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20 Mar 2321

Time 12:23

Location Sky Blossom City, Guild Association Auction House, Auction Hall no.13

Sipping on a coffee black large I entered Susan's auction venue. But to my surprise, the whole venue was crowded and buzzing with discussion. Especially the front row was filled with journalists and social media reporters. For some reason, there was no bouncer at the entrance to stop people from filling in.

It seems I underestimate the catalogue being in the top 10 trending list. 'Sorry Susan looks like I can't cheer you from the first row' I thought as I turned to the VIP side but it was also crowded and the people in there seemed to be scolding the help for lacking space and seating arrangements.

The problem was not lacking management skills but the venue in itself was small to hold these many people. The guild management never expected Susan's catalogue to be this popular and provided her with a small venue.

Right, when I was considering not attending the auction, Susan called me, "Wyatt, where are you? are you here yet?"

"yes, I am at the venue."

"Come backstage!"

"Sure" Hanging up the phone I walked backstage.

The bouncer backstage stopped me and asked "Mr Wyatt?"

"The one and only"

"Turn left and go straight. Susan should be waiting for you there." I could see he had no respect for Susan, his immediate superior. I could smell something was wrong in the atmosphere.

The backstage was empty, there were no staff here contrary to a working auction hall backstage. Soon I found Susan pacing back and forth in front of the stage entrance she did not seem to notice me walking towards her.

“Susan!” I called nearing her.

“You almost gave me a scare.” Said startled Susan.

“What’s going on here? Where is everyone?”

“I sent them to manage the VIP section.”

“Then, what about here?”

“I will somehow manage it here. I called you here knowing that you will not find a seat out there.”

Every associate auction manager has a team of trusted staff ranging from bouncers, help, etc. Since Susan just became an auction manager she had no staff let alone trusted staff. So the auction management provided her with 10 staff, 4 bouncers and 6 help. Which would be enough for a small venue like auction Hall no.13.

Two bouncers one each at the two entrances of the hall, one bouncer for the backstage and front stage while the last one for the VIP hall. Four help for seating arrangements and attending VIPs and the last two to help Susan backstage.

But the audience expectancy exceeded anybody’s expectations, it seems at the last moment for some reason the people, journalists registering to attend the auction increased in numbers especially the VIP people registering exceeded the number of occupancies.

Some of the social media influencers almost broke into backstage. So the bouncers from the entrance had to be called to guard the backstage.

Now no bouncers were at the two entrances of the hall, as they were used accordingly. one for the backstage and two for the front stage while the last one for the VIP hall while all the six help went for seating arrangements and attending VIP’s leaving no one to help Susan.

Susan did request more staff to the auction management but they rejected her saying all the staff were allotted work and had no extra.

“Why did you not close the entrance doors to the hall if the number exceeded the maximum occupancy range? “

“I didn’t think of that! But I can’t turn away all these powerful journalists and VIPs, right?!”

I slapped my head dumbfounded-ly

“First, send one of the bouncers to close the doors of the auction hall as it’s almost time to start the auction.”

Many people who were not interested in participating in the auction were joining the crowd just for fun, so it was better to close the door now.

Soon Susan instructed one of the bouncers guarding the frontstage to close the doors. As the entrance door closed the crowd grew rowdier and the whispers turned into a loud noise.

“It is nearing the time to start the auction. How are you planning to control this rowdy crowd?” I asked.

Currently, the lack of staff was the last thing in Susan’s mind as she did not know how to control the audience?

Since the crowd consists of popular influencers, journalists and VIPs, crude methods to control the crowd were out of the question.

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Location Sky Blossom City, Guild Association, Administrative office

“Sir not good! Not good!” Clerk John rushed into the administrator’s office.

“John!! What have I told you about knocking?!!” A voice thundered in the office.

John bowed and hurriedly apologized “sir I am sorry but it’s about the young lady.”

Hearing the word young lady the voice seemed to have calmed down a little and asked “what about her?”

“Young lady somehow found out about the girl and is going to attend her auction.”

“How did she know? Why is she going there? What is she thinking?”

“Sir, I don’t know who informed the young lady. Sir, please punish me as I could not stop the young lady!

But when I tried to stop her, the Young lady told me not to stop her from making amends.

I think she is going to apologize to the girl after the auction.”

“Wtf! Those Journalists and Influencers will have a field day with her. That girl is stubborn and doesn’t know how the world works!”

‘Recently the young lady acting weird as if she is a completely different person and acting out without thinking. Master is trying so hard to keep her out of this, But she had to present her head to the enemy herself. Now any number of contacts or connections of master can’t stop the rampaging netizens from ruining young lady’s social life’ John shook his head letting out a sigh, he was tired of managing this stubborn young lady.

Chapter 21: Sold!

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Time 12:30

Location Sky Blossom City, Guild Association Auction House, Auction Hall no.13

The auction hall was in a complete mess with all the babble, chatter and murmur. It was very difficult for one to hear amid the babble of conversations in the hall. The crowd was getting impatient as it was about time for the auction to start yet still no one was to be seen on the stage but then,

‘Roarr... RR!!!’

A thunderous roar sounded throughout the auction hall, the startled crowd went quiet with a scare while the deafening echoes of the roar still reverberated in the hall. The lingering roar left in the hall soon died with the sound of the footsteps, as an intimidating aura filled the auction hall.

‘Clomp... Clomp..’

Attracted by the sound of the footsteps the crowd searched for the source, only to find a mystical figure covered in smoke, slowly ascend the auction stage.

But before they could make out the figure the smoke covering the alluring figure burst into a blinding flash, before they knew the alluring figure was in the centre of the stage wearing the latest trending armour ‘Daughter of wilderness – Artemis’.

The figure looked majestic and heroic in the armour as she twirled like a ballerina with elegance. With every twirl, the colour of the armour changed, a total of four twirls amounting to four different colours. The whole scene was so magical that the crowd almost forgot to breathe mesmerised by the sight in front of them.

The woman wearing the armour looked just like the virgin daughter of the wilderness, nothing could compare to her majesty. Every time her cold eyes gazed over the crowd, they felt a chill within them as if they were in presence of a heroic being. Some even bowed to the figure wanting to worship her.

Soon the smoke once again covered the alluring figure as the jumbotron in the auction hall displayed four 'Daughter of wilderness – Artemis' armour cards in different colours with all their status displayed, awakening the mesmerised crowd.

The crowd once again babbled seeing the perfect star and durability ratings of the cards. But the chatter died as an authoritarian voice sounded in the auction hall,

"Daughter of wilderness – Artemis armour, base price 192,000\$ per card. Please start the bid. "

With the cold and authoritative voice, the auction final started.

"400,000\$ by VIP no.4, going once!"

"This princess bids 2,000,000\$ for all four armours."

"2,000,000\$, going once!"

"2,000,000\$, going twice!"

"2,000,000\$, going thrice! Sold!"

The Jumbotron turned off as a blinding flash caught the attention of the crowd, with the figure had changed into the second armour 'Wood Nymph – Urania' another one of the top trending F rank armours and also the figure's hairstyle changed to suit the armour, similar to last time the figure once again twirled four times amounting to four different colours.

"Wood Nymph – Urania armour card, base price 177,000\$ per card, open for bid!"

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Soon the 40 F rank armours cards were auctioned, yet the crowd did not disperse as they were still immersed in the elegant and heroic figure on the stage, the figure walked out of the smoke around her as she said, "Thank you for making this auction a great success! Please collect your card's backstage from me and Since you, all have been so well behaved let me share some info on my auction next week! My next auction will contain 10 E rank trending female armour cards in four different colours. For further info check the catalogue yet to be released. See you later"

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We were short on staff and Susan's authority was very low as the newbie, making it hard to control the crowd using the name of the guild association auction house.

Since gaining the attention of the crowd by crude means was out of option I decided to try a creative way to catch the attention of the audience in the auction house.

