the other hand, saw things differently. He crushed the array disk in his hands the moment after Fiona stopped speaking. The latter was shocked by Sirius' behavior.

"Lord Sirius, we could have at least listened to what the man had to say. That much money would have helped us..."

Sirius cut her off right away.

"This is all a sham, kiddo. They do not suspect Edinburgh's forces or its royalty at all. Otherwise, their spy network would have seen it coming.

They wanted to find out who had ordered the hit on their cities. Someone who is not part of Edinburgh's royalty or its forces. They want to get to Eren through us."

Fiona was taken aback by Sirius' conjecture. But then she clenched her fists before commenting in a cautious voice.

"You know, Lord Sirius. They could give us their money so we could humble Eren Idril. If we just use our cards right..."

Sirius started laughing when Fiona started talking about backstabbing Eren for higher gains. He also felt a bit upset that the outside world had begun to corrupt a simple-minded girl like her.

"Hahaha. You are learning a lot these days. That's good, Fiona dear. But doing business the right way is not the only criterion for staying in profit. You also need to understand who to stay in business with if you don't want to burn your hands doing it.

Using pressure tactics on Eren to get some kind of leverage? Or betraying him for real just to target Edinburgh and get some money doing it? Neither of them is a wise choice.

Guys like Eren... They don't respond well to pressure tactics. I don't know what gave you the courage to even think of doing something like this. But we better not offend him.

That man... he scares me."

[Chapter 940 Dark Daniera Forest](#)

Fiona was left alone in the inn room after Sirius disappeared from the scene.

Forget about betrayal or pressure tactics. The man refused to do anything that could even remotely upset Eren. He destroyed the array disk right away to prevent other clans from Last-Blood Bastian from ever embarking on that road.

One could say that Sirius was spooked by Eren for some reason after he met him in private. Their meeting had only taken place once just outside the city of White Raven after Fiona organized it for them. The meeting was brief and only intended to serve as a formality to establish deeper ties between the White Raven guild and Last-Blood Bastian.

Since the meeting took place between only Eren and Sirius, she wasn't aware of what had happened between the two. Only now did she realize that Eren had managed to intimidate even someone as bloodthirsty as Sirius using means not known to her.

The half-blood couldn't believe that a Grandmaster ranker like Sirius Fenris would say that he was scared of a mere Adept ranker. It was the equivalent of an elephant admitting that he was scared of an ant.

Being from the same clan, Fiona knew about the ability to harness animal instincts. Something that was possessed by all the half-bloods. She also felt that Eren was a dangerous man when she was in the same room with him and was being interrogated by him. But her mind was at ease when he hosted her and treated her nicely.

'Hmph! He is just another man with a giant ball of ego inflated by his wealth. What's there to be scared of?'

Fiona said to herself as she lay on the bed and looked at the room's ceiling. She closed her eyes and slowly started touching herself while thinking about a certain green-eyed man.

Dark Daniera county. Kingdom of Edinburgh.

Around 2 AM. The starry night kept pitch-black darkness at bay. Yet, the dark patches were not as visible as they would typically be because of the clouded moon.

The westernmost part of Dark Daniera was a dense and large forest region 9 days' horseback ride away from the city of Lancelot. It would take someone months on end to reach the city of White Raven if the same type of transportation was used.

Even those who use flying artifacts or beasts would have to travel long distances. Thankfully, there were spatial teleportation channels one could use to cut down this distance by a lot, reducing it to a mere three days of travel.

There was a group of three people meeting inside the Dark Daiera forest. They were waiting for some pursuers to follow them inside. All so that they could wipe them out in one go.

One of the three people was a man who looked to be in his early 20s. He had emerald green eyes and a low-key presence. But there was something about this man that made his audience look at him from time to time. As if their eyes were trying to find something that their subconscious could feel.

The second person in the group was also a man who seemed to be in the same age group as the first man. It was just that he had bags under his eyes and sharp expressions. His sunken eyes made him look cruel.

This second man's presence was a bit unstable. As if he was used to being jittery because of the need to constantly look over his shoulders. As if he was the most wanted criminal in the kingdom, which he was. That's because all the people in the kingdom of Edinburgh now knew him by his wanted poster name—'Osan Woods' Butcher.

The third person on the team was a young girl who looked to be in her early teens. She looked like a regular girl but her aura was anything but. That's because she was a homunculus.

"Hmph! What took you this long?"

Layla complained to Eren in her bratty-girl voice. The trio was sitting around a large cauldron. The contents of the cauldron didn't smell. But it was dark green with a thick viscosity, making it odd to look at.

The concoction inside the cauldron was bubbling without there being any source of heat present. The runes present on the surface of the cauldron would light up from time to time, indicating that the concoction was being processed.

Eren looked at Alephee and Ivor who looked like they were some kind of gypsies. He doubted either of them had taken a real shower in the week. They could fix their appearances with magic but they could not wash away the fatigue of always being on the move from their faces.

Eren shrugged his shoulders before replying.

"I have a guild to run, in case you forgot. I can't just be at your beck and call all the time. I needed to get a few things in order before leaving my guild and my city in the right hands."

Layla's displeased expression indicated that she was about to say something to Eren. But Eren beat her to it.

"That being said, I know the deal between me and Sage Eliza and I'm here to honor it. Tell me when they will arrive.

Eren rubbed his hands together before placing them in front of him. The cauldron was radiating heat like a campfire. It also emanated a faint green luminescence, which painted his face in the same hue.

Layla twitched her nose at the butcher's diverting skills. Still, she closed her eyes and tried to gauge something using an unknown method before answering.

"Those bastards only have one job. Follow the breadcrumbs I have left for them. If they don't fail to perform a simple job like this, I believe we will be hosting our dear guests when dawn breaks."

"So roughly four hours..."

Ivor mumbled to himself after listening to Layla. He narrowed his eyes at Eren before saying something the butcher or Layla did not see coming.

"Eren, do you dare to duel me once again?"