

# Card Apprentice Daily Log

## Chapter 11: Limitations

Date 19 Mar 2321

Time 9:30

Location Sky blossom City, Lion Cub High School

Andre Johnson is the principal of Lion Cub High school and a silver card apprentice. Being born in the projects only Andre knew how many people he had to step on to reach his current position.

With his increasing age Andre's ambition declined, people started to call him soft but only Andre knew that with his increasing rank it became hard for him to find opportunities to climb higher. And the waters here were deeper than in projects.

But yesterday night he received a piece of unexpected news, Andre saw an opportunity in this if he played his cards right he can finally become an associate superintendent.

Knowing what he had to do Andre put an end to his vacation and returned to the school today. The school was running, as usual, thanks to his opportunistic assistant and the hard-working vice principal.

Andre didn't bother to go to his office, instead hurriedly walked to the staffroom. Seeing the principal the staff seemed to be surprised and greeted him hurriedly,

"Principal! Go-good morning."

"Um, where is teacher Wang?"

"Robert Wang had gone to the washroom, he should return anytime."

Seeing the principal still wait in the staffroom the teacher added, "Sir I will ask Teacher Wang to visit you in your office!"

"No need I will wait for our star teacher here?"

The teacher was dumbfounded hearing Andre's unexpected answer, thankfully Robert Wang returned.

"Principal good morning, I heard you wouldn't be back for another week." Entering the staffroom Robert Wang noticed the principal waiting beside his cubicle.

“With hardworking teachers such as yourself working how can I be lazy?.”

“No sir you work the hardest around here without you the school would be closed by now. “

“Haha, Teacher Wang I heard that recently a student in your class was promoted to card apprentice by contracting a silver grimoire. “

“What?!” Robert Wang was puzzled. He never heard of this, yes many of his students did happen to promote to card apprentice but none had contracted a silver grimoire.

Andre’s words attracted the attention of other teachers in the staffroom. ‘No wonder the principal is so approachable today.’ They thought.

“It should be Dalton Wyatt, he is in your class right?”

“How sure are you sir? Because I know Dalton, he is a bum, how can he possibly contract a silver grimoire.”

“You! ” Hearing Robert, Andre was furious he almost punched him. ” I received the update from one of the board members. forget it, take me to student Wyatt. Why hasn’t he reported his promotion in the school?”

“Sir… Student Wyatt is absent for two days now.”

“What?! You have his number right, call him now!”

“That.. “

“I said call him now.”

Teacher Wang summoned his Bronze grimoire and called Wyatt,

[Calling Dalton Wyatt]

‘Toot’

“Hello, Dalton this is… ”

“X X your fat mama, X X you and your fat mama. Sorry, wrong number.”

“Wait, Dal..”

‘Toot…Toot..”

'WTF' what the X did just happen?. Andre did not know what was going on here but he did not care he pointed to Robert Wang's nose and said,

"I don't know what is happening here, I don't care. Make sure student Wyatt reports to the school otherwise you can find another school to teach."

Hearing Andre's cold tone Robert Wang shivered in fright. As Andre left the staffroom Robert slumped to his seat.

Never in his dreams did he think that the wimpy little brat he toyed around with would contract a Silver Grimoire, had he known earlier he would have been more careful around the kid.

Pretty soon the news that Dalton Wyatt of class 1 A had contracted a silver grimoire spread like a forest fire in the school.

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Date 19 Mar 2321

Time 9:43

Location Sky blossom City, Wyatt residence.

'Do people not sleep in this world' I thought, hanging up on class teacher Wang.

Well since I am up already might as well get out of bed.

Picking the sand out of my eye corners, I walked into the washroom. Washing my face I brushed my teeth.

Then I filled the bathtub with ice-cold water and mixed in a 1:1 ratio of vitamin E and Biotin potion.

After waiting a few minutes for the mixture to mix well I equipped the Mud frog skin card and got into the tub.

Fully immersing myself in the water I widened the pores of my skin allowing them to breathe in the mixture of cold water and potions.

Soon my skin turned dark accumulating the mixture of potion in them. Then I got out of the tub and walked into the shower.

While in the shower I made sure to widen my pores and breathe out the accumulated mixture in my pores, as I breathed out the mixture along with it all the dirt, puse within my skin pores poured out.

Narrowing my skin pores and drying myself I looked into the mirror, my skin was glowing with an attractive charm and was smooth as a baby's skin. The acne and dark spots on my face were no longer to be seen.

'Ah! This card stuff is magical.' I sighed admiring my hand face along with my smooth and glowing skin.

Afterwards, I looked at my updated stats page,

Name: Dalton Wyatt

Age: 17 years

Gender Male

Rank : Card Student [16%] [29/32]stars

Stats :

Strength = Physical Damage, Health Power

Agility = Evasion, Attack speed

Vitality = Physical Defense, Health Regain

Intelligence = Soul Damage, Soul Power

Wisdom = Soul Defense, Soul Regain

Cards:

Origin Card Slots

1. Soul pupils (Unique Grade)

2. (empty)

Active Card Slot

1. (empty)

2. (empty)

3. (empty)

4. (empty)

## Passive Card Slots

- 1.Bear Form (Common Grade)
- 2.Mud Frog Skin (Common Grade)
3. (empty)

## Active/passive Card Slots

1. (empty)
2. (empty)

## Item Card Slots

- 1.Gale Rabbit Leather Boots (Common Grade)
2. (empty)
3. (empty)
- 4.(empty)
- 5.(empty)
- 6.(empty)

## Card Holder

1. Mud Frog Skin (Common Grade)
- 2.(empty)

Since I have 16% Active Soul Control I can only equip cards up to 32stars, Bear Form – 16stars, Mud Frog Skin – 12stars and Gale Rabbit Leather Boots – 1star totalling up to 29stars.

Star/soul power is the limitation of a card apprentice therefore cards with low star ratings are preferred and expensive.

This is also the reason why my cards sold for nearly 25 times their base price.

## **Chapter 12: Ben Li**

Date 19 Mar 2321

Time 11:03

Location – Sky blossom City, East Zone, Zhang financiers Main office

Having my breakfast I hailed a cab to Zhang financiers to solve my money problems.

Zhang financiers are a good bunch of people who like to help the local businesses and families financially without any surety or collateral.

At least that is what they claim to be. But in reality, they are illegal loan sharks, who charge heavy interest rates on the loans they give out.

As for surety and collateral they use the family or life of the debtors as to their collateral and surety.

Zhang financiers are backed by Zhang mercenaries famous for their cruelty and brutality.

Especially their leader Kevin Zhang, silver grimoire holder, his barbarism knows no bounds and is famous throughout the sky blossom city for his viciousness and savagery.

With such savage goons on their beck and call, nobody dares to cross Zhang financiers. Taking money from them is equal to selling yourself and your loved ones.