Therefore, I lent my Abyssal Giant Bear Spirit Guard card to Susan. Even though Susan had just been promoted to card apprentice, her active soul control was 14% thanks to the perfect origin card I helped her create, she got a huge boost in her active soul control making a considerable breakthrough in her active soul control and gaining 28 Star power.

Equipping one E rank Abyssal Giant Bear Spirit Guard card and two G rank mortal cards voice control and hairstylist.

As the Abyssal roar only affects enemies, we decided to simmer down the crowd by using the abyssal roar and maintain peace with the intimidating aura of the abyssal giant bear.

For this to work Susan had to act like an ice idol and anchor to match the intimidating aura of the Abyssal Bear and not seem out of place, which she performed perfectly mesmerising the crowd and leading them with her authoritarian voice.

Most shocking was the part where Susan's armour changed colours with every twirl, thanks to the origin card being sentient and its ability memory Susan was able to teach the armour to change the colours of the armours even though the armours it fed on were not of that colour.

As for her declaring a part of the catalogue was the stunt used in another world to keep the audience engaged as a good host, I asked her to reveal a part of the catalogue.

Walking backstage Susan excitedly came to me and handed me the Abyssal Giant Bear Spirit Guard card.

"You were awesome out there, I would not be surprised to see one or two fan groups forming in your name."

“Thank you, but stop it!”

“You were that good out there, no need to be humble in front of me. “

“I know right and I could get used to it. it was so exciting, feeling all their admiring gaze it felt different, it was as if they would believe me if I told them the earth was flat and the sun was blue. It felt great.”

Leaving aside Susan who was still immersed in aftertaste while smiling like a fool, I was rubbing my hands to count my profits.

Led by the bouncer a group of about 14 people came to pay and collect their cards, Many people had directly bought the complete four coloured set of armours, so 40 cards were sold to 14 people only. Seeing them I nudged the grinning Susan to snap out of it.

Snapping out of the aftertaste Susan once again returned to her professional self and walked to greet the group.

The group was excited to meet Susan, some even asked for selfies. Seeing no harm in few simple selfies she agreed.

The 40 perfect F rank cards sold for 20,330,000\$, but considering the 10% auction fee and 34% government tax, I would only get near 55% of the total. And after paying the 4,000,000 debt of copyright and ingredients I had barely 6,000,000 left for myself. So, my excitement died by half.

As the crowd left, Susan was in trance counting the amount of money she had made in just one auction. Her 5% amounted to 1,016,500 not including the taxes, even after paying the taxes she would be able to clear her parent's debts and buy back the family house or a new one.

She did get a big bargain out of this auction, 10 F rank armours that were fed to her origin card and nearly a million in commission. But she deserved all of it, if it were me alone I could not get a 4 million dollars loan on spot to buy the copyright and ingredients. especially I would not have been able to possible rank the auction catalogue in the top 10 trending list and attract so many deep pockets.

While I and Susan were busy counting money a voice called to us timidly,

“E-Excuse me!”

“Yes! Who are you? How did you get in?” Asked Susan, it seems she did not like being disturbed while counting money.

“W-well I am also the guild association staff.”

“Oh! What is it?”

“I am here to apologize to you! I am sorry, please forgive me!”

Chapter 22: Relife

Date 14 Mar 2321

Time 10:37

Location Sky Blossom City, Bright Manor, Card Lab,

Corey had never felt more repulsed than today, the thought of an old man pouring his mental strength in her grimoire made her almost vomit in disgust.

How could she let a dirty old man soil her grimoire with his filthy mental strength? Who cares if he has a golden grade grimoire? And what if he is here to help create her origin card?

Her grandpa and grandma both have golden grade grimoires! And she has a silver grade grimoire and is the most talented card apprentice in her high school she can create her card.

“Oldman don’t act high and noble in front of me as if you are doing me a favour. No matter how great the peasants out there think you are, It still doesn’t change the fact that you are doing this only to curry favours from my grandpa.

So, you better listen to me. Now tell me how and I will create my origin card myself, I don’t want your old-ass mental strength entering and dirty-ing my grimoire.”

Sitting on the couch, A sharp-eyed dourly handsome old man never felt more insulted in his 67 years of life than today, being pointed and scolded by a teenager barely reaching 18 years of age. If not for her being the princess of the Bright family he would not tolerate her.

Looking at this pampered shallow girl in front of him the old man never felt more proud to have chosen to live a single life over starting a family, it’s better to not have children and grandchildren than having this little monster in front of him. Thinking that he had dodged a bullet there the old man sighed in relief.

Who is he? Sky Blossom Cities number one and only golden grade card creator, people wait in lines just to have a chance to meet him and yet here he is being looked down on by a teenage girl.

If not for his contract with Sky Blossom City Guild association and the fated ingredient for his first origin card being in the hands of Oldman Bright, he would not be so miserable today.

Swallowing his pride he said, “Corey, even though all these ingredients are E rank at best the process of creating the origin card is more difficult than you think. If not your grandpa would not have cared to call me instead he would have helped you create the origin card.”

“Enough, how many times do I have to repeat myself? Oldman either tell me how to create the card? or get out of here! I will not sully my precious grimoire with your dirty old man mental strength!”

“Y-you..you!” ‘Dirty Oldman mental strength, what does it even mean? No, how dare she call me dirty old man? I am handsome and thousands of young ladies still throw themselves at me!’ The more he thought, the more exasperated and angry he felt. People wait months just to have him help them in card creation and this little shit here is treating him like roadside trash...

Finally giving into rage and forgetting common reasoning he said “Fine, listen carefully... first cautiously refine your fated ingredient ... transfer the soul pathway... take the origin core... morph the core into a card. This process is very tedious and your little mental strength is not enough to complete the card creation process, don’t blame me if you fail!”

“There is no way I will fail, if I do fail then there is something wrong with your card recipe, period! And now, get out! this princess has to create her first origin card.”

As the Oldman stomped out of the card lab, making sure that the card lab was locked, Corey placed all the ingredients on the card creation page and began the card creation process following the old man’s instructions.

The process was taxing and nearly exhausted all her mental strength but she still stubbornly held on and finally was successful in creating the card.

Card Creation Complete

[Card Name: Relife

Card Type: Origin Card

Card Rank: Unique grade

Card Rating: nil

Card Durability: nil

Card Effect: Host gains the memories of past lives if any.]

Seeing the description of her origin card Corey vomited blood and cursed the dirty old man furiously.

The shock from her card had completely washed away the dizziness and exhaustion in her.

In a way, her card was very powerful yet useless. To be able to get memories of past life is very powerful but what's the use of it in this life, Corey was clueless so she decided to activate the card.

Activating the card, many memories poured into Corey's mind as she fell unconscious in the card lab.

'Mom, you're so unladylike and look so old and tired all the time. No wonder dad left you, I don't blame him.'

'Mom, why should I study hard? Studying is for ugly people! Not me.'

'Mom don't worry I got it all figured out, Annie has 100,000 followers in insta and is making so much money. I am beautiful than her so I should be able to make more than her.'

'Mom this is called TikTok it is currently trending, don't worry I will soon gain 100,000 followers in Insta soon and move out.'

'Mom I just need one break.. one good story and my followers will reach 100,000 in no time. You will see.'

'Mom, I am sorry. I am sorry mom, please forgive me, I didn't mean to reveal the info please forgive me. I just wanted to get some followers.'

'Mom! Wake up! You can't leave me alone. I am sorry, I am sorry. Mom! Wake up, please.... Mom! *sob*..*sob*..'

'Mom don't worry I will accompany you soon.'

After a while Corey gained consciousness, her face was drowned in tears, tears didn't stop flowing from her eyes they just kept coming as if a dam broke inside her. holding her knees anguished Corey curled up on the couch while weeping desperately.

Turns out past life Corey was as bitchy as she is now. Past life Corey's father had run away from his family and her mother raised her alone.

