

## Card Apprentice Daily Log

Chapter 2020 Unprovoked

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Gloria's death came as a shock to the crowd, not because they had not seen a card apprentice kill another, but because they did not think Jaya would be the last one standing of the two. The reaction of the crowd to Gloria's death was not out of numbness to cruelty but a realistic reaction fitting the card world. They all have raided dungeons and killed monsters and rivals alike. They understood if you want to kill someone you have to be prepared to be killed. Besides they were all legal adults and were responsible for their choices. Listening to Jaya openly challenge them all, the crowd admired and hated her guts. However, no one came forward to accept her challenge. Jaya had already proven her strength by defeating Gloria. So most of them were not her opponent besides she was gravely injured and also since the battle was being streamed they all understood that they would stand to gain nothing from defeating Jaya in her current condition and would likely gain an ill reputation of bullying. Not to forget if they lost to Jaya in her current condition then they would not be able to show their face anywhere. However, this was only true for a part of the crowd but not for the Cervos and his faction. Seeing Jaya kill Gloria with her deadly energy beam, Cervos was too shocked to react. His followers clamored and roared but none dared to cross the line with JJ and Adriene defending it. Cervos blankly stared at Jaya who killed Gloria and then glanced at JJ and Adriene blocking his way to Jaya before leaving to collect Gloria's free-falling corpse. Listening to Jaya openly challenge them all, the crowd admired and hated her guts. However, no one came forward to accept her challenge. Jaya had already proven her strength by defeating Gloria. So most of them were not her opponent besides she was gravely injured and also since the battle was being streamed they all understood that they would stand to gain nothing from defeating Jaya in her current condition and would likely gain an ill reputation of bullying. Not to forget if they lost to

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bitch, I will rip you one.' She looked like an angry honey badger ready to attack everything in sight. Asides from her confidence in Wyatt, Jaya was pissed at these people, hence she acted so recklessly. These people did not even know her and attacked her right off the bat. Not to mention, they did not even bother to learn her name forget asking for her opinion. It was irritating for her to hear them keep calling her the country hick, cow, country chick, or whatever pleased them. Jaya had it with their fake and pretentious chivalry and concern. All of these people were nothing but vain sociopaths, they all deserved what was coming for them, death. Knowing that this crowd's ultimate target was Wyatt Jaya was sure that these people were seeking death. She thought that they had signed their death warrant the moment they decided to come to Sky Blossom City to challenge Wyatt. "Hahaha, that works for me," Saying that Cervos summoned his grimoire preparing to fight. The only reason Cervos did not go berserk after Gloria's death was that he knew he could not take on JJ and Adriene together. However, if it was just Adriene and the country hick, he had full confidence that not only could he kill Jaya with ease but wipe the floor with Adriene in the process. Soon Cervo's energy signature began to climb from the Card Master realm to the higher realms at an astonishing speed. Seeing that Cervo was preparing his attack without holding anything back for a full-on confrontation Adriene did dare slack off in her preparation. Just then a jet of wind passed from space between Adriene and Cervo at a frightening speed. Due to its speed, they only noticed a humanoid figure in the gust of wind and could not make out who it was. The jet of wind circled back and halted next to Jaya asking aloud, "Is the fight over? Am I late?" "Aurelia, you can fly?" Jaya was baffled to see Aurelia here of all places. "Cindy loaned me a set of her cards," Aurelia answered honestly. The figure that appeared with the gust of wind was none other than Aurelia Malvin. Since it was her first flying and using the summon possession card, it took Aurelia a couple of minutes to understand the mechanics of flying even with the wind rune elemental spirit guiding her. However, she still managed to make it to the edge of the void. Even though she was late her timing couldn't be more perfect. "What about you, how did you manage to get dragged into a death match?" Aurelia asked Jaya, ignoring the gazes of the crowd in the surroundings. "I don't know, ask these crazy bitches. They attacked me on our first meeting, totally unprovoked. Soon, they forced me into a death match with another girl chanting girl fight," Jaya narrated the series of events that led until now. "Don't worry, now that I am here no one will be able to hurt you," Aurelia assured Jaya glancing over the crowd. Listening to Aurelia, Jaya rolled her eyes. But she did not dare to complain as she felt that she was still not a match for Aurelia, especially with her new set of cards that allowed her to manipulate wind. Taking a quick glance at the crowd Aurelia caught a glimpse

of Corey among the crowd, she waved her hand signaling Corey to come over. Seeing Aurelia's action, the crowd followed her line of sight and spotted Corey. Then, they finally knew that the cold chick was associated with the country chick and the country tomboy. Yes, the crowd nicknamed Corey the 'Cold Chick' because of her icy authoritative aura, and Aurelia the 'Country Tomboy' because of her dressing in a male tuxedo. None bothered to learn their names. But many noticed the beauty of the trio and wondered if this third-rate city was crawling with beauties. Many made plans to explore the city after their business here was done. Seeing that her identity was exposed, Corey left the crowd and headed to Aurelia and Jaya's side. As she stepped out of the crowd and into the ring, Cervos and Adriene who were preparing for a full-on battle suddenly lost all their momentum and gazed at Corey in shock. Adriene who was near Corey, could not help but retreat feeling Corey's aura. Both Cervos and Adriene looked at Corey, she appeared harmless and did not even seem to spare them a glance but for some reason, their augmented senses rang with the highest level of warning, cautioning them of certain death. They turned to look at each other, locking their eyes they felt the fear for Corey in each other's eyes. It was one thing if it was just them but seeing that the other also felt the same they were sure that the feeling they got from Corey was not simple. They did not dare to act rashly.

- Chapter 2021 Hiding Her Strength?

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An invisible pressure formed on the minds and hearts of Cervos and Adriene. It was like the scythe of the Grim Reaper was hanging over their heads. They could feel the coldness of the scythe's blade on their skin. They stared at Corey in utter shock as they could not understand how someone so weak and defenseless could give them such a feeling. No matter how they tried to deduce the situation they could not figure out what the grim warning they kept getting from her was. Cervos and Adriene's instincts were

right Corey was weak, too weak compared to their strength. However, the sense of foreboding they were getting was not from her but from the white snake bangle she had worn on her left wrist. Unfortunately, the difference in strength between them and little Beam was leagues apart so they could not pinpoint her. If not for Beam controlling her aura out of consideration for the city below being instructed by Corey, then most of those gathered at the edge of the void would have fallen unconscious unable to withstand her insane sinister aura, and plummeted to their deaths. These people had no idea how lucky they were. The people they considered their enemies were actually unknowingly looking out for them. Seeing the sudden retreat of Cervos and Adriene with the arrival of Corey, the onlookers frowned. They did not know what about Corey could cause Cervos and Adriene, the two of the most powerful people among their generations to retreat. Clearly, it wasn't her realm. So, the crowd was puzzled by their reaction and many among them grew curious about Corey. "You had to involve me with you guys, huh," Corey said causally walking next to Corey and Aurelia. "What do you mean involve, you are our gang leader," Aurelia responded with a cunning smile. Knowing Corey was weak to flattery, unlike their boss. In name, the Bright trio were the leaders of the Bright Lions but in strength, Corey was the gang leader of the Bright Lions. "You have grown stronger," Corey said being reminded by Park. She liked to pretend to be smart in front of the gang members using Park's knowledge. Sometimes she did not even bother to change words and would just narrate what Park said word for word. "Obviously, I have a new set of cards," Aurelia replied moving the wind in the surroundings. "No, I am not talking about the cards. It's your soul and physique, they have grown stronger. Making your presence more dominant. Did you by any chance evolve your physique? How did you achieve that? I don't see any change in your realm," Corey asked what Park wanted to know having noticed the change in Aurelia's energy signature. "Ohoh, you noticed it, did you? I am not supposed to go into detail about it but it is the result of our boss's reward. Impressed by my dedication and work ethic he helped me grow stronger," Aurelia bragged with a haughty laugh. "Wyatt, did?" Jaya asked in shock. "When did you meet Wyatt?" Corey enquired finding it surprising that Wyatt took time from his busy schedule to reward Aurelia. Listening to Corey, Jaya and Aurelia looked at her in disdain conveying, 'Which rock are you living under?' After all, Wyatt's visit to the city's orphanage was so huge that the entire Southern region was fuzzing about. Even snobby kids from the Southern Capital came to the city to clamor about the incident. They found it surprising that Corey who lived in the city had no idea about it. "Are you two itching for a beating?" Corey threatened, however to her surprise both Jaya and Aurelia did not back down. "Bring it, with my wind control I think I can face you flames now," Aurelia said while Jaya confessed, "Just so you two know, I have forged my ego gem, it's a mutated one and came with a unique trait."