Zhang financier's main office is a fancy 13 storeys building built by robbing hard-earned money of innocent people.

Walking to the receptionist in the lobby of the building, I passed her a business card and said "Tell Ben Li that Wyatt is here to meet him."

The receptionist after confirming that the card belonged to Ben Li said, "Sir, please follow me."

Taking the elevator to the seventh floor I followed the receptionist to a fancy meeting room where a shabby man in an expensive suit was waiting for us.

This dude is Ben Li, Kevin Zhang's nephew and his only living blood relative. He is the CEO and face of Zhang financiers in papers.

This guy is the proper definition of a prodigal second-generation rich. As for how I know him, Ben Li is supposedly a victim of a scam similar kind faced by Young Wyatt.

He approached young Wyatt saying he was searching for the scam artist and in his search, he happened to hear about Young Wyatt being scammed so he came to Young Wyatt to see if he had any clues to catching the scam artist.

During this process, Ben Li befriended Young Wyatt and passing the card to Wyatt he said if Wyatt ever needed money then Ben Li can hook him up for a loan with a cheap interest rate.

After being scammed for the first time in his life Young Wyatt had already lost trust in society, so he did not trust Ben Li and never considered asking Ben Li's help.

Neither did I but Ben Li's card caught my eye yesterday as I was searching for spare change or any neglected money in every corner of the house.

To be precise the logo on the card caught my eye. Because I had seen this logo tattooed on the nape of the two hooligans that came to my flat yesterday morning.

Suddenly it became clearer to me that the people targeting Young Wyatt were none other than Zhang financiers, they scammed all of Young Wyatt's money, then they staged the fake accident, Ben Li approached Young Wyatt so that he could make Young Wyatt take a loan from Zhang financiers.

They wanted to bury Young Wyatt in their debt, but what for? Of course for the two silver grimoires. Because there is nothing else on Young Wyatt that could catch Zhang financier's eyes.

It was a good, deep and elaborate plan but alas never would they have imagined that Young Wyatt would attempt suicide writing his property to a children's trust. Nearly wasting all their efforts if not for me being transmigrated.

And as to why was I here? Even after knowing everything, obviously to get justice for Young Wyatt and make some money while I am at it.

"Student Wyatt welcome, welcome to Zhang financiers. Say what brings you here"

"I am here to meet you brother Ben Li and talk about the offer you made me last time we met."

"Ah! Where are my manners? come inside, have a seat.. would you like anything to drink. Coffee, tea or cold drinks."

Seating on the couch I glance at the joyous Ben Li, his attitude took a total 180-degree turn once I mentioned taking a loan.

" No brother Li, maybe next time. Let's talk about business first, I am in a hurry."

"It seems Student Wyatt is in urgent need of money. Tell me how much you need, I will see what I can do."

“Thank you, Brother Li, you’re a saviour. I got into some trouble recently and am urgently in need of money... about 6 million dollars.”

I didn’t need 6 million dollars, I just threw out the first number that popped in my head.

“W- what?! 6 million dollars!”

I put on a very innocent expression similar to that of a naive lamb.

“Student Wyatt 6 million dollars is a huge amount, even our company’s total asset is not worth that much. Sorry, but I can’t lend you that much money even if you had collateral or Surety.”

Putting on a disappointed face I asked “can’t you help me, brother Li, please.”

“This is a huge amount of money our company can’t loan you that much.”

“Okay then I will find some other place to borrow money, thank you Brother Li sorry for the trouble.”

Hearing my response Ben Li was shocking, isn’t the script wrong. Aren’t you supposed to beg and negotiate a deal with me? Where are you going? stop!

“Student Wyatt, wait! That amount of money nobody will be willing to loan you without any collateral or surety.”

“Brother Li if you are asking for surety and collateral I might as well go to the bank they have much better interest rates.”

“No student Wyatt I didn’t mean that, what I was going to say is that you could borrow a part of the money from us and the remaining amount from some other financer, What do you think?”

“Sounds good but how much are you going to loan me?”

“How about 500,000\$?”

“Too little brother Li, I might as well try some other place.”

“You drive a hard bargain student Wyatt, 1,250,000\$ I can’t get more than this.”

I could see that Ben Li was really being sincere this time but not sincere enough because a single silver grimoire can be auctioned for about 4 million dollars. Even if you are willing to pay 4 million dollars one will not be willing to sell a silver grimoire.

Ben Li had a big appetite, he wanted to gobble up 8 million dollars by just paying 1,250,000\$.

But I did not care since I was not planning on returning the money in the first place, let this be Zhang's first small instalment payment to what they owe young Wyatt.

"Okay deal, where do I sign?" I said knowing that Ben Li would rather not make this back deal official by putting this on paper.

Because in this world loaning money to someone with a higher interest rate than the standard and legal interest rate was considered a crime punishable with jail time. In this world, the government took white-collar crime very seriously.

So, Ben Li did not want to leave a paper trail. Because of legal problems and also because he had that much confidence in his uncle and his goons. All they needed was a moral high ground to go after silver grimoires.

" No Student Wyatt there is no need for that I trust you."

"If you say so."

Collecting money from Ben Li, I hailed a cab to Guild association mall to stock up on more cards and increase my strength.

The loan due date was one year from today and the interest rates were three times the legal interest rates and if I am unable to pay interest by the end of every month then they will be adding certain late fees and charge interest for the interest to be paid.

This was a trap but I didn't mind stepping in it as I knew that they are going to come after me one way or the other, I might as well make some money out of it. money is good as in this world money meant strength.

money = good cards = strength, One year was enough for me to grow stronger than Kevin Zhang and his goons.

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As Wyatt was leaving the building, Ben Li busy directing his goons,

"Speed up the process, I want that brat begging me for more money by the end of this week."

"But boss what if the brat finds other lenders then things will become complicated."

"Don't worry about that, my uncle will take care of that. "

“Okay boss!”

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## Chapter 13: Beast Will Core

19 Mar 2321

Time 12:34

Location Sky Blossom City, Adventure Guild Association, Guild Association Mall.

Since I just made a buttload of money I decided to visit the auction section of the mall where all the good stuff is sold.

This part of the mall is more luxurious with all the fancy lighting and flamboyant decor, after all the people visiting here are big spenders or strong card apprentices who provide the auction house with all the rare materials. So, the mall has to keep up with its appearance.

But for some reason today the auction house seemed to be crowded, so I decided to call a guide,

[ please wait as your assigned sales representative will soon reach you]

[Expected wait time: 70seconds]

As I waited for Susan, I heard a commotion. The commotion had attracted a bunch of watermelon eating spectators.

Susan is the bob cut brunette who helped me yesterday every silver member of the guild association mall members gets assigned with a sales representative of choice. I chose Susan, she seemed professional enough.

“What do you mean you can’t put our item in tomorrow’s auction?”