Being shallow and vain Corey always tried to take the shortcuts, if she didn't find any shortcuts then she would just give up and the words hard work never crossed her head.

For someone like Corey, being an influencer on Instagram seemed like a dream job and most suitable career. But she never put the effort into it except for some questionable selfies. Which did not bring her enough followers.

Lately, this serial killer's trial was gaining huge public attention, any exclusive on this would be a game-changer for someone like Corey.

Corey's mother worked as a clerk in the DA's office, Misusing her mother's Id card, Corey stole the important info relating to the case. Which unfortunately turned to help the opposition prosecutor claim mistrial and leading to a serial killer walk free.

After the incident, Corey's mother was fired, and mother and daughter were constantly shown in all media and social media outlets as culprits for letting a serial killer walk free.

This lead to a huge backlash from the netizens, being constantly harassed on social media and media Corey's mother couldn't take it any more and committed suicide. Being hit hard by her mother's suicide months later Corey also committed suicide.

Chapter 23: Misunderstanding

Date 20 Mar 2321

Time 13:51

Location Sky Blossom city, Guild Association Mall, Auction house,

"A-actually I am here to apologize to y-you! I am sorry!, P-please forgive me!

It's all my fault! I should have been clearer about my intentions in front of my uncle! Otherwise, you wouldn't be in this mess, it's my fault! Please forgive me! I will ask my uncle not to trouble you anymore."

"O-okay, who are you again?" Asked clueless Susan. A timid girl suddenly comes up to her and starts apologizing, Susan didn't understand a thing she said, what's her fault? Who is this uncle she speaks of? Susan had no idea what this girl was speaking about.

"Aa... I am Corey, the person who stole your permanent staff spot?!"

I didn't mean to! I just wanted to stand on my own two feet instead of relying on my family.

But my overprotective uncle misunderstood when I said I wanted to start from the bottom.

I am sorry! My selfishness caused you all this trouble, please forgive me.”

Hearing Corey, Susan finally knew what was going on? But she did not know what to say? She never been in or heard of or seen this kind of circumstances.

What would you say? If you almost lost the job that you built using your blood and sweat for seven years to a misunderstanding! Speechless, right?

“Even though I can’t just overlook what happened but in some way, I am a little thankful for this ‘misunderstanding’ as this was the best thing that happened to me in a while now,” said Susan looking towards me. This almost made me blush.

“Uh? Really... I know no words of mine can make up for what you have been through but all I can do now is to own it and apologize to you, please forgive me.”

“I can’t forgive you but I do respect you for being upfront and not avoiding the responsibility. Don’t worry about this anymore, in the end, everything worked out, this auction’s success is the best proof.”

“Thank you! Yes, the auction was a great success because you were awesome! I know this may sound like I am flattering you but you were great out there.”

“It’s not me but the cards, they were that good no one could resist their charm!”

“No, I have seen many auctions sell the same cards but they have never gained this much enthusiasm from the audience.

I think your magical show was the thing that induced enthusiasm in the audience.”

Hearing Corey, Susan’s face was apple red and was left without words once again.

“I know this is a long shot but if you are recruiting staff, I would like to recommend myself.”

“T-this... I am indeed recruiting staff, but why me? With your family connections, they should have things planned for you.”

“Those are my family’s plan, not mine, and I plan to have something of my own and I would love to work under you, as I think I can learn a lot from you. please consider it, I will not slack off and work harder than any other staff out there.” Corey pleaded.

With frowned brows and serious eyes, Susan said” Okay, I will give you a chance but you will have to clear the interview like everyone else. I will notify you date and time later.”

“Thank you! Thank you!” Corey thanked Susan excitedly.

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Date 20 Mar 2321

Time 14:13

Location Sky Blossom city, Guild Association Mall, Barbeque

"What a weird girl? You sure you want her as your staff? after all, her elders won't be happy when they hear this... Considering all that shit they did, it wouldn't be wrong if you want to have some fun."

"Weird? I thought she was sincere and brave for coming all this way to apologize to me and do the right thing. I did not intend to accept her as my staff for revenge or something but because she reminded me of the time I started here as a sales representative.

Everyone wanted to take me under their wing back then, but all of that was fake.. fake friends, conniving colleagues, office politics, betrayal, stealing clients etc. every day at work was like being on the battlefield.

I was constantly being taken advantage of or was betrayed, but I never stopped believing in people because of that I had been taken advantage of many times, more than I can count.

I wasn't afraid of the betrayal but forgetting why I chose this path? And afraid of not being able to meet people like me, you know people who understood me, I mean people who I call friends, true friends.

I see that in Corey but her reasons are different from mine, I don't know what they are? But I just want to be a part of it."

Hearing Susan says all this cringe stuff, I was once again reminded of why I chose to be her friend.

'Our way, not to change the world, but in order not to let the world change us.'

Something I read somewhere. People worry and are afraid for wrong reasons and end up doing things or choosing something they didn't mean to.

But then there are people like Susan who remember who they are? what do they want? What do they care about? What their priorities are? and what are the things they should be worried or afraid about? No matter how much hardship they are put under by the world.

It's not about choosing the right choices it's all about knowing who you are? and what your priorities are!

Some would argue that different people have different circumstances and don't have room for choice, to those people I would like to say that they are right but it's all about where their limit lies? Some cave easily and some break but never cave.

How long they are willing to not stray from their path in search of shortcuts. This limit represents a person's will power.

Chapter 24: Moving Out!

Date 20 Mar 2321

Time 2:05

Location Sky Blossom City, Adventure Guild Association, Administrators Office

Opening his silver grimoire Oliver Bright made a call,

“John! You are slipping, it’s been 35 minutes since the auction ended! Where’s the update? How’s the situation? What about my niece?”

“Sir, I was just about to call you! The situation is nothing like I guessed, that girl came up with those cards and the auction was a huge success, it appears we played a huge role in that and helped her gain huge popularity along with a large number of clientele.

As for the young miss, she just wanted to apologize to the girl and nothing else. It seems she resigned from the permanent guild staff and applied to work under the girl. These actions are unlike young miss but I guess young miss has changed.

Sir, should we continue as planned?”

“There is no need to continue with the plan since the girl has proved her prowess as associate auction manager, then let her fill in the shoes.

All this for nothing, it’s better to be prepared than be sitting ducks, I had a scare there!”

Even though the thing with Susan wasn’t a big deal for a prominent family like the Brights but things related to Corey Bright are always complicated, as she is the heart of the Bright family patriarch and matriarch. For some reason when it comes to Corey Bright they seem to lose all reason and common sense.

Therefore Oliver chose to be prepared then sit cluelessly by for this matter, thankfully it was nothing but a scare. His niece and things related to her can be hard to deal with, for 13 years all she wanted to be was an idol but all of sudden she asked to work at the

association mall, so he chose an associate auction manager post for her but then she says she wants to start from the bottom. So, he offered her a permanent staff post and yet she resigned and went to work under an ant.

The Bright family Princess working under someone else the old people were going to flip.

'Beep! Beep!... '

"Bright family meeting! Who sent it? Corey! What is it about this time? Is it about me! X X, niece do you want to murder your uncle?"

Calling a family meeting is a privilege that only the elder generation of the family may use without consequences! Others can also use it, only if it is the matter of life and death for the Bright family.

But Corey is different, she can call a family meeting without consequences too, as the elder generation consider her as the life of the family.

The last time an elder called for a family meeting was when his elder brother was going to upgrade his grimoire to gold grade.

As for the last Bright family meeting it was called by Corey because she wasn't able to find any good heels to wear.

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Date 20 Mar 2321

Time 2:01

Location Sky Blossom City, Adventure Guild Association, Auction House

Leaving the auction hall Corey headed home and called for a family meeting.

She did not want to use it but, seeing how her decisions can affect others, she decided to. This time it all worked out in the end but she will not be so lucky next time.