"Congratulations!" "Thank you, guys!" Aurelia and Corey congratulated Jaya together feeling happy for her. However, neither of the three had forgotten about their rivalry. Their expressions switched faster than the wind. "I haven't seen you two for a day or two and you guys have already developed a rebellious mind. Come, let me change that," Corey declared exerting her realm pressure on Aurelia and Jaya. It was decent, it could render an average card lord motionless but not the likes of Cervos, Adriene, JJ,

Aria, and the other faction leaders in the crowd. "What the heck? She is nothing special."

"Seeing Cervos and Adriene's reaction I thought she was strong but this is nothing." "What is wrong with those two to retreat from someone so weak?" "This is disappointing. Boo!"

"Were they tricked or what?" "If they were tricked, I feel ashamed for them."

"Finish them already!"

"I am bored." Having gained a clear understanding of the strength of the three country girls, the crown began to clamor asking Cervos to finish what he started. After all, it was he who wanted to capture Jaya, unfolding the following events.

"Am I mistaken? Or is that girl purposefully hiding her strength to lure Cervos and others?" Adriene muttered to herself. Every fiber of her being screamed danger as she activated her origin while in the immediate vicinity of the country girl. Even her father and relatives who were powerful demigods did not give her such feeling but some random country girl did. So Adriene felt it was best if she stayed out of this. But, she could not help but ponder what if she mistook, the country girl wasn't hiding her strength— then all three of the girls would die at the hands of Cervos. Therefore, Adriene could not bring herself to sit this one out and monitored Cervos to respond based on his reaction. "To heck with this!" Cervos screamed feeling provoked and rushed by the crowd's words. Then, he decided to attack as planned willing to risk it. His realm once again began to rise sharply reaching Card Emperor realm and then he chanted aloud, "Corpse Summoning: Nine-winged devil dragon!" "Corpse Puppetry: Corpse Possession!"

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## Chapter 2022 Monster Corpse Possession

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"That crazy bastard, he is going all out." "Run as far as you can as fast as possible."

"Run for your lives." The crowd began to run for their lives summoning the fastest speed they could muster seeing Cervos summon his Nine-winged devil dragon corpse. As the name suggests the corpse summoned by Cervos was the corpse of an SSS-rank dragon monster. It had the honor of having the word devil in its name because of its unfathomable strength that even regular demigods fear to go up against. During the demon invasion, many innovations were made in various fields. One such innovation was also made in corpse puppetry: Corpse puppet possession. The ability that allowed the living to possess and control a corpse puppet. This ability did not have any spiritual strength requirement. Corpse puppetry was a strong and famous field many wanted to join but could not because the puppetry field demanded a strong spiritual strength to control the movements of the puppet. As a result, many could not take up the field of puppetry or corpse puppetry even if they longed for it. However, Corpse possession changed that as a card apprentice did not require a strong spiritual power to use corpse possession to display corpse puppetry. Apart from this, the most alluring thing about corpse possession was that it allowed a living of the low realm to possess the corpse puppet made of a higher realm being's corpse. How could a card apprentice control a high-realm corpse puppet despite lacking strong spiritual power? The living would act as the core of the corpse puppet becoming its power supply and command center. This was how a low-realm card apprentice controlled the corpse puppet made from the corpse of a high-realm being.

These points were more than enough to attract the attention of many card apprentices to this field during the demon invasion. However, it soon lost its popularity as fast as it gained it because it had a serious limitation. Though it allowed a card apprentice of a lower realm to possess a corpse puppet made of a higher realm being's corpse and control it despite lacking strong spiritual power, the said card apprentice could not display the full power of the corpse and only display the prowess their realm could allow. This limitation was because the card apprentice was acting as the power source to the corpse puppet. After all, the corpse puppet can only display equivalent to the power supplied to it no more not less. This point was a serious limitation and disappointment for many who joined this field to gain strength quickly. However, the smart ones saw the hidden potential in this field. They saw that corpse puppet possession might not allow the lower realm card apprentice to display the complete prowess of the higher realm corpse puppet they possess in terms of soul energy and spiritual power, but it allowed them to utilize the complete physical prowess of the corpse puppet.

Imagine a card apprentice displaying the physical prowess of a higher realm than their actual realm, it would make them invincible in their realm. This discovery allowed the field of corpse possession to retain its initial popularity. However, this too had serious limitations as not all beings had strong physical prowess meaning their corpse did not possess the strong physical prowess sought for corpse possession. This was

understandable as only a select few beings had strong physiques or trained their physical body. But this seriously reduced the pool of corpses that could be used for corpse possession. Lack of steady supply combined with the popularity of corpse possession, the prices of the good corpses began to rise to record highs. As a result, corpse puppetry especially the corpse possession field became a rich people's monopoly. Still, the desperate people found a way around it. They began to use monster corpses from dungeons as corpse puppets, giving birth to a new branch in this field, the Monster corpse possession. There was the reason why card apprentices avoided monster corpses, it was because for a human card apprentice to manipulate a monster corpse puppet efficiently, they will have to know the movements and fighting skills of the monster. Not to mention, turning a monster corpse into a corpse puppet would require them to do a lot of research into that race of monsters to perfect a way to turn them into corpse puppets. When someone's desperate enough they find a way to achieve the impossible. The same happened with the corpse puppetry field's monster corpse possession branch. The poor card apprentice came together and shared the information and their experience in refining different monsters into corpse puppets and using them. Over time the openness and sharing nature of the card apprentice allowed them to perfect the monster corpse possession branch. Soon the monster corpse possession branch overshadowed the corpse possession branch of the corpse puppetry field. Until recently when the monster corpse possession branch swallowed the corpse possession branch. This was because nowadays card apprentices preferred monster corpse puppets over regular corpse puppets. After all, even though it required them to get well-versed in their movement and fighting style the physical strength displayed by monsters was not something other beings could compare with. Especially, when the corpse puppet made from a monster corpse also displayed a strong self-recovery ability because of the monster's strong physical recovery ability. Not to mention card apprentices have less experience fighting a monster corpse puppet compared to regular corpse puppets, this added an element of surprise to the battle. This allowed the monster corpse puppeteer card apprentice to have the upper hand in a battle. Card apprentices have experience fighting different monsters but now with monsters with the brain and a grimoire of a card apprentice. This factor alone made a lot of difference on the battlefield. Imagine a card apprentice going against a strong monster that also had a grimoire, this made the advantage of choosing a monster corpse puppet over a regular puppet clear.

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## Chapter 2023 Artificial Energy Core

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As the monster corpse possession puppetry became famous there were bound to be a few geniuses in the field that made a name for themselves with their unique talent or approach to the field. Such was the case with Cervos's family. They did not have a unique talent for monster corpse possession puppetry, but rather a unique approach. One of Cervos's predecessors was adept in Golem Cards. He used his expertise in the golem cards to specialize in a unique approach to monster corpse possession puppetry. That was to make up for the lack of the card apprentices' realm which hinders them from displaying the full strength of the corpse puppet with a substitute energy source, something like a golem core or to be exact an artificial energy core for card apprentices themselves. The purpose of this artificial core to the card apprentice would be the same as that of a golem core to a golem, power supply. Initially, the idea was to use the artificial energy core as the backup power supply for the card apprentice, allowing the card apprentice to use corpse possession on a monster corpse puppet for a longer time.

This concept was not new, many renowned card researchers have worked on it and created practical mock-ups of the artificial energy core that card apprentices could use as a backup power supply. However, they never commercialized it because there was a huge limitation to card apprentices using artificial energy cores as backup power supply, it was that they would have to stop doing everything else and focus on using the artificial energy cores to charge their energy. This was basically impractical, especially when in a decisive fight. Not to mention this was no different than them using soul jades to charge their energy. Now this begs the question, why go through the trouble of buying an artificial energy core when they have a natural energy source called soul jades with similar functions?

Therefore, the card researchers did not see a future where artificial energy cores would ever be used as a backup power supply by the card apprentices especially when they had elixirs and potions to help them recover soul energy without interrupting what they were doing.