“I am sorry sir the catalogue for tomorrow’s auction has already been published, we can’t add any more items. Now we are only expecting items for next week’s auction.”

“No! That won’t work for us, we need money urgently! Please see if you can somehow squeeze us in tomorrow’s auction.”

“I am sorry sir I can’t help you with this.”

A small mercenary group with 6 Bronze Card apprentice upon clearing an E rank dungeon boss got an E rank Common grade dungeon boss core with the beast will. But in the process, one of their members lost an arm.

Not to worry in this world recovery of a limb or reattachment of a limb is no big deal but it's not cheap. No wonder they are in such a hurry.

“Good day sir, how may I help you today?”

Susan greeted me. Impeccable timing, how does she do it? I was impressed with the professionalism of the Guild association mall staffs.

“Susan, how much did you guys offer for the E rank beast will core?”

“Let me check sir.” checking her Iron grimoire Susan replied “345,000\$, sir”

“So, cheap!” Cores with the beast will within them are very rare and can be used as ingredients to create origin cards. The Mall’s asking price was cheap, no wonder they wanted to auction the core.

“Sir even though cores containing beast will are rare ingredients used in the making of origin cards, they usually don’t sell because nobody is willing to buy them unless it matches the origin cards they are making.”

What Susan said made sense, though beast will core are rare if nobody needs them then they lose their value.

Walking near the booth I used my soul pupils on the beast will core to check what is the difference between a normal core and a core with the beast will within it?

Um, when seeing through the soul pupils a normal core contains a bright mass of light within it, as for the core with the beast will it also has a bright mass of light in it but this mass of light is in the shape of the beast the core belonged to.

In this case, the bright mass of light was shaped in the shape of a Bear, as the core belonged to the Abyssal Giant Bear. Looking at the curled up bear in the core a sudden idea for a new card flashed in my and I decided to buy the core.

But I did not walk to the card apprentice to talk business, I conveyed my intention to Susan and let the professional do the job. Susan wasn’t cheap, as the Mall charges a 5% brokerage charge for any deal brokered through it.

Turns out it wasn’t just me who showed their intention to buy the core. Many small time merchants wanted to make some profit off the desperation of the card apprentice.

So to get my hands on the beast will core I had to quote a sincere offer. Considering the market price of the beast will core and my need to satisfy my curiosity I quoted a million dollars but the brokerage fees would be shouldered by the other party.

I thought I would have to wait for the other party to make up their minds before answering but the other party readily agreed to my offer.

“Here’s your beast will core friend, hope you successfully create your origin card.”

“Thank you but I did not buy this core to create an origin card.”

“W-what?! then why did you quote such a high offer?”

“I need this card for a card recipe I came up with. So, I thought the core was worth the price.”

“Okay that’s good, that’s good. But aren’t you a little young to create your own card recipe?”

“No, I am not.”

## **Chapter 14: Abyssal Giant Bear Spirit Guard**

19 Mar 2321

Time 12:51

Location Sky Blossom City, Adventure Guild Association, Guild Association Mall

“Sir, how may I help you?”

First I wanted to walk around the auction house but since I got my hands on the Beast will core, I decided against it because I wanted to check if the new card recipe I came up with was possible.

“Lead me to Card Lab, and I also want to buy the following cards,

E rank Bear Form Card, x1

F rank Aura Guard Card x1

E rank Common Core x1”

“E rank Bear Form Card – 147,000\$

F rank Aura Guard Card – 22,000\$

E rank Common Core – 10,000\$

Discount – 5% – 8,950\$

Total – 170,050\$"

[Card Name: Bear Form

Card Type: Skill Card (passive)

Card Rank: E rank, common grade

Card Ratings : [24]stars

Card Durability : [84/84]

Card effect: user becomes 'Elite' in Beast form martial arts [Bear form]. Addition effect – strength and senses of a bear (passive).]

[Card Name: Aura Guard

Card Type: Skill Card (passive)

Card Rank: F rank, common grade

Card Ratings : [14]stars

Card Durability : [82/82]

Card effect: strengthens the aura of the user. Additional effect – passive protection from harmful and negative rays example ultraviolet sun rays]

E rank 'Bear Form' card rose the proficiency level of Beast forms martial arts 'Bear Form' from Proficient to Elite.

Martial arts proficiency can be divided into

Proficient<Elite<Master<Grandmaster

As for Aura Guard, according to studies every living being has Aura emitting from their body and stronger the Aura means that person is healthier.

If any average John/Jane Doe from my world were to be equipped with Aura Guard then he/she could easily live across 110 years of age.

When I first saw the curled up Bear in the core my first thought was this will go great with Bear Form Martial Arts. Then upon further thoughts, I came up with a possible new card recipe. Being an Inventor I couldn't wait to try it out, so I didn't hesitate to quote a sincere price for the beast will core.

I entered the Card Lab collecting all the ingredients, I still had nearly six and half hours of monthly free time left under my membership.

Sitting in the Card Lab, placing all card ingredients on the card creation page I closed my eyes and poured my mental strength into the grimoire.

This time the card creation process would be more difficult than last time as I am using two already operational cards as ingredients.

Thinking about the kind of card I wanted to create I opened my Soul pupils and scanned all four ingredients E rank Bear form card, F rank Aura Guard card, E rank – Beast will core and E rank common core.

Within the Bear Form card, I saw a bright mass of light shaped in the form of a Martial artist continually practising Bear Form Martial arts.

While in the Aura guard card I saw the bright mass of light shaped in the form of guard.

In the Beast will core I saw a Bear sleeping in a curled up position but the bright mass of light in here was much brighter compared to the mass of light in the 'Bear from' card.

My intuition told me that if I tried to bind the beast will core to the Bear form card then I would fail as the Bear form card soul pathways seem to be weaker compared to the soul pathways in the beast will core.

Therefore I came up with an idea to strengthen the soul pathways of the 'Bear form' card with the soul pathways of the 'Aura guard' card.

I proceeded accordingly, using the mental strength I moved the bright mass of light from the Aura guard card to strengthen the Bear form card. I was careful so that I didn't leak any bright mass of light in the process.

The soul pathways of Aura guard easily dissolved into the soul pathways of the Bear form card strengthening the Bear form card

Next, I didn't directly try to bind the Beast will with the strengthened Bear form card. I used the E rank common grade core as the medium.

I slowly moved both soul pathways of beast will and Bear form into the common grade core simultaneously, the beast will resisted at first but being overpowered by the soul

pathways of Bear form its resistance was of no use and bound with the common grade core.

I looked into the E rank Common grade core, with the addition of beast will and Bear form soul pathways the speck of bright light inside it turned into a large mass of bright light in the shape of Abyssal Giant Bear, this Abyssal Bear was no longer curled up and sleeping instead it showed intelligence and was continually practising Bear form Martial arts. Then I activated the morphing property of the common grade core turning it into a card.