Corey had not just received the memories of her past life but also the emotions, feelings and thoughts of the past life through her origin card, which made her almost forget herself and drown in the agony faced by the past life Corey.

It took Corey almost a day to separate herself from all those emotions, feelings and thoughts that came with the memories. Thankfully it was a card ability but not actual relife. She lived the past life memories as a third person, it was just like watching a very realistic movie, otherwise, she would face a serious identity crisis right now.

Corey noticed that her past-self and current-self personality is almost a xerox copy but their social status and economical state were different. Her past self was a single parent poor ant and her current self is the swan of the prominent Bright family. Her past self was a loser with no talent but the current self is a genius who directly contracted a silver grimoire.

This experience was not something Corey could just shake off and continue with her life, she was shaken to the core, she had nightmares and sometimes unknowingly tears would flow from her eye's.

Over time her whole perspective over life changed drastically,

Her beauty that she was proud of and admired for hours standing in front of the mirror suddenly doesn't seem to matter anymore.

All her expensive private collections of fancy dresses, shoes and jewellery appeared worthless in her eyes.

Her school and social media life felt superfluous to her, all the likes and comments to her posts didn't seem to matter anymore and all her friends seemed fake to her.

It seems these days she had nothing to be happy about, everything seemed colourless, the wind she breathed wasn't fresh enough, the food she ate was bland.

One by one everything she valued started to seem redundant to her, then she started to question herself, what is she living for? What is life?

She searched for the meaning of her life in the expensive clothing, shoes, jewellery and accessories or the likes and comments she got for her posts like she always did, but it was to no end there was this empty hole in her heart that didn't seem to be filled with any amount of lavish articles of clothing or the likes and comments.

She couldn't sleep anymore, even if she slept she would wake in an hour. Unable to sleep one night she walked around the manor.

Walking around the manor she reached the servant quarters, where a bunch of young maids were happily having their dinner and enjoying themselves.

Looking at them, she asked herself, what are they happy about? All they do is labour and slave around the whole day, what are they happy about? is it the food. The food they eat is not nearly as good as hers yet they seem to be enjoying it.

Seeing Corey the young maids stopped eating and greeted her. Corey walked to them and reached for the bread on the dinner table but a maid hastily said" Miss if you are hungry I can ask the chef to prepare something you want!"

"I want this," said Corey holding the brown bread, breaking a small piece of bread she ate it even though it didn't taste that bad but it was nothing compared to the bread she had every day and yet somehow these maids seem to enjoy the meal.

Seeing the actions of young miss the maids panicked but they couldn't do a thing but watch silently. Returning the bread Corey looked at the young maids and asked "how does the bread taste? Don't you dare lie to me?"

"Miss it tastes better than the ones we get on the streets and we enjoy eating it." Said the head maid and the rest nodded in unison.

"You mean that the taste of the bread can be worse than this?" Asked Corey with a surprised expression.

The young maids were dumbfounded hearing the question of the young miss, then the head maid said, "Miss, the bread in the manor is made by the card apprentice cook so it is way better than what we get on streets."

"Oh! I see." Said Corey and asked again " do you guys enjoy the food in the manor?"

Seeing the young miss show interest in their well being the maids were touched and before the head maid could answer Corey an eager maid said, " Manor's food is the best food I have ever tasted young miss, I am really happy to work here."

Hearing the enthusiasm in the young maid's voice while speaking about the food provided in the manor, Corey felt a yearning in her heart, she yearned for what the young maid had, the enthusiasm and pure enjoyment when she spoke about the food. she yearned for it and wanted to feel like that about something in her life.

The maid was so full of enthusiasm even after toiling around for the whole day, why is it so?

That maid reminded her of someone, yes her previous life mother. She seemed to have the same enthusiasm towards life even after being through so much hardship.

When the past Corey asked her mother, why so? She said, "Life is not about luxurious cars, fancy houses, expensive clothes etc you young people have been misled by today's media, it's about living it. Life is to live, nothing more nothing less. Live it to your fullest. The hardship and pain that comes along is part of it, without it, you can't appreciate your life.

Take you, for example, I have never let you near any hardship or pain therefore you don't know how to appreciate your life and always keep complaining about my cooking.

Let me tell you a secret, 'hard-earned food is always tastier than any food out there' "

When the past Corey realized the truth behind these words it was already too late.

Remembering all these memories tears started to flow from Corey's eyes. Suddenly she realized that no matter how much she denied it she and her past life counterpart are the same, there is no denying it.

Fully giving into the memories Corey thought,

"Mom helps me with the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can, and the wisdom to know the difference."

With this Corey finally decided to live the life her mom wanted for her to live, an independent and self-made life of her own based on honesty and hard work.

Seeing Corey cry the young maids were flustered and did not know what to do? They thought for sure they would have to find new jobs soon.

But to their astonishment, Corey wiped her tears and said "thank you..thank you for all your hard work, please enjoy your supper. I will take my leave now."

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Date 20 Mar 2321

Time 2:30

Location Sky Blossom City, Bright Manor, Main Hall

The main hall was filled with nearly 20 to 30 people, they were all the members of the main family that happened to be present in sky blossom city.

"Where is Corey? Why isn't she here? What is it about this time?" Asked an alluring middle-aged woman.

"You can wait, she will be here when she can!" Said the patriarch William Bright.

"But father in law don't you think this has gone too far... " Before the middle-aged woman could finish Oliver intervened and said, "Wife, niece will be here soon." While narrowing his eyes, signalling her not to continuing further.

The middle-aged woman snorted and didn't speak anymore.

Corey entered the main hall and greeted everyone, "Hello grandpa, second grandpa, uncles, aunts and cousins. Sorry for troubling you at such short notice.

I have decided to live an honest life based on my ability and skills. So, I will be moving out to Guild association staff quarters.”

“What!”

“What is this all about? Is your pocket money not enough? Tell grandpa I will increase it. You don’t have to work, for that we have these morons here.” Said William without caring for the feeling of the other family members.

“No, grandpa it’s not about money it’s something I have to do on my own. Please understand”

“I respect your decision, but I will be moving in with you. Don’t worry grandpa will pitch in for my part of rent and utilities.”

“But grandpa. .. “

“End of discussion, there is no way I will let my beautiful granddaughter live alone in this big city. If you move out of the house then grandpa will move out with you. “

Both grandfather and granddaughter pair reached an agreement while the rest of the family members thought ‘If you guys are just going to decide on everything by yourself then why did you bother calling a family meeting.’

Chapter 25: Vehicle Item Card

Date 20 Mar 2321

Time 14:45

Location Sky Blossom city, Guild Association Mall, Barbeque

Eating the last monster leg, I looked at Susan who was sulking for not eating fast enough.

“Remind me not to go out for barbecue with you again, you eat like a hunger ghost incarnation.”

“I am doing you a favour, a lady should watch what she eats.”

“What did you say to me?!”

“Ahem! Nothing, You know which card has high returns? I am thinking about mass producing these cards to make up for the rest of the money for the E rank ingredients.”

Even though I made more than 6 million in this auction it wasn't enough to pay for all the ingredients and copyrights for 50 E rank cards.

"It is obvious, storage trunk and vehicle cards of mortal grade. These cards have a huge market as they are needed by both card apprentices and mortals."

Storage trunk or vehicle, of the two Storage trunk ingredients, were cheaper, all it needed was a working trunk and a mortal core.

But it was harder to create than an E rank card as it is a type of card that can house items within it when it morphs into a card or a trunk.

For the trunk to morph into a card with items in it, it should have all its soul pathway perfectly outlined with no cracks or leaks otherwise it won't morph into a card housing different items.

Due to its difficulties in card creation, this card cost more than the average E rank card. For me, this card was a gold mine, thanks to my Soul Pupils.

As for vehicle cards, they are mortal cards that morph cars into cards, it removes all the disadvantages of owning a car, parking! No need for parking as your car morphed into a card.