However, one man's trash is another man's treasure. Where the card researchers failed to find any application for the artificial energy core they created Cervos's predecessor succeeded in finding a perfect application for the artificial energy core. The answer was none other than monster corpse possession puppetry. When card apprentices possess and manipulate a corpse puppet their physical bodies will basically lay dormant inside the corpse puppet or in a remote location based on the type of corpse possession while their spiritual body manipulates the corpse puppet. This allows the card apprentices' physical bodies to use artificial energy cores to charge their soul energy overcoming its

limitation. Why choose artificial energy core over soul jades or potions and elixirs over here? Artificial energy cores can be programmed to automatically charge the physical bodies of the card apprentices without any supervision. However, the soul jades cannot be programmed to do so as they need the card apprentices to mobilize their spiritual power to draw the energy from them and charge themselves. As for potions and elixirs, they were just too expensive, and one needed to have a certain level of connections to get their hands on them. After all potion and elixir card creationists were rare and sought after. These two reasons made the artificial energy core a perfect backup power supply for the monster corpse possession puppetry over soul jades and potions or elixirs. Cervos's predecessor was an opportunistic person, when he discovered the application of the artificial energy core in the field of monster corpse possession puppetry, he immediately contacted the central government to buy all of the artificial energy core research work of the late card researchers and all the rights associated with it for a cheap price. After all, artificial energy core research was seen as dead-end research with no promising area of application.

Crevos's predecessor bought the artificial energy core research and all its rights before revealing his findings to the monster corpse possession puppetry community betraying the very core principle that allowed the monster corpse possession puppetry branch to grow to prominence in the corpse puppetry field. Once Cervos's predecessors had bought the rights to the artificial energy core he was not short-sighted, he willingly shared the research on artificial energy core with the monster corpse possession puppetry community for free and defended his action saying that he did it so that the central government would not monopolize the research on the artificial energy core after learning his discovery.

However, this was just another part of Cervos's predecessor's grand scheme as the research on the artificial energy core though complete was not economical. He needed the help of the monster corpse possession puppetry community to make the creation of the artificial energy core more economical and also public accept method so that he could commercialize it. This idea of Cervos's predecessor was a great success, the great minds in the corpse possession puppetry came together to find a creation method for artificial energy core cheaper than the price of a low-grade soul jade. They were able to do this by taking inspiration from low-level golems such as vehicles. However, the capacity of the artificial energy core used by the corpse possession puppetry was different from the energy cores in the cars and bikes. Hence, only the lowest of the lowest capacity of the artificial energy core was priced cheaper than a low-grade soul jade, their price increased with the capacity of the artificial energy core. Now that the monster corpse possession puppetry community had helped Corvos's predecessor find an economical way to create an artificial energy core and publicize the use of artificial energy core in the monster corpse possession puppetry community, he was prepared to show his true colors by monopolizing production and sales of the artificial energy cores that can be used as an auxiliary power supply by card apprentice. After all, he had bought all the rights to this concept. Even though he had shared the research with the public, he still held the rights to produce and sell them. Therefore, he would have no competitors in the market. However, before Cervos's predecessor prepared to do so, a

genius monster corpse possession puppetry card apprentice had found a new kind of artificial energy core that would allow the card apprentices to not just recover their lost energy but help them temporarily rise their realm to a higher realm causing an uproar not just in the monster corpse possession puppetry branch but in the entire world. However, soon the whole world lost interest in this new variation of artificial energy core because it had a similar limitation as the old artificial energy core. The card apprentice would have to stop everything else they are doing to use this artificial energy core and temporarily raise their realm. What was the point of temporarily raising their realm if they could not use it in a fight or for another purpose it was not surprising that the card apprentices lost interest in it? However, this invention was a huge breakthrough for the monster corpse possession puppetry community. After all, this limitation of the old or variant artificial energy core did not affect them as their physical body would be dormant when they possessed the corpse puppet. This allowed them to use the variant artificial energy core to temporarily raise their realm during fights. However, before the inventor of this variant artificial energy core could share his research work with the rest of the monster corpse possession puppetry community he was approached by Cervos's predecessor. Together they came to an understanding and the inventor of this variant artificial energy core married into Cervos's family making the variant artificial energy core the protected intellectual property of Cervos's family. Still today it's not known what Cervos's predecessor promised the inventor of this variant artificial energy core to betray the principle of the monster corpse possession puppetry community and handover his life's work to Cervos's family. Many in the monster corpse possession puppetry community speculated that Cervos's predecessor offered him shares in the production and sales of the artificial energy core with the young inventor in exchange for this invention. Greed and power would explain why the young inventor betrayed the monster corpse possession puppetry community and joined Cervos's family in their treachery to the monster corpse possession puppetry community. This act of Cervos's predecessor destroyed their family's reputation for generations to come. Its reputation was ruined to the point that it could not be salvaged by their descendants even today. However, that treachery allowed Cervos's family to lay a firm foothold in the Southern Capital as one of the top families in the Southern region and also become a part of the world leaders. This came at the cost of stomping the progress of the monster corpse possession puppetry community.

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## Chapter 2024 Origin Card: My Space

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The variant artificial energy core monopolized by Cervos's family was the reason why Cervos was able to raise his realm from the Card master realm to the Card emperor realm. This was known to everyone in the crowd gathered at the edge of the void of Sky Blossom City's air space. However, what they did not know was how could a card master carry a variant artificial energy core that held the capacity to rise his realm to the Card emperor realm. After all, Crevos's grimoire was a golden grimoire meaning it could only equip cards of A-rank at max, but a variant artificial energy core with the capacity to raise one's realm to card emperor realm should be at least an SS-rank card. Regardless of how one tried to explain how Crevos could use an SS-rank variant artificial energy core despite the limits of his golden grimoire, no one could come up with a half-decent answer. This question haunted the crowd and their family elders back home. After all, who would not want to know the secret to overcome the limits of a grimoire? Even though many were desperate for the answer none dared to resort to desperate means fearing the family behind Cervos. After all, they weren't just one of the top families in the Southern Region but also one of the world leaders. No one was desperate enough to make an enemy of them over what could be a simple trick that was only fit for Cervos. After all, only Cervos was capable of this in his family and no one else in his family could replicate his combo. And they were right to think so. The reason why Cervos was able to care for an SS-rank variant artificial energy core that would help him temporarily rise his realm from card master to card emperor realm was because of his origin card, My Space. [ Card Name: My Space

Card Type: Origin card Card Rank: Unique grade

Card Rate: -/- Card durability: -/- Card Effect: i) The user gains a personal sub-space of 250,000 ft<sup>3</sup>. ii) The sub-space coordinate is locked to the user. Allowing them to access it anywhere anytime. iii) The user can directly access things stored in the sub-space. Restriction: i) No living being can enter the sub-space.

ii) The user can only store things that belong to them inside the sub-space. Note: i) The space inside the sub-space will increase with the realm of the user. ii) The time flow inside the sub-space will be the same as the time flow influencing the user.]

Cervos's origin card was the reason why only he in his family was able to use an SS-rank variant artificial energy core overcoming the limitation of his realm and golden grimoire. This unique feat allowed him to become one of the heir candidates to be trained by his family. Ultimately, becoming the source of his arrogance. The reason Cervos's private sub-space was able to help him use an SS-rank variant artificial energy

core was because of Cervos's ingenious idea to recruit a decent array master in his family to help him create an SS-rank variant artificial energy core as a physical item instead of a tradition item card using an array formation. By doing this Cervos could store the SS-rank variant artificial energy core in his sub-space and access it from within his sub-spaces to help him recover his soul energy or temporarily raise his realm. Can other card apprentices not do the same with storage cards? No, because the storage card would not allow them to directly access the SS-rank variant artificial energy core item stored in them to help them recover their soul energy or temporarily raise their realm like Cervos sub-space can. They would have to summon the item out of the storage card to use it, which was not practical in a fight. Though Cervos's sub-space had many restrictions it was unique this way. Cervos's subspace not only helped him store and use an SS-rank variant artificial energy core but it also allowed him to store the refined corpse of an SSS-rank nine-winged devil dragon. This was how he could fake summon the SSS-rank nine-winged devil dragon. Fake summon? Cervos only retrieved the SSS-rank nine-winged devil dragon from his sub-space but he acted like he summoned to confuse the masses. He did not want to reveal his origin card to the onlookers. This was also the main reason why the people had misunderstood that Cervos able to overcome the limitations of a golden-grade grimoire. Not to mention it would keep his opponents guessing making him an enigma in their eyes. Usually, monster corpse possession puppetry works on by a card apprentice possessing a monster corpse puppet but Cervous could not do so in the case of the SSS-rank nine-winged devil dragon as beyond the limitation of what his grimoire can equip. So, Cervos had the elders of his family procure an intact corpse of an SSS-rank nine-winged devil dragon and refine it using array formation so that it would not rot. This way Cervos could store the SSS-rank nine-winged devil dragon in his sub-space and retrieve it when he needs it.