Card Creation Complete, [ Abyssal Giant Bear Spirit Guard]

[Card Name: Abyssal Giant Bear Spirit Guard

Card Type: Skill Card (passive)

Card Rank: E rank, common grade

Card Ratings : [26]stars

Card Durability : [100/100]

Card effect: user becomes 'Elite' in Beast form martial arts [Abyssal Giant Bear form]. Additional effect – strength and senses of the Abyssal Giant Bear (passive), Abyssal Giant Bear Spirit Guard(passive), Abyssal Roar(active), Intimidating aura(passive).]

Abyssal Giant Bear Spirit Guard(passive) – the user's aura is strengthened to the point where it takes the form of an Abyssal Giant Bear spirit, this Abyssal Giant Bear Spirit is sentient and will passively protect the user meanwhile strengthening users Abyssal Giant Bear form Martial arts by giving increased strength, defence and senses of the Abyssal Giant Bear and other Abyssal Giant Bear abilities.

Intimidating aura(passive) – user passively emits the Aura of a wild Abyssal Giant Bear.

Abyssal Roar (active) – user can roar like the Abyssal Giant Bear stunning all nearby enemies for 1-3 seconds based on strength difference. Cooldown time – 140 seconds.

The star rating is very high than I expected it should be because the star ratings of cards I used as ingredients was high, thankfully the durability ratings are perfect one of the reasons I preferred the aura guard card for strengthening over other alternatives.

What was more shocking was the evolution of Bear from Martial arts to Abyssal Giant Bear form and evolution of Aura guard to Abyssal Giant Bear spirit guard. Not to mention the Abyssal roar and intimidating aura.

This card could be considered overpowered in E rank common grade cards, 3 passive and one active abilities with such low star ratings and perfect durability ratings was unheard of.

I bet this card would fetch me a fortune if I auctioned it. Removing the F rank Bear form card I equipped the E rank Abyssal Giant Bear Spirit Guard Card. Due to my lacking star power, I could not hold cards more than 32stars.

But with E rank Abyssal Giant Bear Spirit Guard Card who needs as an F rank Bear form card.

E rank Abyssal Giant Bear is a boss monster with it and my Gale rabbit leather boots abilities complimenting each other's weakness, I had become an unstoppable force within E – ranks.

## **Chapter 15: Premium Spa Package**

19 Mar 2321

Time 18:10

Location Sky Blossom City, Adventure Guild Association, Guild Association Mall

“Good evening sir.”

While I was checking out of the Card Lab, I was greeted by Susan. I did not ask for her, was she here waiting for me all this time? Is it some kind of a new perk of a silver grimoire member?

It took me nearly 5 hours to create the Abyssal Giant Bear Spirit Guard card. Even though the card creation process is easy for me thanks to my soul pupils origin card, but transferring soul pathways from one card or ingredients to another card or ingredients is very time-consuming as you need to be sure to not cause any leaks.

Seeing my puzzled face Susan explained, “Sir I wanted to inform you that your Gale rabbit Leather Boots card will be auctioned tomorrow and to ask if you would be attending the auction?

Since you were in the Cardroom I decided not to disturb you by sending a message or calling you.”

“That’s very considerate of you Miss Susan, and I would like to attend the auction tomorrow.”

“Okay, then I will add your name to the guest list, sir. Anything else sir.”

“No, I am feeling tired and hungry from Creating the card. That’s it for today.”

“Sir if I may, I would like to recommend our premium spa package. It will help relieve your fatigue.”

I am not new to the spa but right now I did not feel like squandering money after spending 1,170,050\$ on card ingredients for Abyssal Giant Bear Spirit Card. The card was worth it but let’s try to be a little frugal so that I don’t end up poor again.

As if Susan could read my mind she added, “Sir it is all paid for, it’s on the house.”

“Is it some kind of perk for being a silver member?” I asked because the spa isn’t cheap and that premium package should be expensive.

“No sir, it’s kind of paid by me. I just got advanced to card apprentice while you were in the card room. This premium spa package is also one of my gifts from management for becoming a card apprentice.” Said Susan excitedly summoning her bronze grimoire.

The majority of people achieve 10% active soul control before they are 21 years old but some late bloomers achieve it later in their life. For example, Susan is in her mid-twenties and just achieved 10% active soul control.

I was still waiting for Susan to explain herself. And she continued, “So I just wanted to share my happiness with one of my important clients.”

I understand what she was trying to do, she was trying to make me feel special and make sure one of her big clientele doesn’t leave her. This is what we call professional socialization in the adult world, you scratch my back I scratch your back.

Knowing her mind I didn’t shy away from her offer and said “congratulations Miss Susan for becoming a card apprentice. As for my gift to you, I will help you create one card.”

If someone heard me they would sneer at my arrogant words as I have only been a card apprentice for less than two days now. But Susan was different as she had seen my capabilities first hand therefore she beamed with joy as she heard my words.

“Thank you, sir, let me lead you to the spa.”

“Okay.” I didn’t mind having a friendly relationship with Susan because she seemed hardworking and sincere enough. With her as my connection, I could get some insider information on the good stuff in the mall or auction.

“I don’t want to seem sudden but I want to create my origin card and would like your help, sir.”

Sudden? more like planned! you couldn't be a more obvious lady. Okay, whatever since I promised I will help you this once.

" Sure, why not? When and where?"

"Whenever you are free sir."

"How about after the spa? I should be re-energised by then to help you?" I just wanted to get over it, but for some reason, I couldn't help but feel like drawing the short straw. Uh! Forgot it, let's consider this as an investment.

"Thank you, sir. "

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It turns out that masseuse in the premium package were all occupational card apprentices.

Occupational card apprentices are card apprentices who choose to focus their card choice on occupational cards rather than combat cards. For example Cooks, Tailors, Miners, Farmers, Doctors, Pharmacist, Priest, Dancers, Singers, Actors, Idols etc.

To my tired body, my 4 hrs in the spa was like being in heaven, the relaxed and positive atmosphere inside helped me relax every fibre in my body.

I don't know what cards they had and what their abilities were but I felt like going through Nirvana physically and mentally. All in all, I had a good time and nursed back to my top condition.

The Only downside was that food and beverages were not included in the premium package, Susan offered to pay saying it was her treat and it was only fair that she paid. I did not mind.

Later we checked into Card Lab under Susan's ID. Susan had made all the preparation while I was enjoying Spa.

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Date 19 Mar 2321

Time 18:30

Location Sky Blossom City, Wyatt Residence

While Wyatt was enjoying his massage, Class teacher Robert Wang was having the worst day, getting off work he decided to visit Wyatt's place rather than calling him.

Robert Wang was still having a hard time believing that twerp Wyatt had been promoted to card apprentice and also contracted a silver grimoire.

It seems God takes care of drunks and fools.

It was not surprising that Wyatt had been promoted to card apprentice after all both his parents were card apprentices but it was shocking that Wyatt would break the limit and contracted a silver grimoire.