This card cost depends on the car used as an ingredient for creating the card. And also because transferring soul pathways of something as huge as a car is very hectic and time-consuming the labour cost on this is very high equal to creating an E rank card even though it's a G rank mortal grade card.

It was obvious which card was perfect for me to mass produce, Storage Trunk.

Storage trunk has various variety like suitcase, briefcase, handbags, school bags, vault etc

But of course the most popular was the Storage trunk because if one has thick skin they can use the storage trunk as all the five mentioned above.

So, I decided on the Storage trunk card for mass production. Creating hundreds of G rank mortal grade cards was nothing for my current mental strength.

"Okay, it settled storage trunk cards! As for ingredients, let's use heavy-duty military-grade trunks, not those cheap trunks."

"Okay, but how many sets of ingredients?"

"Let's start with 100 sets."

“Cough! cough! 100 sets, tell me you are kidding!”

“No, but where are we going to place these 100 trunks?”

“You don’t have to worry about that as an associate auction manager I have been allotted a warehouse for my use. I will have them deliver the trunks there.”

“I’m... I am thinking about making a car card. Do you want one?”

“No, I don’t have enough money to own one right now.”

“Okay, when you do, tell me I will create one for you for free. Which car is popular right now?”

“What kind of car are you looking for? SUV, sedan, hunchback, sports, luxury, muscle, truck, convertible, coupe, off-road, which is it?”

“A muscle car! Send me the catalogue, I will choose one.”

“I will do you one better, let’s go to Guild association garage. I have a friend there, she can hook us up. She is a little passionate about her work so don’t mind her when you meet her okay.”

“No worries.”

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Date 20 Mar 2321

Time 14:45

Location Sky Blossom city, Adventure Guild Association, Guild Association Garage, waiting room

“Hi Martha, Wyatt meet Martha. Martha this is Wyatt, my benefactor.”

Looking at the tall muscular handsome and hairy woman with the grease-stained uniform and hands in front of me I was speechless. She is passionate about her work I thought.

“Hi Susan, what brings you here? And who is this shorty?” She looked at me as if looking at a love rival.

“Okay listen up you blasphemy of womankind! I am of normal height. It’s not my fault that life is unfair to you.” Glaring at the gorilla in front of me, I snapped. No man can tolerate being called ‘Shorty’ by a woman.

"blasphemy of womankind! That's a new one haha, It's decided I will make your skinny @ss my bltch.!" Martha was enraged but also amused being called blasphemy of womankind! Now that's just creative.

Martha moved to grab me, without cards I was no match for her but I could not bring myself to use cards on a mortal so I backed up.

Thankfully Susan came in front of me, shielding me from the big grease gorilla hands.

"Martha stop it, Wyatt is a friend."

Martha didn't respond to Susan but stopped and taunted me, "shorty! Aren't you a man? hiding behind a woman's back and letting a woman fight your battle, have you no shame?"

"Haha at least I am man enough to get a woman to stand up for me, what about you? No man or woman will willingly stand up for you!"

"Okay, that's it, you... "

"Stop It Both Of You!!" Susan thundered using the voice control card.

My ears buzzed for almost 5seconds.

Looking at me and Martha covering our ears and still muddled, with a devilish smile Susan said " I love using this card, give me a reason to"

Martha snorted at me and turned to Susan and said "Congratulations on becoming an Associate Auction manager."

"Thank you! Tonight dinner at my place."

"Just you and me right"

"Sorry, I invited the whole gang for a celebration."

"What about him?" Asked Martha.

Not waiting for Susan to answer I said "I am not invited...." Seeing the smile forming on Martha's face I added," She already treated me to a luxury spa package and expensive breakfast."

Martha's eyes widened and she looked at Susan for denial, only to be disappointed as Susan maintained a straight face and said "We came here to buy a car."

Hearing the word car Martha forgot her disappointment and excitedly asked "Is it for you?"

"Aaa... Not for me but him."

"Sorry, we have a minimum height requirement for buying a car here." Said Martha sarcastically.

But I didn't care about her remarks as my eyes were glued to the hoverbike that just passed by the other side of the glass wall of the waiting room.

"I want that!" I said pointing at the hoverbike.

"In your dreams, they are our latest model and not yet out in the market. You could manage to get your hands on one of them if only you knew someone inside."

"Cut the crap, tell me what is it gonna cost me?"

Martha looked at me with a vulgar look which all most made me vomit in disgust. So, I looked at Susan for her help but she shrugged her shoulders in helplessness.

"I will die but not be insulted," I shouted.

Susan and Martha broke into laughter which lasted for few minutes before they finally stopped.

"Martha already has a boyfriend"

"What?! Who is desperate enough to be with her."

"Hey watch it! I am tolerating you because you are with Susan, don't test me!"

"Sorry!" I apologized sincerely as even gorillas have the right to love and be loved.

"That one really, I thought you wanted a muscle car. What happened?" asked Susan

"Muscle car uh! You men and your overcompensation" Said Martha scanning me from head to toe.

I choose to ignore that remark and said "That was before I saw that beauty, it's like love at first sight."

Being an inventor in past life some of my unrequited love was the hovercar and a hover motorcycle. Theoretically, it was possible but experimentally our technology was lacking.

Now that I have finally got a chance to own a hoverbike I could not resist the temptation.

"Hold your horse's lover boy! Remember I told you it's still not in the market!"

"Martha we are not on the best of terms but I want that Motorcycle. Just help me this once I will owe you one"

"You are right we are not on the best of terms but seeing how you are Susan's friend let me give it to you straight, what you just saw was a card ingredient for an E class card recipe of our latest hoverbike.

That ingredient alone will cost you near 350,000\$ and if you add other ingredients and card creation labour charges etc it will cost you near 12 million dollars.

Even if you can afford it, it will take a minimum of a week to get you the final card. that is if the card apprentice succeeds in his first try."

"Wait! does that mean, you can get me all the card ingredients and card recipe."

"Yes, are you planning to get outside help for card creation then you have to pay for the copyright but if you create the card yourself for your use then the copyright is free."

We have to pay for copyright when using outside help because the guild wants the customer to choose the guild card apprentices over the freelance Card apprentices but it's okay if the customer himself is going to create the card.

"I will be creating the card myself. how much?"

"If you go with the stock body then it will cost you near 2,150,000\$ in total but for the custom body it will cost you from 2,900,000\$ to 4,000,000\$."

"I will go with the stock body, does it come in black?"

"Stock Black uh! You choose wisely. But you sure you want to take chance with card creation. After all, you are spending a butt load of money."

"Don't worry Martha our Wyatt is a genius when it comes to card creation." Bragged Susan.

"If you say so!" Martha didn't seem to believe Susan's words.

Chapter 26: The 20th

Date 20 Mar 2321

Time 15:45

Location Sky Blossom city, Wyatt Residence

Placing an order for the Hoverbike at Guild Association Garage thanks to Martha, I bid my goodbye to Susan and Martha and headed home.

Creating 50 F rank cards had me completely drained and running on fumes, if not for cheering Susan and discussing the mass production phase of my plan with her, I wouldn't bother spending another second awake rather than resting.

All I wanted to do now was to have a good refreshing sleep, but it seems the Five people blocking my house front door had different plans.

As I reached my home I saw five people blocking no more like guarding my house front door.

Two people among them seemed familiar, they were the tall and short duo from last time who came to remind me of the money I owe them.

If I remember correctly I did ask them to come on the 20th and that is today, aren't they punctual.

As I neared my house I could feel the hostile gaze of the five goons, the tall and short duo hurried towards me shouting, "where have you been you dumbass? You know how long we were waiting for you?" The other three goons still stood laid back as if waiting to watch a show.

I didn't answer the goons but looked at them blankly.

"You deaf? Didn't you hear him ask you a question twerp? Or are you just too scared to answer!"

"Hahaha.. Look at his face drained of expression with fright, cousin blame me for having a fierce face. Calm down kid nothing will happen as long you got our money."