No matter how incredible the corpse possession skill card was, an A-rank Corspe possession skill card would not allow a Card Master to possess an SSS-rank monster corpse. However, Cervos found a way around it by using the SS-rank variant artificial energy core to temporarily raise his rank to the Card emperor realm such that he could use an A-rank Corspe possession card to temporarily possess the corpse of an SSS-rank nine-winged devil dragon. By this means Cervos was able to rise to the rank of most promising youths of the present generation. He was an example that one did not need to be talented to achieve greatness, his unique approach to use his origin card to its maximum allowed him to enjoy the same treat as that of a genius.

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# Chapter 2025 Trait: Inner Goddess

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## Chapter 2025 Trait: Inner Goddess

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Seeing Cervos reveal all of his cards by summoning an SSS-rank nine-winged devil dragon corpse and possessing it, Adriene who was monitoring him the whole time decided to make a move before it was too late, mentally chanting, 'I call upon my inner goddess to guide me!'

[Trait Name: Inner Goddess

Trait Type: Innate Trait Effect: i) ??????

ii) ?????? iii) ?????? Note: The user has to explore and learn the effects of the trait.] Adriene unlike Corvos was born a genius with a trait that was beyond the knowledge of the card world. After awakening as a card apprentice it did not take her long to advance to the card lord realm, showcasing her talent and announcing to the world that her unknown trait was not weaker than the best trait known to the card world. This trait of Adriene made her one of the most promising of her generation not just in the Southern Region but the entire card world. A trait whose effect was beyond the knowledge of the card world obviously would attract a lot of unwanted attention. Fortunately, Adriene's family has been loyally serving the Southern Region and Heatseat Royal family since the founding of the five regions. Hence, when the dark clouds loomed over Adriene's family because of her special trait the Southern Ruler, himself, stood guard, protecting their family in their toughest hour saving them from annihilation. The forces that had gathered to take Adriene with them to learn about her special trait that was beyond the card world's knowledge, seeing the Southern Ruler interfere blamed him and his family for trying to monopolize the secret to Adriene's trait for themselves. They were not wrong many in the circle of the royal family planned to do so. However, to everyone's surprise, the Southern Ruler swore on his honor to never shackle Adriene's freedom for his selfishness. With this oath, he proved everyone who blamed him for monopolizing the secret behind Adriene's trait wrong. It also served as a warning to his allies and family that they were not to covet Adriene. Basically turning Adriene into a forbidden fruit in the card world that even the central government dare not covet. Seeing the esteemed Southern Ruler going so far for her family and her, Adriene swore in front of the world to live as an upstanding Southerner and die as an honorable Southerner.

Since that day Adriene had not spared any effort to prove to the Southern Region and the world that the Southern Ruler was not wrong to stake his honor for her. Yes, there were times when Adriene fell short such as in the case of Jaya's fight with Gloria but Adriene was not all-knowing, despite her talents she was just a teenager with lofty goals. She dared to pursue those lofty goals in this nasty world there were bound to be a few hiccups and mistakes, but as long as she picked herself to pursue her lofty goals fighting through the obstacles, and not repeating the same mistake twice or thrice, she was fairing better than most of us. After all, nobody was perfect. As the possessor of the inner goddess trait, Adriene knew that her trait had more to it but could not figure out how to figure out the true potential of her trait until she began searching for her ethereal spirit to forge her ego gem. In search of her ethereal spirit, Adriene ended up finding a divine spirit in place of her ethereal spirit. It took her a while to realize that the divine spirit was her ethereal spirit and this divine spirit was her trait 'Inner Goddess.'

When finally Adriene dared to make contact with her inner goddess, she found that it was asleep and recovering. She learned this with the truth behind her birth. Not the one where her parents do the nasty and nine months later she was born. But the one that held the secret of the extinction of a forgotten civilization within the Myriad realms. Adriene tried to dig deeper into this matter. However, all her efforts were for naught as regardless of what she tried she could not seem to have the talk with her inner goddess that she desperately wanted as it was deep asleep. However, in Adriene's relentless effort, she suddenly had a foreboding that if she were to forcefully learn the truth without the appropriate power then she would lose the things she held dear in this life as the moment she knows the whole truth they would also learn of her existence. Having witnessed that her family almost faced total destruction because of her trait, Adriene took this foreboding very seriously and as a sign of warning from her inner goddess. Then, she stopped wasting her time trying to uncover the secrets of her birth and began to forge her ego gem with the inner goddess. When Adriene finally let go of her obsession with learning the complete truth behind her birth and proceeded to focus on forging her ego gem, the inner goddess though asleep her presence alone helped her refine her soul energy to the highest quality and use it to forge the ego gem with the inner goddess in the center. Adriene found that the forging of her ego gem had gone beyond her control and it was all happening according to the plans of the asleep inner goddess. Her speculations were confirmed when her ego gem not only forged automatically but had mutated. Yes, Adriene's inner goddess had helped her forge her ego gem and also mutated it into something more special and powerful than a regular ego gem. Exploring her mutated ego gem, Adriene found that the capacity of energies her ego gem could store was severalfold that of a regular ego gem. It was unheard of for someone of Adriene's realm to possess such a large capacity to store energies unless they held a physique or trait related to it.

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# Chapter 2026 Auto Energy Refining

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An ego gem's capacity to store energies was directly associated with the synchronous rate of the ego gem. An ego gem didn't just help the card apprentice comprehend and master rules and their meaning while accessing rule energy from the womb of the world's will but also helped store the gathered rule energy and forged runes. The quality of one ego gem not only affected their comprehension and mastery of rules but also their capacity to store energies and runes. Soul and Rule energies were indispensable for a card apprentice so the higher the capacity of an ego gem to store energies the better. But there were card apprentices who overcame this limitation with the help of their physique or traits. As a mutated ego gem created by Adriene's inner goddess, her ego gem had a synchronous rate reaching as high as eight five percent. Adriene had a feeling that if not for the limit of her realm and body her ego gem's synchronous rate could have been higher or even perfect. Adriene really regretted not focusing on her overall development such that she mutated ego gem could have had a higher synchronous rate. However, it was too late for her to regret. As if feeling her sadness the Inner goddess seemed to console her giving her a feeling that this was not the end and it was not too late. Turns out since the forging of Adriene's mutant ego gem, her inner goddess seemed to have been able to occasionally convey certain feelings and signs to warn or console her acting as a guide in her life. Still, Adriene's mutated ego gem's high synchronous rate could not explain the enormous capacity to store various energies. Clearly, its insane capacity was related to her ego gem's mutation. Adriene was delighted to learn this. After all, her ego gem having a large energy capacity gave her another edge over her peers and opponents.

Before Adriene could celebrate the joy of forging an ego gem with an insane energy capacity she found that her ego gem helped her automatically refine both soul and rule energy. This discovery should have brought double joy to Adriene, but she wasn't instead she was a little disappointed by the mutated ego gem. Adriene's dissatisfaction with her mutated ego gem was because she found that most of the refined energy in her ego gem's insane energy capacity would be fed to her inner goddess. However, this helped her understand why her mutate ego gem had such a high energy capacity it was so that she would gather energies to help her inner goddess recover faster. An ego gem having a high energy capability was a coveted perk but it was also a commonly

neglected drawback, the larger one's energy storage capacity was the more time and work it took for one to fill and recover it. It helped that her ego gem had a high synchronous rate allowing her to gather energies faster but her ego gem's energy capacity was severely larger than the actual energy capacity for an ego gem of her synchronous rate, as such it took her several times longer to fill the energy capacity of her ego gem.

So what if her inner goddess was consuming most of the energies she had gathered? After all, the inner goddess was helping her automatically refine her energies. This way, the time Adriene spent gathering the extra energies was less than what she would have taken to refine those energies. In a way, Adriene got the better end of the deal. After all, refining the energies was a more tedious job than gathering the energies. However, Adriene could not help but feel that she was losing as much as she had gained. With this, she began to think that her mutated ego gem was primarily designed to have her help her inner goddess recover. This twist soared Adriene's happiness of forging a mutated ego gem. This was supposed to be her ego gem but somehow it turned out to be a sweat shop working her tirelessly and paid her in terms of measly refined energies.