One has to know that silver grimoire holders are very rare in a small city like Sky Blossom City. The thought that a child that he bullied joined the ranks of silver grimoire holders made the hair on the neck of class teacher Wang stand.

He wanted to fix this problem one or the other way and had planned it all out, all he had to do was make some lie up about how he was trying to get Wyatt's full potential out by putting some pressure on him and telling Wyatt that everything he did up till now was all to force out Wyatt's potential.

And that wimpy kid will buy it. Claiming credits in someone else's work was not new to Wang, that's how he became a class teacher in the first place.

When Wang arrived at Wyatt residence, he saw 4 shabby and beefy figures blocking the door. Seeing Wang they threw a rowdy glare at him, being a card apprentice Wang was not afraid of these normos.

"Why are guys blocking the door?"

"Old geezer just walk away and mind your own business."

"Young man, didn't your parents teach you to respect your elders?" As Wang said that a bronze light shone on Wang's skin.

Seeing the bronze light the goon who spoke earlier and the goon next to him stepped backwards. But the other two goons remained aloof and directly summoned two bronze grimoires.

Seeing that their companions were also card apprentice, the goons gained little backbone and menaced, "Old geezer walk away this doesn't concern you."

Seeing that there are two card apprentices among the goons Wang was caught off guard, but being a veteran card apprentice Wang was confident he could handle two rookie card apprentices or escape unscathed. So, he arrogantly said, "This does concern me, the house you're blocking belongs to my student, what is happening here do I need to call the cops?"

Hearing the word cops the four goons looked at each other and then after giving Wang a threatening glare they deserted the place. This 'mark' was very important to the boss so they did not want to involve cops and screw it up because of a two-bit teacher.

Seeing the goons flee the scene, Wang sneered and walked up to the Wyatt house door only to find that Wyatt was not home.

Wang decided to wait for a few minutes to see if Wyatt would come back seeing that the goons had been taken care of.

Wang didn't know what kind of trouble Wyatt had gotten himself into, he didn't care. He saw a chance to act like a hero and make his story more believable in Wyatt's eyes.

Few minutes turned into hours, it was already midnight and there was no sign of Wyatt yet. Frustrated Wang slammed hard on the door and left.

## **Chapter 16: Susan**

19 Mar 2321

Time 22:12

Location Sky Blossom City, Guild Association Mall, Card Lab

Origin cards are unique grade cards, unique to each cardholder based on their individuality. Therefore there is no definite recipe for creating an origin card.

Neither is there any definite ingredient for an origin card. But there is a fated ingredient that only the individual card apprentices can sense. Card apprentices can use this fated ingredient as conner stone for making their unique origin card.

Card apprentices have this supernatural sense when it comes to sensing their origin card's fated ingredient. There is this feeling in their heart when they encounter the fated ingredient that is fit for creating their origin card, A sense telling them to possess that said fated ingredient no matter what, it is just pure fate to find the fated ingredient fit for your origin card.

For Susan, her fated ingredient was a Black steel armour corset. So Susan's fated ingredient was hinting to create medieval female armour.

For some, the fated ingredient can be as simple as a cloth or a wooden sword and for some, it can be as impossible as legendary dragon bone marrow or phoenix tears.

"Okay, then what kind of origin card do you plan to create? So I can decide on the rest of the suitable ingredients."

After the fated ingredient is found, the remaining ingredient can be chosen based on the type of card you're going to create.

Thankfully Susan's fated ingredient was not some kind of legendary ingredient otherwise it would be very hard to find the ingredients that would go with it and not mention that they would be out of budget for a Sales representative salary.

"T-that... I don't know, I know that my fated ingredient is part of medieval armour but I don't want my origin card to be just a medieval armour."

I get what she was saying, everyone expects their origin card to be mystical and powerful but medieval armour doesn't fit those criteria.

"If you are not sure about what kind of card you want then how are we going to proceed with card creation?"

"Um... Do you have any ideas for my origin card?"

"Wait, do you trust someone whom you only meet twice to create your origin card?"

I thought you just want my help but now you want me to create the whole card for you. Whatever I did promise to create a card for you. Who am I kidding? she just got promoted to card apprentice in the afternoon, does she even know how to operate the Card creation page?

"Yes! I think you are a genius when it comes to card creation. So, please help me create my origin card?"

"Why are you in such a hurry to create an origin card? You just got promoted to card apprentice today."

"I am just a contract based staff in Guild association they can let go of me anytime. But recently few older staff had retired, opening few permanent spots. Earlier I wasn't eligible but now that I am a card apprentice I am eligible to apply. And having a good origin card could increase my chance of becoming a permanent staff."

Oh, I see! Wait, if she becomes a permanent staff of the guild association then her authority in the guild mall will increase and I will have a stronger ally. Seeing that my investment was already showing signs of progress I was motivated to help Susan.

"Okay then tell me your budget so I can decide on the rest of the suitable ingredients."

"900,000\$"

Susan started working as a sales representative at the young age of 18 and now it has been 7 years since then and she has saved up to 400,000\$ with hard work and

dedication. As a contracted sales representative she was paid a bare minimum wage which is only enough to pay her apartment rent, but she was also given 1% of every sale she made.

One could only imagine how much hard work it took for her to save up to 400,000\$ in 7 years after paying for her daily expenses.

As for the remaining 500,000\$, her parents lent it to her by gathering money from selling their family house, taking personal loans and their savings. Their only daughter is their everything and they would endure any amount of hardship to see her succeed.

So, Susan had a lot riding on this one card. She couldn't call for professional help because she could barely afford the price of the remaining ingredients let alone hundreds of thousands of dollars for professional help.

Susan's years of experience as a sales representative and her woman's intuition told her that this teenager in front of her isn't simple, it was more than him being able to contract a silver grimoire. It was his eyes, they seemed to contain years of experience and wisdom.

Susan wasn't afraid of hardship, what she was really afraid of was not being able to climb higher because she is too afraid of losing what she had. Therefore without any further hesitation, she decided to bet on her intuition and experience by trusting the teenager no! the young man in front of her.

"Okay, that's not bad. Thankfully black steel is not costly so no worries. Let me think." hearing Susan's budget for her origin card, for some reason I felt guilty for spending almost 1,200,000 to creating an E rank card, is this what they call rich man's guilt but I am not rich!.

As I began musing many fantasy armours from my previous world's anime, manga, games came to my mind. Now all I had to do is to see if the materials in this world could be used to create any one of those armours within Susan's budget.

One armour fit the bill, it was an armour that would devour other armour to replicate the devoured armour's ability. This armour was tricky to use as its power depends upon the armour it had devoured. it had a lot of potential in right hands, I wonder Susan's hands is it.

## **Chapter 17: successful!**

19 Mar 2321

Time 22:25

Location Sky Blossom City, Guild Association Mall, Card Lab

They say you meet friends in unexpected places.