"You do have our money right? You better have it otherwise..."

"Enough! Cousin, he will faint if you scare him anymore. Listen up kid we came yesterday evening to inform you about the other procedures my second cousin had to go through and the increase in compensation. But you were out."

Hearing that they came yesterday too, I shook my head in understanding as I took 1,250,000\$ from Ben Li, no wonder they came yesterday.

Running a loan shark, scam and extortion seem to be an easy enough and high yielding business.

First, you scam the person, then lend the person money with unbelievably high-interest rate and later you extort the money you lent to that person.

This way you haven't spent a penny and people still owe you a huge sum of money with enormous interest rates. It seems I chose the wrong direction for my money earning plan.

"Here's the bill kid,

500,000\$ for bone alignment surgery.

670,000\$ for second bone alignment surgery.

234,000\$ for rehabilitation and treatment.

121,000\$ for the private therapist.

293,000\$ for the Drugs.

150,000\$ hospital charges

That brings us to a total of – 1,968,000\$.

Cheque not accepted, only wire transfer."Said the short goon once again waved a sheet of paper in front of me and quickly pocketed it. He couldn't be more obvious, maybe he thought I would not dare to ask to see the bill.

All Young Wyatt did was bump into this dude and a group of people surrounded him and started to intimidated and extort him. These people couldn't be more shameless asking 1,968,000\$ just for a bump.

But I was not Young Wyatt, I grabbed the hand of the short goon before he could pocket the sheet of paper and asked "Mind if I take a look?"

The shorty tried to lessen my grip but it was late, I took the paper, it read a recipe on how to make good chicken fajitas?.

'WTF can you guys be a little professional?'I thought looking at the goons in front of me and then said"this doesn't look like a medical bill!"

The goons fidgeted, the short one hurriedly shouted"Wrong paper, it's my wife's secret recipe! It seems the medical bill is in my house."

'Good save buddy' I thought and just gave him a blank look, this only angered the goon and he started shouting pointing at me, "How dare you? You should be thankful that we are not asking for more compensation other than the hospital bill. Your wings seemed to

have hardened seeing my good side, Fu<k boy! Now you have done it? Add another million to the bill for emotional compensation."

It's amusing to see how the goon's face turned redder and redder with every word he spouted out, feeling that I was not threatened by him, the goon came closer to me with his face right in front of mine he intently glared into my eyes trying to intimidate me.

But I didn't back down and glared right back at him, it somehow turned into some kind of weird stare contest. Feeling belittled, the goon grew more aggressive and pushed me but to his surprise, I didn't budge an inch and a silver light shone on my skin.

Seeing this silver light the goons beside me were scared shitless, even the three laid back goons near my front door were dumbfounded.

"Did you just attack me B!tch? I guess you leave me no choice but to defend myself."

The two goons did not waste their breath and ran back to the three goons at the back. The three goons at the back were more alerted than these two as they directly summoned their Bronze grimoire according to their training at Zhang Mercenary.

Seeing the three goons at back summon grimoires I understood why the two goons ran back to them. 'Interesting' I thought, cause not many people know I am a silver card apprentice, there is no way Ben Li would know that I was a silver card apprentice to send three-card apprentices.

Either Ben Li should be a very cautious person or he somehow got the information of me contracting a silver grimoire. It didn't matter either way it's about time I made them cough up what they owe Young Wyatt.

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Date 20 Mar 2321

Time 7:45

Location Sky Blossom city, Wyatt Residence

After waiting till midnight at Wyatt's house yesterday Robert Wang wasn't done he returned to Wyatt's house in the morning but only to find that goons from last light were also back with an extra card apprentice and continued to block the Wyatt Residence.

Having his share of experience in society teacher Wang knew that these goons were either from loan sharks or a bunch of scamsters. Either way, he comes out as the hero in front of Wyatt that's what matters here.

So, teacher Wang chose to hide in the corner. This way when Wyatt returns and is in trouble he can walk in and act as the hero doing the most adult thing, 'calling the cops'.

The scenario was set and all he had to do was wait patiently like the hunter waiting for the prey to walk into the trap.

Applying for a leave teacher Wang waited patiently, and his patients bore fruit as Wyatt showed up at last at 15:45.

Seeing the way things were headed Wang thought that the twerp Wyatt had not changed much as he just let the goons walk all over him like that. It's better this way as the more pathetic Wyatt was, the easier it was for him to be the hero in front of Wyatt.

Seeing that the things between the goons and Wyatt were getting heated, Wang directly called the cops before deciding to make an entrance.

But to his surprise, as he was about to go out to make an entrance, with an intimidating aura Wyatt moved at high speed towards the goons.

Seeing that timing was not right yet Wang crawled back to his corner. To gain the most goodwill the hero has to make an entry when things get most desperate.

While Wang was fantasizing about his heroic entry, Wyatt was going to have his first card fight in this world.

Chapter 27: Card Fight

Date 20 Mar 2321

Time 15:49

Location Sky Blossom city, Wyatt Residence

"No wonder your wings have hardened, kid looks like you have contracted a Silver Grimoire, aren't you a lucky one.

Did you think just because you are a card apprentice now you could back down from compensating? Well, you thought wrong so what if you are a silver card apprentice we have three bronze card apprentices.

Don't make it hard on yourself just pay your dues and we will leave like this never happened."

The goon seemed to be chatty now that he had three card apprentices to rely on.

Looking at the three-card apprentices in front of me I did feel a little intimidated after all three on one for my first fight was a lot.

And it seems like the other side did not mind bullying me with their numbers. I was not afraid but my mind whispered 'you can not withstand the storm' whereas my heart whispered 'you are the storm'

Things have come to the point where I had to fight now, it did not matter who started it but now I can not back down an inch.

I did not know how I am going to win but I did know that I am not going to lose. I was not afraid of being outnumbered, only I thought three were not enough to completely showcase the power of the Abyssal Giant Bear.

As they were busy making threats I summoned my silver grimoire, activated the sprint skill of gale rabbit leather boots. With the boost in my agility, I dashed into the three-card apprentices.

Within a second I was in front of the nearest card apprentice, he was still in shock as my fist covered in the aura shaped like a bear's paw slammed into him but it was blocked by a bronze shield.

Regardless the shield was not strong enough and shattered like glass, under the residual force from the punch the card apprentice flew back slamming into the wall spurting out blood before losing consciousness.

But I did not stop there as I could feel a hot projectile heading my way so I jumped to the right nearing the second card apprentice avoiding the basketball-sized fireball.

But to my surprise, the card seemed to have already prepared for my arrival as I was still in the air, he looked at me with a sneer and fired another fireball at me.

It was point black and I couldn't dodge it as I was in the air so I activated the second ability of gale rabbit leather boots double jump. Stepping on the air I jumped back evading the fireball.

Landing on the ground I saw the two-card apprentices surround me from both sides.

Thinking that they have cornered me the goons felt like they gained an upper hand became chatty.

"Not bad, kid for a newbie, you are quick on your feet and brave enough to initiate a fight."

"Right! I thought you would give up being outnumbered but you didn't! you got balls kid."

They were not wrong to be cocky as I was almost out of all my cards, but I only had two cards to begin with so they had nothing to be proud of.

"So kid did you give up yet or you ready for round two?"

I didn't bother to answer the goon and let out an angry roar activating the abyssal roar skill.

Even though the goons acted all arrogant and mighty they were still novice card apprentices at the card student level.

So the roar worked effectively stunning the two goons and buying me 2 to 3 seconds. Which was enough for me to take out one of them.

I dashed to the goon in front of me and barraged him with continuous bear fists, each fist contained the complete strength of an abyssal giant bear. I could hear sounds of bones cracking as I ruthlessly punched the goon.

Done with him I rushed towards the third one he seemed to be out of stun and fired a fireball at me but this time I did not dodge the fireball I took it head-on.

Fireball is an F rank skill card it does pack huge damage but compared to the defence of an E rank boss level Abyssal Giant Bear this damage was nothing.