As such for the first time in her life, Adriene began to grow doubtful of the purpose of her trait inner goddess. She could not help but wonder if she the inner goddess's existence was to help her or if her existence was to help recover her inner goddess. Thinking of this Adriene began to have an existential crisis. With this, she could not help but feel that she was a mere pawn in someone else's grand scheme. As if sensing the fears and worries of Adriene, the inner goddess showered her with another ability, an ability that would allow Adriene to borrow the strength of her inner goddess. Adriene did not understand what her inner goddess meant by giving her this ability. When Adriene's confusion was about to consume her consciousness she heard an omnipotent voice from the depth of her being, 'You are me, I am you. You do not have to fear yourself.' Hearing the omnipotent voice Adriene immediately calmed down and all her confusion washed away. She no longer began to focus on separating herself from her inner goddess and began to move forward as if her previous existential crisis never happened.

Though Adriene could borrow power from her inner goddess she found that her strength was too low for her to borrow the full strength of her recovering inner goddess. Hence Adriene could only borrow enough power that her realm allowed. When in the card grandmaster realm she could borrow power from the Card Emperor realm and when in the card lord realm she could borrow the power of a regular Card demigod. As such Adriene began to focus on her all-round development such that she could be strong enough to borrow more power from her inner goddess. This further led Adriene to ponder how strong was her inner goddess if even in her recovery period a portion of strength allowed her to display the strength of a Card demigod. Adriene wondered if her inner goddess was a transcendent.

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# Chapter 2027 Sacrificial Summoning

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## Chapter 2027 Sacrificial Summoning

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It was just Adriene's guess that her inner goddess might be a transcendent being as she had never heard about the ruler class beings in the demigod/devil realm. They were a lot stronger than the demigods Adriene knew, after all, they were the beings closest to achieving the transcendent realm. Her ignorance had Adriene think as such but there was no evidence to say that her inner goddess was a transcendent or wasn't one. Besides it was too soon to conclude either. But it did not hurt Adriene to indulge in such thoughts as who among us doesn't like to consider ourselves the exception or the special one, especially in our teenage years. Regardless of the origin of Adriene's inner goddess, thanks to her trait and mutated ego gem Adriene was able to stand out as the youth with the most potential in the present generation not just in the Southern Region but all five regions. After all, not every Card Lord could summon the strength of a demigod. Even though the strength summoned by Adriene was temporary and not as strong as an actual demigod it was still an incredible feat that only a handful could pull off. Just her being able to achieve this feat showed the limitless potential within her. "This is the worst possible outcome," JJ uttered, he did not think that a girl fight would end up like this. He looked at the towering nine-winged devil dragon corpse possessed by Cervos and the divine glow emitted by Adriene as the crowd in the surroundings rushed to safety not wanting to get caught in the clash of two titans and become a casualty. JJ then turned to look at his cousin and asked, "Aren't you awfully quiet? Isn't it about time you prester me to stop the two of them from wreaking havoc or to save those three country girls?" "..." Aria rolled her eyes at her cousin not wanting to make any sort of comment with Wyatt sitting on her shoulder. However, she internally yelled at him, 'You fool, how can you be this blind? Your death is right beside you and you are still thinking about unrelated stuff. Take this opportunity to run away before the grim reaper on my shoulder decides it is time for him to harvest souls.'

Aria possessed the purest unparalleled bloodline after Anna, however, her strength was being held back by the presence of a second bloodline, the Art family bloodline. Still, she was someone with limitless potential. However, when compared to Adriene and Cervos who possessed the strength equivalent to a rookie demigod, she did not make it

to the youth with the most potential in the present generation of the Southern Region let alone the five regions. According to Clown Mask's future vision, Aria would gain popularity during the war between the Southern Region and Northern Region which was set in play by Matron from the shadows. However, before that, she would remain a no-name Royal descendant who was 136th in the line of succession for the Southern Throne. Every descendant with an unparalleled bloodline was in the line of succession for the Southern Throne regardless of which family they belonged to. However, just in case, god forbid, if there were ever a time they were required to ascend to the Southern Throne then they while have to give up on their family name and inherit the Heatsend family name. These weren't the Southern Region's Royalty's customs but the same in the other three royal families. Both Aria and JJ were part of these royal descendants. "Let me show these kids what a real and alive nine-winged devil dragon looks like," Though JJ found his cousin's silence odd, he did not bother to wait anymore and walked toward Adriene and Cervos chanting aloud, "Sacrifice Summoning: SSS-rank nine-winged devil dragon." [Card Name: Sacrifice Summoning

Card Type: Summoning Card ( Active ) Card Rank: A-rank, Rare-grade

Card Rate: 9-Stars Card Durability: (89/100)

Card Effect: i) The user can summon a random creature of strength equivalent to the sacrifice they offered to the world's will for an hour.

ii) The duration of the summon can be increased by making appropriate sacrifices to the world's will. iii) The user can summon specific creatures by making appropriate sacrifices to the world's will. iv) The value of the sacrifice will be determined by the world's will. Note: i) The summon will be able to follow the basic instructions of the user.

ii) The summon will risk its life to protect the user during the summon period.]

Learning of Wyatt's feat to defeat a devil by borrowing the power of a devil, JJ who never dared to venture into the dark arts finally gave in to the temptation. JJ was fully aware of the consequence of dabbling in the dark arts but believed that if a country hick like Wyatt could practice it without losing his sanity then he too could do it. Having decided to explore the dark arts JJ did not have to go out of his way to find dark arts and related knowledge, the Southern Royal Palace's library's forbidden section was filled with all the knowledge his predecessor had collected on dark arts. JJ knew his way around the palace so it wasn't much of an obstacle for him to access the books on dark arts stored in the forbidden section of the library. Accessing the dark arts books in the royal library, to JJ's dismay he found that most of these books were mainly on the various sacrificial demon/devil summoning rituals used by the demon/devil worshippers to make offerings to the demon/devil they worshipped to gain otherworldly powers from them or to summon demon/devil to card world. JJ was not discouraged by this rather he was relieved because though confident in his abilities he did not want to dwell too far into the taboo. He began to explore the sacrificial summoning of the dark realm even though he had no clue if it was what he was looking for.

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## Chapter 2028 Your Search Is Over

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### **Chapter 2028 Your Search Is Over**

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Dwelling in the dark arts of sacrificial summoning that the demons/devils taught to their worshippers, JJ began to see a pattern in numerous sacrificial summoning methods, he saw that these sacrificial summoning methods allowed the summoner to open a portal connecting their location in Card World with the location of demon/devil they were calling on in the Dark Realm by paying a offering similar to toll fee to the Card World's will and Dark Realm's will. Except for the varying sacrifice, coordinates, and demon/devil, the rest was pretty much the same about these dark arts, providing offerings to the Card World and the Dark Realm's wills to help them create a temporary bridge connecting the two realms. Noticing this JJ wondered why the Card World's will would accept the offering from a demon/devil worshipper to create a portal connecting its world to the Dark realm. This question had plagued many of his predecessors who wrote these books, ultimately the majority agreed on one reason that the Card World's Will would accept any offering by its children. This was why the Demons/Devils had their worshippers organize the sacrificial summoning ritual instead of themselves doing it on their end. JJ also strongly agreed with this hypothesis because the narrative that the Card World's Will cared enough about its children that it would accept all their offerings was more comforting for him than the fact that the Card World's Will was apathetic about them and just followed a set of predetermined laws.

This narrative had many holes but for ages regardless of race and worlds, beings have come to seek comfort in believing there's a higher power and bigger picture in play. As long as it helped them continue living while getting a good night's sleep it was good enough.