After his parent's tragic passing, young Wyatt was a loner, as for me I just got here. I was so busy cleaning up young Wyatt's mess I didn't have time for friendship.

But seeing Susan's trust in me I started to consider having a friend.

I was so wound up with young Wyatt's life that I started to think everyone is trying to use me.

Creating an Origin card has its risk, even the world's top card creators wouldn't be able to guarantee a 99% success rate.

But I could guarantee a 99% success rate thanks to my soul pupils, I knew that but Susan didn't. Yes, she had seen me sell two perfect F rank cards, so what?! even a buffoon gets lucky sometimes.

Even though Susan didn't know about my soul pupils she knew about the risks of creating an origin card.

Susan and her parent's whole life is invested in this card creation, yet she somehow trusted in me to create the origin card for her. And here I was complaining and whining as if I was being taken advantage of.

Who was taking advantage of whom? I had just been promoted to card apprentice a day ago, and yet Susan paid me full payment in the form of a premium spa package and treated me to expensive dinner, to help her create an origin card.

Susan is the one to lose the most ones I fail in card creation, as for me I got paid for nothing. Susan was taking a huge risk by trusting in me, I don't see her complaining instead she is humble.

I finally understood why they say 'to gain someone's trust you have to trust them first. To think I still had something to learn in my second life.

Finally, I no longer saw Susan as just an investment but someone worth befriending. I didn't know if Susan thought the same about me but I was determined to be worthy of her trust.

"Susan I need the following ingredients,

Black Steel x32 kg

High Spit Firestones x5

E rank Metal tooth Slime essence x32

E rank Metal tooth Slime Core x32

F rank Black Iron Bug essence x 64

F rank Black Iron Bug core x 64

F rank Wood Wisp core x10

Unique grade core x1

See if it is within budget otherwise, I will change the ingredients."

"Black Steel x32 kg – 32,000\$

High Spit Fire stones x5 – 100,000\$

E rank Metal Tooth Slime essence x32 – 320,000\$

E rank Metal Tooth Slime Core x32 – 320,000\$

F rank Black Iron Bug essence x 64 – 64,000\$

F rank Black Iron Bug core x 64 – 64,000\$

F rank Wood Wisp core x10 – 10,000\$

Unique grade core x1 – available

Employee Discount – 10% – 91,000\$

Total – 819,000\$"

It seems Susan had already prepared a Unique grade core and thanks to the 10% employee discount we barely made it within the budget.

Black Steel – Black steel is extracted from Black iron ore, unlike normal steel black steel is used in the refining of magic weapons and armoury.

High spit fire stones – these stones generate heat up to 3000-degree celsius.

Metal Tooth Slime – these slimes only feed on Metal ore and can adopt the properties of metal they feed on.

Black Iron bug – found exclusively in black iron ore mine as their staple food is black iron ore.

Wood Wisp – Wisp born in a place filled with strong vitality. Used for strengthening a person's vitality.

Susan soon brought all the materials at a moment's notice.

“Okay now let's form a party.”

Using the party function in grimoire I and Susan formed a party of two. So that my mental strength can enter Susan's grimoire to create her an origin card.

Unlike other cards I can't create an origin card in my grimoire and later transfer it to Susan, the Origin card has to be created in the grimoire to whom the fated ingredient belongs.

So we formed a party because in a party one party member has limited access to any other party member's grimoire upon approval by the said card apprentice.

After forming the party Susan passed me her Grimoire and all the ingredients. Placing the ingredients on the card creation page I closed my eyes and poured my mental strength into the grimoire.

Having already decided on what card I wanted to prepare I opened my soul pupils and checked the soul pathways of all the ingredients one by one.

Then I carefully mixed soul pathways of E Rank Metal Tooth Slime essence with F rank Black Iron Bug essence in the ratio of 1:2 respectively.

Next, I used High Spit Firestones to melt Black Steel and the Black Steel corset into Liquid Black steel.

Afterwards, I used mixed soul pathways of E Rank Metal Tooth Slime essence and F rank Black Iron Bug essence to strengthen the soul pathways of Liquid Black steel.

Keeping aside the strengthened Liquid Black steel, I slowly mixed 10 Wood Wisp soul pathways one by one into the unique core.

Then I added the soul pathways from E Rank Metal Tooth Slime cores and F rank Black Iron Bug cores into the unique core. Forming a cocktail of soul pathways of Wood Wisp, Metal Tooth Slime and Black Iron bug in the unique core.

Finally, I combined the strengthened Liquid Black steel and unique core to form a Black Liquid armour.

Inside the Black liquid armour core, I could see a bright mass of light shaped in the form of slime which would repeatedly try to form a human shape and soon dissolve, unable to stay in the human form. It was sentient and desired to take on human armour form.

Then I turned on the morph ability of the unique core to turn the black liquid armour into a card.

Card Creation Complete... Slime Armor.

[Card Name: Slime Armor

Card Type: Origin Card

Card Rank: Unique Grade

Card Rating: Nil

Card Durability: Nil

Card Effect: Slime armour is a sentient armour that feeds on armours and replicates the armours it feeds on. Additional effect – absolute replica(passive) memory(passive)]

Absolute Replica(passive) – the replication ability is absolute with no flaws.

Memory(passive) – being a sentient armour it has its memory and can remember all the armours it feeds on.

After going through the specs of the origin card I fell unconscious out of exhaustion as I had to transfer about two hundred soul pathways for just this one origin card. If not for the buffs I gained from the spa I wouldn't be able to hold on till the end.

## **Chapter 18: Break Through**

20 Mar 2321

Time 9:15

Location Sky Blossom City, Guild association mall, Guild Spa – Luxury Section.

Opening my eyes to a grand and lavish environment, I was confused, thankfully I was greeted by Susan's excited face.

"Good Morning Sir, you're awake finally!"

"W-what! Why? How long was I unconscious?"

"To be exact 4 hours 10 min."

"That's it! you sounded as I slept for days!"

“You looked like you would, so I brought you the Luxury spa package. Thanks to their continuous treatment you were able to awaken so early and in top condition.”

“What! Luxury Spa Package! Who is paying?”

“Of course me, I don’t mean to be rude but if you can walk I would love it if we had this conversation some other places because I am paying hundreds of dollars for every minute we are here.”

“What, noo... I am still sleepy, come after another hour or two.” I said facetiously.

“Sir, please don’t pull my leg.”

“Hey Susan let me officially introduce myself to you, My name is Dalton Wyatt you can call me big brother Dalton or big brother Wyatt. “

“Hey! I am the older one don’t forget the seniority here. My name is Susan Tucci you have to call me big sis Susan.”

In Guild Association Mall, customer privacy is at most priority. Therefore the Sales representative don’t know any of the customer info unless the customer chooses to.