I chose to dodge earlier because there were two enemies and didn't want to take any chances. But now my worries were redundant and wanted to check the defence of the abyssal giant bear.

Other than feeling a small burn as the fireball slammed into me I felt nothing.

Seeing this the goon was scared shitless and backed a few steps before tripping himself and falling on his behind while I ended his misery with a punch to his chin rendering him unconscious with a broken jaw.

I won but I was not satisfied with the victory as these goons were just novice card students with starter cards. Other than the fireball and the bronze shield skill cards I did not see them use other cards.

Even though they had outnumbered me I seemed to have overpowered them in the quality of cards. They were not worthy opponents for my E rank abyssal giant bear spirit guard card.

I looked around to be sure, everyone was unconscious or disabled even the tall and short goon duo seemed to be unconscious thanks to the abyssal roar, being mortals they fainted under the influence of the abyssal roar.

I walked to the one who was disabled, he seemed to have peed under the pain of breaking bones while his face was covered in tears and snot. I neared him, he crawled back in fright. I had broken an arm and leg of his, unable to walk or support himself he could only crawl.

"Stop it or else I will have to break another arm of yours." Hearing me the goon stopped crawling and begged me to let him go with tears and snot dripping from his face.

I was disgusted to see his snot and tear covered face but I still squatted in front of him and said, "don't be afraid I will not hurt you as long you answer truthfully, to my questions. Nod if you understand what I am saying."

The goon nodded vigorously, looking at him being sincere I asked, " now tell me who sent you? Why did they send you? What is your purpose? So basically tell me everything you know, got it."

The goon hesitated so I twisted his broken leg, crying in pain the goon let go the lasts of his resistance and was about to spill out everything but,

'BWEEP Bip Bip BWEEP'

"This is Sky blossom PD, sir please step away from the injured civilian."

Hearing the cop, I frown 'who the fuck called the cops?' I had decided to call the cops once I had enough evidence to build a case against Ben Li and Zhang Mercenary.

I stepped away from the goon but got Irritated seeing the revealed expression on his face.

Soon the two cops in blue uniforms after requesting an ambulance and back up came to check on the injured.

"Sir, who did this to you?" Asked a cop to the disabled goon.

The goon didn't answer the cop and dodged his eyes. According to the teachings in Zhang Mercenary in situations like this, he had to keep quiet and ask for the company lawyer.

Seeing the goon keeping quiet I answered the cop, "I did it."

"What?!"

The cops were dumbfounded and one of them asked the goon for confirmation, to which the goon reluctantly agreed.

Getting confirmation from the goon the cops handcuffed me reading my rights, ironically enough neither of them heard my explanation.

I had to go in quietly not wanting to be charged with 'resisting arrest.'

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Date 20 Mar 2321

Time 15:54

Location Sky Blossom city, Wyatt Residence

Class teacher Wang has been a bronze card apprentice for 2 decades and already stepped in to 'Card Scholar' he was not sure if he could guarantee to knock out three novices 'Card Students' under three minutes.

Wang was shocked to see Wyatt wipe the floor with the three goons, to his amusement he noticed that each of the goons was equipped with two F rank skill cards.

One should know fireball alone costs 14,999\$ and the bronze shield costs 16,799\$.

Which mercenary group is rich and prodigal enough to equip each of its novices with nearly 32,000\$ worth of cards. Had he known this back in the days he would have been a mercenary rather than a teacher.

In some way, Wang envied the goons he remembers working 2 years as a trainee teacher to save up for his first skill card.

Wang envied Wyatt even more for having good parents who not only left him silver grimoires but also good combat cards for use.

Chapter 28: Auntie Denise

Date 20 Mar 2321

Time 16:30

Location Sky Blossom City, Police Department – 89th Precinct

Sitting in the empty investigation room I was amusing myself by fiddling with the handcuffs on my wrists more like I was trying to fiddle but to no end. I wanted to sleep but the cuffs were intriguing.

There was something about the handcuffs that seem to cut off my connection with my grimoire.

Even though I have only contracted the grimoire for like two days, I felt like a part of me was missing being unable to sense the grimoire.

I was trying to figure out what made the handcuffs special enough to block my connection with the grimoire. Was it because it was made of a special substance or it was something else different.

Since my connection with the grimoire was cut off I could not use my soul pupils to check the working of the handcuffs.

While I was busy trying to figure out the working of the handcuffs the door of the investigation room slammed open and a lady dressed in blue in her 50s walked in.

Throwing the file in her hands on the table she sat in the chair in front of me.

Seeing her I said “took you long enough” I had been locked in the room for 15 minutes and no one addressed me till now.

“Watch your tone, Wyatt? I am the chief of the Police Department – 89th Precinct now, not your aunt.” Said the policewoman.

Come to think of it she does look a little bit familiar, if I am not wrong the only time I no young Wyatt had seen her was during his parent’s funeral.

She is the nice aunt who stayed with young Wyatt for a whole day after the funeral and also brought the tasty shawarma. She claimed to be mama Wyatt’s friend.

‘What was her name again, Auntie Denise?’ Young Wyatt didn’t know that she was chief of police.

“I wanted to check on you again but never got time to, Sky Blossom is a busy city after all.”

‘You did not get the time? If you cared you would have made the time.’ I thought remembering how young Wyatt died miserably all alone not finding anyone to depend on.

I was enraged, coming out of nowhere and acting as if you got me all figured out, ‘no lady you don’t get to do that!’

“Can I go now? I think you should have investigated everything by now.”

“No you are not going anywhere and Yes we did investigate and the other party is pressing criminal charges on you. For the charges attempt to murder, assault and assault against mortals.”

“Okay, I see the neighbourhood cameras were not clear enough, I have some evidence here on me and I would be pressing criminal charges too on all five of them for the charges of attempt to murder, assault, fraud, extortion, blackmail, harassment. And I would like a bottle of water, I don’t drink tap water.”

Grimoire had functions similar to a smartphone, for example, Internet connectivity, a mobile browser, The ability to sync all the card apprentice accounts and ID to itself, Embedded memory, camera etc.

Using the video recording function of the grimoire I had recorded the events that transpired in front of Wyatt residence.

“What have you been through Wyatt? You have completely changed! You’re no longer the boy I knew once.”

“Yes, losing both of your parents at a young age does that to a person. Now if you are done I would like these cuffs off of me.”

The police chief sighed and said, “you are free to go, your class teacher already provided us with appropriate evidence.”

As she removed the cuffs off me, I said “I would like to file criminal charges against those five goons.”

“About that, I don’t recommend you doing that. Zhang Mercenary are a group of bloodthirsty dogs who wouldn’t think twice before biting others.

Don’t worry about them targeting you again I will send the leader a warning, that should do. Pressing criminal charges will only aggravate them.

You are a young card apprentice with too much to lose fighting them. Just focus on your studies and college entrance exam.”

“I have already lost too much to them to care about losing anything else.”

“You are alive aren’t you, this is not everything, let the past be past and move on. Zhang Mercenary group Ltd. Is not someone you should be messing with.”

“Will you file my complaint or should I hire a lawyer?”

The police chief let out an exhausted sigh and said “you young people all are hot-blooded, okay I will fill the complaint. Let’s have coffee together sometime.”

“I have quit drinking coffee and I have nothing to say to you.” Lady, you can’t just walk in and try to act as if you care all of the sudden.

I was out for blood and would not stop until I saw them bleed dry. Kevin Zhang was just an ordinary Card Soldier with a silver grimoire.

With enough money, I would suppress him in no time.

Walking out of the police station I saw someone I never expected to see, Class teacher Robert Wang.

I shouldn't be surprised to see him after all, Denise did say that the evidence was provided by my class teacher. But I did not think he had the nerve to stick around.

With a smile showing all his 32 teeth and an oily bald head, he greeted me saying "student Wyatt you alright? They weren't rough on you were they. I talked to them and cleared all the misunderstandings."