Regardless of the reason why the Card World's Will accepted Card Apprentice's human sacrifice to summon demons, JJ deduced a set of laws from these sacrificial

summoning methods created by dark races had in common, the laws to conduct an exchange with not just Card World's will but any world's will. JJ decided to follow these laws to communicate with the world's will. However, this was tricky because the ritual array formations in these sacrificial summonings were specifically designed to conduct human sacrifices and offer the energy from the sacrifice to the world's will to create a portal. Fortunately, JJ's predecessors seemed to have been successful in modifying the ritual array formation such that it would act as any form of sacrifice and not just the human sacrifice as the demons/devils that imparted these methods to their worshippers intended to. However, JJ could not find the complete copy of his predecessor's modified sacrificial summoning ritual, it was missing. JJ did not plan on giving up. So, he went through the Royal family's records to check what happened to it, only to learn that one of his predecessors known for his prodigal behavior had lost it in a gambling match. Learning this, JJ was furious with his prodigal predecessor so much so that he wanted to dig up his grave and give his rotting bones a good scolding. However, he could not find any records of his grave. Confused, JJ got curious about his prodigal predecessor. So he began to search for all information about him in the Southern royal family's history records. To his surprise, aside from his predecessor's prodigal behavior the records mentioned that this predecessor was a genius unlike any the Southern Royal family had seen before. He was even dubbed as the hope of the Southern Region but at some point in his life, he went astray giving in to the temptation of all sins known to mankind. Pretty soon his father, the one thing keeping him in check died. After that, his behavior only grew worse, it was as if he had totally lost his way. The more JJ read about the recorded history of his prodigal predecessor the more he grew curious about him so he could not help but wonder why there was no record of his grave as such JJ went through his recorded history to find clues to what happened to his prodigal predecessor only to find a cryptic message hidden in the recorded history. The cryptic message invoked JJ's adventurous spirit. When he finally managed to deduce the cryptic message, he found a set of coordinates pointing to a location within the Southern Royal place grounds. JJ rushed to that location to find a fountain. JJ had been to this fountain many times but he never noticed anything special about it until today. The fountain had an archaic inscription reading, 'Your Search Is Over.' Right next to these words, a ruby gem was embedded in the fountain. JJ had never noticed these inscriptions before however when he came here searching to find out the secret about his prodigal predecessor this inscription and the ruby gem were visible to them. It was as if they would only be visible to those who came to the fountain searching for his prodigal predecessor. From this JJ understood that the fountain was enchanted and the only way to break its enchantment was to come to it in search of the prodigal predecessor who enchanted it. JJ's speculation was only half right because the enchantment had two other conditions for lifting it. One was a time-bound condition and the other was a bloodline condition. The enchantment would only be lifted when someone with the unparalleled bloodline comes to the fountain searching for the said predecessor after more than a century has passed since its creation. This means if JJ did not have the royal bloodline and had not come after it had been more than a century since its creation he would not have been able to see the inscription or the ruby gem embedded next to it. It was as if JJ shared a fate with this predecessor of his.

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## Chapter 2029 True Relic: Ruby Vault / Record Vault

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### **Chapter 2029 True Relic: Ruby Vault / Record Vault**

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Having discovered the secret left behind by his predecessor, JJ did not immediately reach for the ruby gem. He cautiously appraised the gem to learn that it was a relic, a true relic. This got JJ to become more cautious as relics had weird abilities beyond a card apprentice's imagination and strength. JJ did not want to fall prey to his predecessor's tricks. Based on what he had learned about his prodigal predecessor so far, he would not put it past him. JJ then proceeded to access the Royal family's records on various true relics known to the card apprentices, especially one that looked like a Ruby gem. Since his predecessor had it, he believed he would be able to find a record of it and so he did. The true relic left behind by his predecessor was called Ruby Vault.

[ Relic Name: Ruby Vault

Relic Effect: Ruby Vault allows the user to store everything from soul energy to rule power to mental strength to divinity to their ethereal spirit regardless of the time.

Additional Effect: Vault of Life, In Plain Sight, Indestructible

Note: the Ruby Vault is a relic formed from the remains of a being believed to have achieved transcendence.]

Learning that the true relic left behind by his predecessor would not harm him in any way, JJ returned to the fountain to collect the Rudy Vault. However, he could not remove it from the fountain regardless of the methods he tried. Knowing that his strength was not enough JJ pondered if he should recruit the help of someone strong and he could trust. But the Greed in JJ's heart for the true relic 'Ruby Vault' stopped him from doing so. Then he began to think of a different way to remove the ruby vault embedded in the fountain. JJ believed that since his predecessor had thought far enough to leave a cryptic message in the Royal family's historical records and enchant

the fountain, he should have thought of a clever way to retrieve the ruby vault embedded in the fountain. That was when a thought crossed JJ's mind, that the ruby vault was a unclaimed true relic, he could just drop a drop of his blood on it to claim it turning it into his origin card. This was when JJ realized that maybe this was the only way to retrieve the ruby vault and there was no other way. Meaning it would make no difference even if he called the adults since his prodigal predecessor wanted whoever found it to either make the Ruby Vault their origin card or leave it for the other fated future generation. Now it was up to JJ to decide whether to take the Ruby Vault turning it into his origin card or leave it for some other fated one. JJ did not like the idea of turning the Ruby Vault into his origin card but he also knew that there must be a reason why his predecessor went through all this trouble to leave this true relic for the future generation. Torn between the choices JJ finally came to a decision. He decided to accept the Ruby Vault as his origin card. Yes, JJ had high hopes for his origin cards but he also did not want to miss out on whatever his prodigal predecessor had left behind in the Ruby Vault. In the end, his curiosity got the best of him thinking Ruby Vault would make a good origin card, he could do worse, he had seen card apprentices with a worse origin card. Consoling himself JJ dropped a drop of his blood on the Ruby Gem accepting the true relic Ruby Vault as his origin card. JJ did not regret his decision, he proceeded to check the info on his new origin card to find a surprise waiting for him. The ruby gem true relic that he believed to be the true relic 'Ruby Vault' wasn't it. Yes, to JJ's surprise, his origin card's name was something totally different than Ruby Vault. It was called, 'Record Vault.' [Card Name: Record Vault Card Type: Origin Card Card Rank: Unique Grade Card Rate: -/-

Card Durability: -/-

Card Effect: The user can store records in the vault. Additional Effect:

i) Vault of Knowledge: The user can store their memories or knowledge within the Record Vault in the form of records.

Note: Vault of Knowledge is only responsible for saved memories of the user and not all the memories of the user.

ii) In Plain Sight : The user of the record vault can use this ability to enter or access the record vault anywhere and anytime without having to worry about being discovered by others

Note: The Record Vault cannot be detected using soul energy, mental strength, or rule power.

iii) Indestructible : Record vault is invincible to all enemy attacks with the exception of those that had achieved transcendence.

Note: the Record Vault is a relic formed from the remains of a being believed to have achieved transcendence.]

Reading the info of his origin card, JJ's face turned deadpan. The effects of the record vault were worse than the ruby vault. JJ would have preferred the ruby vault over the record vault. It was funny how times change. Earlier he did not want to have ruby vault as his origin card but now he was complaining why his origin card was not ruby vault but record vault. JJ wanted to cry but no tears came out from his eyes. A card apprentice's origin card not only gave them an edge over their opponents but also separated them from the common card apprentice. One card apprentice can only have two origin cards in a lifetime. Common card apprentices would worry about finding their fated ingredient in their limited lifespan, but JJ who had the potential to become a demigod worried about not getting a good origin card in his lifetime. To see his fear come true JJ was devastated and cussed his prodigal predecessor for this fate.

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## Chapter 2030 Upgrade Or Downgrade?

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### **Chapter 2030 Upgrade Or Downgrade?**

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Devastated JJ picked up his shattered dreams and accessed his origin card record vault to see if he could find something to rejuvenate them. Now that he had taken the risk to turn the unknown true relic into his origin card out of curiosity about why his predecessor left this behind he might as well see it through. When JJ tried to explore the record vault, he found his entire body was dragged into the vault leaving a ruby gem in the location where he once stood. Inside the record vault, JJ found rows and rows of selves. The first few selves were filled with records but the ones after that were all empty. A handsome figure walked out from the aisle between the selves, JJ found the figure familiar, it was his predecessor. The royal family's history records had these images from young to old. So, JJ instantly made out who the figure was. Being in the presence of his ancestor JJ hurriedly bowed only to hear the figure say:

"If you are bowing then don't bother because I am just a recorded memory. I can't see you or hear you. This is the beauty of this place you can experience your or other

persons' stored memories here from the third person or the first person point of view, your choice. I hope this point alone will be enough to make up for the fact that I upgraded the true relic 'Ruby Vault' to 'Record Vault.' This is not an excuse, trust me Record Vault is far better than Ruby Vault. If you are a brains over brawns kind of guy then, you will agree with me on this one. Ruby Vault might look like a lifesaver, but there is no point in continuing one's life like that. Since you have an unparalleled bloodline I assume you are not afraid of death. So you have no use for a Ruby Vault..." Midway through his predecessor's words JJ clenched his fist because Ruby Vault wasn't just a lifesaving card, aside from its life saving capabilities it was a high-level artificial ego gem that would allow one to store their runes or divinity and pass them to future generations. To think that his predecessor did not think twice about ruining such a true relic twice JJ instantly lost his respect for him. JJ now knew every word about his predecessor being a prodigal in the Royal family's records was true. Realizing this, he strongly had an urge to hit this prodigal predecessor of his. But then, JJ recalled that true relics were not easy to mess with he had never heard of anyone ever upgrading a false relic let alone a true relic. Realizing this he once again could not help but revere his prodigal predecessor. It did not last long recalling that, his predecessor clearly failed to upgrade the true relic instead he downgraded it from Ruby Vault to Record Vault. Regardless of what his predecessor said JJ felt Record Vault was a down grade version of Ruby Vault. "... I had my reasons as to why I went through the trouble of upgrading the Ruby Vault to Record Vault. Times back then were different, I do not expect for you to understand what I did and why I did it. Therefore, I will not go into detail about it but seeing how you were able to get hold of this I think my plan worked. The Record Vault contains all the knowledge of our predecessors that I lost in gambling to the central government or the top ten universities. Not only that it also contains all my life's work so far. Now all of it is yours. Make use of them as you see fit. I trust you will do right by your bloodline. Now, for the last reveal, the reason why there are no records of my burial in the royal cemetery is that I didn't die in the card world, I just chose to leave the card world or as most of our ancestors would put it, I abandoned the card world.