“Tucci, it’s a funny name.”

“Arh! Don’t get me started. Come let’s go for breakfast.”

Susan claiming seniority in terms of age I laughed it off, comparing age as transmigrator it sounded funny. Thankfully Susan also saw a friend in me and did not insist on me calling her big sis.

“Booking luxury spa package and a private room for breakfast aren’t you rich”

“Nope, the Luxury spa package is a thank you gift from me and as for the private room it’s one of the perks of being an associate auction manager.”

“Congrats! Associate auction manager is a higher position than permanent staff right, you don’t sound happy.”

“Nah! Let’s just enjoy our breakfast shall we.”

“Come on Tucci spill it out, what is it? “

“I am an Associate auction manager just for one day.” Said Tucci frustratedly.

After informing the guild management of her origin card Susan was promised the last permanent staff spot. But at the last minute, a higher ranking member used nepotism to get his relative the last spot.

The reason given for last-minute changes was that Susan's origin card made her highly qualified for a permanent staff position and so she would be directly promoted to the Associate auction manager position.

"What do you mean by just for one day?"

"Forget it, by the way, thank you for creating an awesome origin card for me, I never knew that armour could be in liquid form and have intelligence. Very innovative, How did you come up with this idea?"

"Susan, Don't change the topic! Tell me what is going on? Maybe there is something we can do."

"No, there is nothing we can do. You have already helped me a lot. I am already over it."

I decided to just intently glare at her until she caved. And she did,

Susan's new title comes with new responsibilities and she is still on probation.

Turns out being an Associate auction manager is harder than it looks they have to conduct one auction every week. It's a very competitive job because the auction manager has to fight for a good venue and time slot to conduct an auction and also gather the right audience and the right items for the auction, with other auction managers.

Susan also has to conduct an auction today, being the new guy the auction house will provide her with the venue, time slot and audience but she has to come up with the right items for auction.

Susan time slot is 12:30 to 13:30, for an hour auction period Susan will have to come up with a minimum of 10 valuable Items. Susan couldn't gather 10 auction-able items just in one morning. If she is unable to do so then she will be fired from the associate auction manager position deeming her unfit for the position.

This was all within the calculations of the guild management, this way they had compensated Susan by giving her an opportunity and they would also avoid a possible lawsuit when they fired her tomorrow. Corruption and office politics has corroded society, be it this world or the other world.

"See I told you there is nothing we can do, come on let's enjoy all the perks of being an associate auction manager of guild association mall before I am fired."

“Are you stupid?”

“Hey!”

“Then what? How can you let go of such an opportunity to make money?”

“What do you mean?”

“First tell me what kind of audience are you accepting in your time slot. I am serious! answer me.”

“12:30 to 13:30 is lunch hour so it won’t attract a huge audience and since the guild management is expecting me to crash and burn they will not be sending any important guests. So, the audience will be mostly made of middle-aged women and some small-time Merchants who are hoping to get lucky and get a bargain.”

“Okay then we have to move now, you go and create a hype for your auction telling that 10 perfect F rank female armours each in four variation colours will be auctioned in your auction.”

“Wait! I don’t understand, what are you saying? can’t you be clearer? And who will be providing these mind-blowing perfect F rank female armours ?.”

“I will provide you with 10 perfect F rank female armour card’s each in four variation colours for the auction. now you go create a hype let’s hope that we get lucky and attract some big fish.”

“What! 10 female armours each in four colours that are 40 cards in total, you don’t have enough time to create those cards. You don’t have to push yourself for me. I am already satisfied with just the origin card.”

“Let me care about creating the cards and I am not doing this for you fool! I am doing this for money. I already planned on doing this to gather some funds for myself. Now your auction seems a good place to start. Be thankful that I am willing to share some of my light with you. If you don’t want to then I can always find other auction managers.”

While creating the Slime armour origin card I had to transfer and strengthen soul pathways nearly 200 times, during that process my active soul control broke through to 17% and also my mental strength seems to have become stronger and more flexible. It took me nearly 7 hours to create the origin card, and thanks to my new found strength I was confident that I could create the said amount of cards within the said period.

Ever since I made huge profits by selling the Gale rabbit leather boots, I have always planned to sell more perfect equipment card’s to make money because money in this world can make me stronger and increase my chance of survival. But since I was short

on the budget I didn't put the plan into motion. But now I can only borrow the extra money putting aside my pride for the time being.

"No! I want to but.. "

"We don't have enough time at our hands, go and bring me five sets of ingredients for these 10 F rank female armour cards. And publish a catalogue containing these 10 armours and share it with all your connections. Quickly! Assuming we are lucky, we will attract some deep pockets. I only have 75,000\$ on me right now, see if you can get a loan for the ingredients and the copyright of the cards, we can pay back after the auction."

The 10 F rank female armours I had selected were the most popular mid-range female armours that were currently trending in many famous magazines. I could select E rank armours but I decided against that because we were short on funds and I didn't know how deep the audience's pocket. If the cards were too costly for the audience then I would be the one losing money.

After seeing my prowess in creating the Slime Armor origin card Susan no longer had any doubts about my ability in card creation. so, she provided me with ingredients in haste and then she left to set the plan in motion. Getting the ingredients I didn't waste any more time and began the card creation process. One of the reasons I choose the most trending female armours even though their copyright costs a huge amount of money, hoping that their popularity with attracting some big bosses and wealthy women.

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Name: Dalton Wyatt

Age: 17 years

Gender: Male

Rank : Card Scholar [17%] [27/34]stars

Stats :

Strength = Physical Damage, Health Power

Agility = Evasion, Attack speed

Vitality = Physical Defense, Health Regain

Intelligence = Soul Damage, Soul Power

Wisdom = Soul Defense, Soul Regain

Cards:

Origin Card Slots

1.Soul pupils (Unique Grade)

2. (empty)

Active Card Slot

1. (empty)

2. (empty)

3. (empty)

4. (empty)

Passive Card Slots

1.Abyssal Giant Bear Spirit Guard [26]stars

2. (empty)

3. (empty)

Active/passive Card Slots

1.(empty)

2.(empty)

Item Card Slots

1.Gale Rabbit Boots [1]stars

2. (empty)

3. (empty)

4. (empty)

5. (empty)

6. (empty)

Card Holder (empty)

## **Chapter 19: Modelling**

Date 20 Mar 2321

Time 10:55

Location Sky Blossom City, Adventure Guild Association, Guild Administrator office.

Knock..knock...

“May I come in sir?”

“Come in! ” A hoarse voice sounded from the office, As soon the clerk entered the office the voice added, “John you know I don’t like being disturbed at this hour.”

“I am sorry sir, but it is urgent.” Said the clerk passing an auction catalogue to him.

“What is this? why are you giving this to me?”

“Sir it’s the catalogue of the girl you promoted as associate auction manager this morning to free up the last permanent staff spot for your grand niece.”