Wang did not want to wait for Wyatt after seeing his prowess against three novice card students but remembering the words of principal Johnson about him finding a new job if he could not bring Wyatt to school, he gritted his teeth and waited for Wyatt.

Now I know who called the cops, pissed I asked him "Did you call the cops?"

Wang hurriedly waved his hands in the air and said "No need to thank me, student Wyatt. I was just doing my job as a good citizen and teacher."

"Why would I need to thank you? You got me into jail in the first place. Now scram your face is annoying me!"

This last sentence was what teacher Wang used to say to young Wyatt. At least I was more lenient as there were no students present as an audience.

Wang's oily head started to sweat hearing Wyatt's tone, he no longer thought of Wyatt as a mere student whom he could push around.

Knowing his tricks won't work here he decided to not talk much but just ask if Wyatt would be attending the school.

"Student Wyatt, I will take my leave. And will you be attending school in future? The special classes for the new Card students are about to start soon."

"Special classes for Card Students, what's that about?"

"I do not have an idea, every year teachers of Card Soldier level are invited to teach the Card Student class to prepare for the college entrance exam, The special classes are about to start so I wanted to know if you will attending the school"

"I will now scram!"

Getting his answer Wang skedaddled.

Fu<k I am really tired, hailing a cab I went home for a good rest.

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Date 20 Mar 2321

Time 16:45

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

Tring-a-Ring... Tring-a-Ring...

“Hello, uncle! I was just thinking about you?”

“You should be after all you only remember me when in trouble. One job! You can’t even handle a weak little kid, what good are you? You Dumbass..”

“It’s not like that uncle, I did not expect him to contract a silver grimoire!”

“And what about him single-handedly defeating three of our members?”

“They were trainee cadets, they were no match for a silver grimoire holder.”

“You fool! So what if they are trainee? In the eyes of people, they were part of the Zhang Mercenary. I leave just for few weeks and you are ruining all my years of hard work.”

“Don’t worry uncle I will fix it soon!”

“No, keep this mark on hold till I come back. He seems to have friends in high places. The police chief of the 89th precinct just called to warn me to stay away from the kid.”

“But I heard that the kid is pressing criminal charges on our people. Three of them are recruits who show a promising attitude.”

“Leave it alone till I return. Do you understand me?”

“I understand uncle!”

“How’s recruitment going on? the funds I gave you should be enough right?”

“The recruitment is moving faster than expected.”

“Good! Good! Don’t disappoint me again.”

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Chapter 29: Limitations

Date 21 Mar 2321

Time 1:02

Location Sky Blossom City, Wyatt Residence.

Having slept at 18:44 in the evening, I got up early after midnight. Since I skipped dinner, I was feeling hungry.

Ordering a 12-inch sausage and mushroom crust deep dish pizza online I went to take a dump, brush my teeth and freshen up.

By the time I was done the pizza was at my doorsteps. After enjoying the pizza and filling me to the brim, I let out a satisfying burp.

It was 2 in the morning and I did not know what to do? Go to the guild mall to create more cards, no!. Then what to do?

I started to think about my first card fight. Even though I won, I thought I could have performed better than that.

My Abyssal giant bear spirit guard card was unmatched under D-rank yet it took all of me to defeat three goons.

What was it? That is it, I wasn't skilled enough to use the card to its full potential.

Skill Cards are like loaded guns, a 5-year-old or monkey can fire them, it takes an excellent marksman to use the loaded gun and accurately shoot the target across the field.

Similarly, any card apprentice can activate a skill card but it takes a card apprentice skilled in that particular skill card to use the card to the maximum of its potential.

The same goes for me and my Abyssal giant bear card. Yesterday was the first time I used the card, I had never performed or practised abyssal bear form before that.

Yes, the card gave me elite level proficiency in abyssal giant bear form and the complete prowess of an abyssal giant bear but I wasn't sure how to apply it to get maximum efficiency?

With the agility of gale rabbit boots and the strength of an abyssal giant bear, I should have been able to take out the three goons within seconds but I didn't.

This is the reason why card apprentices do not change their card deck unless it is necessary.

Thinking about it I went into the gym in the basement, it was mostly used by mama and papa Wyatt for their training. They never let young Wyatt inside.

The basement gym is way cooler than my expectations of it. It is vast and filled with numerous training equipment I never knew off.

Even though intrigued I stayed focused on why I was here. It was to practice the abyssal giant bear form and get used to its strength. To truly know my limit and how I can use it to my advantage.

I practised the whole morning forgetting about the time. The more I practised the more I felt this unstoppable feeling. There was this ginormous energy inside me that boiled with every move I made, over time I felt like a pressure cooker with enormous energy boiling inside of me and about to burst out any moment now.

Then this pressure slowly started to suppress as I became more comfortable with practising the abyssal bear form, it started to feel normal to contain that vast amount of energy inside of my body.

The Abyssal giant bear card effect read that I passively possessed the prowess of an abyssal gain bear yet I never felt a huge amount of change in my strength like I felt now.

It seems martial arts cards have their limits too, they can not be used to their maximum potential if the host body can not bear their complete strength.

No wonder not everyone chose martial arts skill cards as they are expensive and have a lot of requirements.

Realising the limitations of the martial arts skill card I sighed in understanding, it seems there is no way to skip the hard work part in this or any other world.

Done with the training I went for a bath, as it was time for school. I wasn't planning on visiting school anytime soon but the special class for the college entrance exam mentioned by teacher Wang had me intrigued.

I knew to get the most and best opportunities I had to get into the best college that was only possible if I was among the best in the college entrance exam.

Even though my soul pupil helped me create cards it was nothing if not for young Wyatt's knowledge of card creation.

My card creation knowledge was limited to Young Wyatt's card creation knowledge which was limited to what he learned from his parents in his childhood.

I could only create equipment cards with 99% surety because of my past history in engineering, as for the skill card abyssal giant bear spirit guard I created it using already created cards as ingredients so it was a lot easier than creating a skill card from scratch.

There are different types of cards out there and each has its method of creation and knowledge behind it. Some types of cards and card creation methods are only known and available to the secret and royal families.

Soul pupils were of no use if I did not know how to create the cards in the first place, therefore, joining a good college was a must for my future development of strength.

A good college would provide me with knowledge and opportunities I can not get out here. My experience of past life stopped me from being ignorant and thinking I could make it on my own using my cheat Soul pupils.

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Date 21 Mar 2321

Time 8:30

Location Sky Blossom City, Lion Cubs High School.

The school gates were closed, as the school started at 8 and I was late by half an hour. Activating the double jump skill I jumped over to the other side of the gate not wanting to bother the school guards.

Following the memories of young Wyatt, I made my way to the classroom.

The class had already started and I could see the oiled shiny bald class teacher Wang take out his frustration and anger on the students.

I walked in without knocking or permission as Baldie Wang had lost all my respect as a teacher.

Baldie Wang was so immersed in reprimanding the students that he did not notice me till I walked to my seat.

Seeing me his voice went into high pitch almost sounding like a cat getting run over by a truck.

The students burst into laughter but soon started whispering about my bold action of entering the class late without permission and how baldie Wang would react.

“Student Wyatt, you came today. Please follow me to the principal’s office, the principal is waiting for you and rest off you continue with self-studies.” Wang was caught off guard with my sudden arrival but managed to divert the class’s attention by calling me to the principal’s office.

The student started to whisper again about how baldie Wang had enough of me and would be expelling me today.

I did not mind seeing the principal as I wanted more info on special classes for Card Student and if they are worth my time. Since the regular teacher of baldie Wang’s level could not give me more info on this, I can only ask the principal.

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“Sir, teacher Wang has brought student Wyatt to meet you.”

“Send them in quickly”

Walking into the luxurious room I had a hard time believing that it was the principal’s office as it looked more like a corporate CEOs office.

“Welcome, student Wyatt”