Since you possess the Unparalleled bloodline, you must have gotten the same speech my father gave me, 'We the unparalleled descendants are the protectors of the South and the World itself. We are never to forsake it blah blah blah... Because of this reason, despite the Card World being unable to support their growth all of our ancestors chose to stay and protect the Card World and not head into the Myriad Realms to grow further. My father did the same thing and he wanted me to do the same but as you might have already guessed. Yes, I abandoned my duty as an unparalleled descendant and left for the myriad realms since the card world could no longer support my growth. I do plan to return once I am strong enough to make things better. If I have not returned yet it seems I have failed but I don't regret my decision. However, if I did then in your face Dad. Regardless, I wish you the best my dearest junior. My only advice for you is to live on your terms and not on someone else's." JJ stood in the middle of the shelves as his predecessors' recorded message ended. He had gained too much information and needed some time to process it. But once he did, he screamed at the top of his lungs cussing, "Fuck you, you prodigal son of a bitch!" He cuss echoed among the shelves. JJ could not bring himself to agree with his prodigal predecessor that Record Vault was

better than Ruby Vault. Ruby Vault can be used by card apprentices to store and pass unique and rare runes to their descendants similar to how the Empire seems to have all of Demigod Micheal Angelo Godson's runes stored in a Ruby Vault for his descendants. How could experiencing one's ancestors' stored memories of using time rune ever surpass inheriting one's ancestor's time rune itself? Hence, JJ believed Record Vault was a downgrade of Ruby Vault. However, he would soon eat those words of his.

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Throwing all his dissatisfaction with his predecessor and his origin card JJ then went through the records stored on shelves to find records on his ancestor's modified human sacrificial summoning ritual. It did not take him long to find it.

Finding it JJ learned that the only true way to kill a devil was to kill it in the dark realm. Hence, his ancestors went through the trouble of wasting time on modifying the sacrificial summoning ritual of the demons/devils. Learning that his ancestors would go into the devil's territory and hunt them, JJ could not help but marvel at their bravery and strength.

However, right next to these records, JJ found the records of his prodigal predecessor's research on the sacrificial summoning ritual. Curious, JJ went through the records to learn that this predecessor of his wasn't just prodigal but crazy. He modified the sacrificial summoning ritual of the demons/devils to summon the Card World's will itself.

His prodigal predecessor's idea was simple and bold but a bit suicidal, he wanted to sacrifice demons/devils to the card world's will to summon it and have it help him comprehend and master rules and their meanings. Learning what his predecessor was up to JJ could not but regain respect for his predecessor even if he did not quite succeed in what he set out to do.

Though he did not manage to ever summon the Card World's will to help him comprehend and master rules and their meanings he was able to get it to help him find the rule meanings he was searching for at the bifurcation point of the rule stream. It was like he was bridging the world's will to help him choose the rule meaning he wanted.

Though JJ's predecessor did not consider this development as a win, JJ himself thought this was good enough. He was so psyched, he could not imagine the waves it would

create in the world however just as that thought crossed his mind JJ felt dread in his heart. He felt that if the world leaders were to get the wind of this Southern region dyed red by them to get their hands on this modified sacrificial summoning ritual.

Thinking of this JJ's excitement vanished. He was starting to understand why his prodigal predecessor lost many of their family's heirlooms in a gamble to the central government and others. After all, one of the unspoken laws of the card world was that it was a sin to possess something beyond one's strength.

But JJ soon shook his head and wondered if his ancestors were strong and smart enough to find a way to enter the devils' territories and kill them then what changed for their most promising descendant to act prodigal and willingly give away their wealth?

JJ felt that somewhere down history while fighting with the demons/devil and their worshipers, the Southern Royal family was also fighting the rest of the world, especially the central government. As his predecessor said, since he was not present back then it would be hard for him to understand what happened and why it happened. Just like how his predecessor did not want to go into the details about it JJ too for now did not want to go into the details about it because with his strength he could not afford it. For, now all his concentration was focused on growing stronger.

That's how JJ got started on creating his own version of the sacrificial summoning ritual. However, it took a lot of inspiration from his predecessor's version of the sacrificial summoning ritual. Still, its purpose and application were a hundred percent his idea.

JJ's version of the sacrificial summoning ritual also used the sacrifice to call upon the card world's will however, it did not demand the card world to help him comprehend rules and their meaning instead, it would help him summon a monster to fight his battles for him. JJ had thought of this from the theory that the Card world was responsible for the creation of the dungeons.

Since the card world could create the dungeons and the monsters in them, he thought it could also help him summon monsters to fight his battle for him for a price. Though JJ felt that it was asking a lot compared to asking the world will to point out a certain rule meaning at the bifurcation point of the rule stream he did not lose hope in his vision he believed in it with all his heart.

JJ's bet was right his modified version of the sacrificial summoning ritual was a huge success even though it consumed a lot of resources as a sacrifice. Still, it was worth it considering that it would allow him to summon SSS-rank boss monsters that even an elite demigod would fear to fight alone.

Once JJ had successfully created his envisioned version of the modified sacrificial summoning ritual, he then proceeded to turn his research into a card and enter the ranks of the most promising youth of the current generation not just in the Southern Region but all five regions. That was how a prodigy of card creation was able to take

over the high school gangs of the Southern Capital and stand against the likes of Adriene and Cervos.

From certain points, JJ seemed stronger than Adriene and Cervos but the truth was JJ himself was his weak point, Adriene and Cervos did not have to fight his summons to defeat him as long as they defeated or captured him they would win. Hence, JJ and his faction had yet to unify the high school gangs of the Southern Capital and take over its streets like the Bright Lions did in Sky Blossom City.

"Roar!!!" the roar of an actual Nine-winged devil dragon sounded at the edge of the void while JJ stood atop its head looking down at Adriene and the Nine-winged devil dragon corpse (Cervos). Just as the three stared at one other while the crowd ran for their life, before things could unfold they heard a loud indifferent uninterested voice chant:

"Celestial Blood Fate Domain!!!"

Soon the entire edge of the void in Sky Blossom City's air space was dyed in red monochrome.

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## **Chapter 2032 Submit!**

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"Aurelia, I will leave this to you," Jaya said stepping back to hiding behind Aurelia seeing that Cervos possessed a Nine-winged devil dragon corpse, Adriene radiated with a threatening golden energy, and JJ summoned an actual Nine-Winged devil dragon. \*Gulp\* Aurelia gulped her saliva looking at two SSS-rank Nine-winged devil dragons. She was scared but she did not take a step back. Instead, grabbed Corey's wrist and pulled her behind her saying, "Get behind me." Corey lifted her eyebrows listening to Aurelia, from the looks of it she did not seem to be kidding. She commended Aurelia's bravery but shaking her head she asked, "You sure, you got this?" Aurelia vigorously shook her head denying, "I am not but I am sure our boss is watching and he will not let us die here." "Wyatt is here?" Jaya exclaimed. Then, fixing her hair in place she heroically walked in front of Aurelia and said, "Don't worry girls I got this."