“Oh! Are the items listed in the catalogue genuine? I think I made myself clear when I told her not to give her any assistance in regards to the items for auction?”

“You did sir and I checked the items listed are not from the auction house. She is providing them herself.”

“Oh! Do you know who is providing her with items for the auction?”

“When asked she said it was from one of her clients. But I double-checked all her clients in association mall archives, none of her clients is capable enough to provide her with such good cards in such short notice.”

“Then how the hell did she get these cards?”

“Sir, I think she is lying. Seeing how the catalogue has been able to create a small hype, I believe she is going to use this hype to rebel and tell her story knowing that she is going to be fired tomorrow.”

“That’s it, you disturbed me for this. You know that if she pulls such a stun then our legal team and media team will swallow her whole.”

"I know sir, I am not worried about bad press or you but the young miss, seeing how she wants to start from the bottom, it will be hard once every staff in guild mall knows that one of them was fired to make way for her."

"Um... You are right! She is stubborn and righteous, if not for her insisting on starting at the bottom she would be the one with an associate auction manager title and with my pull in the association mall, she would not have to worry about anything, the items, venue, audience or the timeslot.

Good since the ant wants to fight back then I will help her! Send a whole team of our media and other popular press to her auction and also send this catalogue to all the stubborn prodigal sons and daughters of sky blossom city, I think some of them will be interested in the items mentioned in the catalogue."

"Brilliant sir, I will proceed accordingly."

Once these prodigal audiences knew that the auction was just a ruse then their anger will be directed at the ant for wasting their time, The audience was prodigal but knew whom to offend and whom not to. So they would rather stay silent than sympathize with the ant. even the media will choose to write a story about how an auction manager published the fake catalogue for popularity and offended the audience rather than how the guild corruption and office politics screwed over an ant's life.

Although this was not a perfect solution it would mislead the attention of the netizens from his niece until all this cools down and is taken care of by the association's legal team and media team.

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20 Mar 2321

Time 11:55

Location Sky Blossom City, Guild association mall, Guild Card Lab

Admiring the 50 perfect F rank cards in front of me, I called Susan to come and get them.

Having successfully created 50 perfect F rank cards in two hours, I was tired and had a headache, my reflexes and responses were slow. One would think it's affecting my decision-making and judgement but my mind was clear except I was feeling very sleepy.

Maybe I should buy myself a card which can reveal this fatigue whenever I overexert myself, I should ask Susan to look for such a card.

Susan excitedly entered the card room and said "Wyatt I didn't disappoint you, currently our auction catalogue is within the top 10 trending. This will attract deeper pockets. We are rich! "

Susan's eyes shined with dollar bill signs, for every item auctioned the guild charges a 10% auction fee of which the auction manager gets 1%. But if the items are directly provided by the auction manager themselves but not by the auction house then the manager gets 5% of the 10% auction fee.

This is a stunt so that the auction managers are not passive and depend upon the guild for goods to auction but for them to actively search and bring many valuable items for auction.

"Wipe your drool would you? This small amount of money is nothing, stick with me kid and I will show you what being rich looks like?"

Hearing my words Susan vigorous nodded her head but then, "Hey! Who are you calling a kid? you shorty! This is the last time next time..next time I will bite you."

Hearing the word shorty a vein popped on my neck as I thought 'control! control!' As my height was among one thing that I was sensitive about in this second life. I consoled myself, thinking my body is still young and yet to reach its full growth.

Even though I was not tall my height could be considered average but Susan was tall, very tall with a long neck and legs, slender waist with fair, smooth and glowing skin.

"Y-you! I am of the right height, you giantess!"

"Okay, that's it I am ignoring you."

"You can't ignore me, I am your client, you have to pay attention to me!"

"Okay, sir, how may I help you?" Susan's height was her mental scar as her schoolmates bullied her calling names like the Big girl or Giantess or barbarian. One of the reasons why she chose to work after high school no matter how much her parents stressed on her going to college.

Seeing Susan act all cold and distant I realised I said something wrong.

"Okay you win, I am sorry. Now can you talk normally!"

Susan glared at me intently and snorted, "okay I can't stay mad at you! You are like the bratty little brother I didn't have."

'Be the big man! Be the bigger man!' I thought, trying to control myself from saying something which Susan will make me regret later.

“Now take these 10 cards and feed them to your origin card,” I said handing her 10 different F rank armour cards.

“Why? Aren’t these for the auction?” Said Susan, looking at the 10 cards in her hand each of them was perfect F rank cards with a 1-star rating and 100 durability rating.

“No, I made 50 cards, 10 for you and 40 for the auction. With this, you can change into each armour when you are about to auction that armour card. So, the audience can see the flawless design of the armours. Try doing a ramp walk with each armour on, so that they can see how beautiful the armours are?”

“No! No! Auctioning the cards is one thing but to be a model and ramp walk I can’t do that. That will be embarrassing.”

“What are you saying? Don’t tell me you didn’t dream of being a model and ramp walked in your room when you were little.”

“T-that, I am not .... It’s too embarrassing for me to be modelling.”

“What’s so embarrassing about you modelling? You are beautiful and tall, with your long neck and legs, slender waist with fair, smooth and glowing skin, It’s as if your body was chiselled for modelling.”

“No! I am not beautiful, you are just praising me, to get me to model for you.”

“Susan listen to me, look into my eyes.”

“Why?! “

“Just look into my eyes.”

“O-okay..”

“Do you know who is more beautiful than a beautiful lady?”

“N-no..” Said Susan with a red blush on her cheeks.

“A beautiful lady who doesn’t know how beautiful she is..”

“ ..”

“Okay, you trust me right. Just do this, this once for me.”

“ ..”

“Pretty please!”

“Ok just this once I will wear the armours but I will not do the ramp walk.”

“Okay, no ramp walk. But you will have to twirl once, deal?”

“D-deal..”

Susan fed the cards to her origin card. And then activated it and changed into every armour while twirling for practice, in front of me.

This was the first time I had seen her origin card in action and it was a sight to behold, especially the flash and little smoke that appeared whenever she changed into a new armour. It was just like watching a magic show.

The colours of the armours I chose for Susan complimented her perfectly. She looked beautiful and heroic in each armour.

Even her hairstyle changed with the armours. It was an effect of another card.

Along with that card, she had many other special effects and item cards to help her with the auction, for example, the voice control card’s fiction was similar to a microphone in the other world.

“I have registered your name in the VIP guest list.”

“Do I have to come, I mean I wouldn’t buy my cards that would be stupid.”

“You have to come. This is my first time conducting an auction. I wanted to invite my parents but they can’t be here on such short notice. It would mean a lot to me if you came.”

“Well you did agree to be a model for me, I will be there, not in the VIP room but in the front seat to cheer for you.”

“You are the best! See you soon.” Susan hurried to organize the auction as now she had the cards for auction.