'Are you three stupid?' A feminine voice sounded in Jaya, Aurelia, and Corey's mind, it was Adriene. Borrowing power from her inner goddess, Adriene no longer felt the ominous pressure from Corey. So, she proceeded to advise them, 'Run for your lives while everyone else is busy running to safety. I will hold Cervos back.' "Hey, how dare you call us stupid?" Aurelia yelled, staring hard at Adriene who stood between them and Cervos's Nine-winged devil dragon corpse. Jaya hurriedly hugged Aurelia by her waist seeing that she was about to rush at Adriene. Corey stood behind them indifferently, with little Beam by her side she was not worried about the clowns from the Southern Capital. Meanwhile, feeling the change in the aura of Cervos and Adriene, little Beam completely hid its presence like a predator ready to pounce on its prey at a moment's notice. Hence, be it Cervos or Adriene, they could no longer feel the dreading intimidating pressure from Corey. Adriene was taken aback by Aurelia's response but before she could get a word in, the dragon corpse spoke, "Adriene, step aside or prepare to die with them." "You talk big for a loser," JJ said as his summoned dragon flew him closer to them. Caught between JJ and Adriene, Cervos let out a heart-wrenching roar adding, "I am willing to die to avenge Gloria. Are you guys willing to die to protect those three?" With Cervos's declaration JJ and Adriene's brows frowned because they were not sure if they were prepared to have a decisive life and death with Crevos. After all, as the user of 'Corpse Possession' Cervos had the upper hand in a death match. A corpse did not feel pain or fear but it was different for them if Cervos were to come at them with the intent to exchange damage for damage even if they won they would have suffered fatal injuries. This was why JJ and Adriene both hesitated when Crevos threatened them with a death match. However, in their moment of hesitation, they heard a loud indifferent and uninterested voice chanting, "Celestial Blood Fate Domain" Following the chant the entire edge of the void within their field of vision was dyed in red monochrome, locking everyone present in a red world. Seeing the world around them turn red, the crowd that was rushing to safety paused and a look of despair washed their faces. Coming from the Southern Capital, the capital of the southern region and home to the Heatsend Royal family, they all were aware that they were trapped in a domain and considering the size of the domain it must be invoked by a Card Demigod. Being trapped in a domain meant that no place in the domain was safe for any of them. With no escape, the crowd turned to find the source of the domain. JJ with his summoned dragon, Crevos with his corpse dragon, and Adriene with her borrowed power all tried to break the domain but it would not budge no matter how much strength they exerted on it, let alone collapse. Ultimately, giving up on trying to break free from it they tried to find the source of the domain like the rest acknowledging that they were in the presence of a stronger enemy.

"Boss has finally decided to show himself," Aurelia said feeling a familiarity with the domain and then added, "I knew he would not let me die so easily." "Wyatt's here," Jaya said in anticipation while Corey scoffed, "Humph, show off." All eyes moved their gaze following the energy signature of the domain. The place where the energy signature of the domain was stronger was most likely where the source of the domain was unless the owner of the domain took precautions against it. Soon, they found that the energy signature of the domain was the strongest where Aurelia and her Southern Watch team stood. These guys had not moved an inch from their original position when Cervos,

Adriene, and JJ went all out. It was as if they felt no fear. Beside the team of Southern watch, the masses saw a red humanoid being. It stepped forward basking in the curious gaze of the onlookers unfaired and uninterested. The crowd felt the red humanoid being was familiar however they could not remember where they had seen that face. Until a few with strong memory in the crowd pointed out, "It is him. It's Dalton Wyatt, the hope of the South." "It is him, I got confused because of his red skin color." "What is he doing up here?" "Don't tell me it is his domain that we are trapped in." "No way, that is impossible." Ignoring the exclamation and whispers of the onlookers, Wyatt slowly walked towards the trio from the Southern Capital, Adriene, JJ, and Cervos. Seeing his slow stride, the trio locked their gaze on him to hear him say, "I heard you guys are searching for me. I am here, now what?" "You are Dalton Wyatt?" JJ was the first to speak finding it hard to believe the red humanoid was the Southern Hope who had multiple floating heads and hands. The other two listened closely to hear the red humanoid's response. "Yes, the one and only," Aurelia proudly answered aloud confirming the crowd's guess.

"Little girl, I wasn't asking you—" "Submit!" Wyatt uttered interrupting JJ who scolded Aurelia for answering when not asked. With Wyatt's words JJ, Adriene, and the crowd trapped in his domain all felt an unknown turmoil in their blood forcing them all to kneel. Some tried to resist the urge to kneel but they all felt this unbearable pain in their blood veins causing them all to double down in pain. Soon except for Aurelia, Corey, Jaya, Aria, and her team everyone was kneeling even JJ, his dragon, Adriene, and Cervos's corpse dragon found themselves forced to kneel. Many did not understand what was happening and some could not believe that Wyatt's domain had such power. "What dark arts is this?" JJ yelled looking at Wyatt. But not receiving an answer, he activated the card he had specially prepared to fight with Wyatt, "A-rank Summon Synchronization." Soon, JJ who stood atop the head of the Nine-winged devil dragon sunk into its head and merged with the Nine-winged devil dragon. Merging with JJ the Nine-winged devil dragons form from a big thorny lizard with three pairs of wings to a Dragonoid with a streamlined body and nine razor-sharp wings. Meanwhile, Adriene made use of her inner goddess to free herself from the effect of the domain and was the first to stand back on her feet among the trio. As for Cervos, he too activated his last resort, mentally chanting, "Deadman's Coffin" Cervos's Physical body which was inside a compartment within the Nine-winged devil dragon corpse moved into a rotting coffin temporarily morphing his hydrating body into a corpse. Then, the rotting coffin was moved by Cervos's spiritual body possessing the dragon corpse into his sub-space. Inside Cervos's origin card My Space, the rotting coffin was placed at the center of an array formation that was connected to a series of modified artificial energy cores that would allow Cervos to use his dragon corpse to its full potential without having to worry about him running out of the energy to see it through.

Soon one by one all three of them, Adriene, JJ, and Cervos broke free of Wyatt's domain's restrain and glared at Wyatt but none dared to rush at him because he was able to make them kneel with words so alone they were clearly not Wyatt's match head on so they decided to make use of their brains instead of directly rushing at him in his domain without a plan. Wyatt had proven himself as the real deal to them not it was

their turn to prove themselves to Wyatt and then to the South by defeating him. "JJ, stop struggling and beg for mercy maybe he will forgive you out of consideration for Her Highness Southern Emperor," Aria suddenly said aloud. Her actions were ambiguous, it wasn't clear if she trying to persuade her cousin or provoke him.

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## **Chapter 2033 Unwilling**

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[Card Name: Summon Synchronization

Card Type: Skill Card (Active) Card Rank: A-rank, Rare-Grade

Card Rate: 11-Stars

Card Durability: (87/100) Card Effect: i) The user can integrate their physical body and spiritual body with their summons. ii) The user can share their own or summon's bloodline in the synchronized form.

Note: i) The synchronized form will take the appearance of the strongest among the summon and summoner.

ii) The summoner's mind will dominate the synchronized form's mind.] [Card Name: Deadman's Coffin

Card Type: Item Card

Card Rank: A-rank, Rare-Grade

Card Rate: 10-Stars

Card Durability: (89/100) Card Effect: When asleep in the Deadman's Coffin the user will be presumed dead. Additional Effect: When asleep in the Deadman's Coffin the user's overall recovery rate will increase by ten folds. Note: Sleeping more than eight hours in Deadman's Coffin will lead to death.]

... "Shut up, I will deal with you later!" the Dragonoid screamed in JJ's voice glaring at Aria who shook her head wondering if she should have made a private call to persuade her Cousin instead of doing it openly, he might have mistaken her genuine advice as a provocation. "Step back you two, he is mine," JJ warned Adriene and Cervos, declaring Wyatt his prey, as his massive body covered with thorns and scales threateningly stepped forward.

"Fine by me," Cervos couldn't care less about JJ's arrogant declaration, his target was Jaya. He wanted to avenge Gloria before the circumstances made it impossible for him. The three pairs of wings of the dragon corpse flapped as it turned its back to Wyatt to face its prey, Jaya. Adriene's gaze switched between Wyatt and Jaya, with JJ holding Wyatt down he would now be able to stop Cervos from killing Jaya and his friends. Her eyes finally rested on Jaya, yelling, "Fuck this!" Then, she firmly stood between Cervos and Jaya adding, "Cervos, she won fair and square. Gloria has no one but her incompetence to blame for her death. Let us end at this." Adriene wanted to prove herself against Wyatt but not like this. She wanted a fair battle one where neither of the party was not cornered or coerced to fight. Adriene could hold JJ so Wyatt would be free to stop Cervos but her faction was in alliance with JJ's faction to not jeopardize the alliance she decided to hold off Cervos until the winner of JJ and Wyatt's battle would help her put an end to Cervos's revenge. "Submit!" Wyatt uttered again and once again the trio JJ, Cervos, and Adriene found themselves forced to stop everything they were doing and kneel. "How is this possible?!" Cervos yelled in disbelief. It did not take a genius to figure that Wyatt had invoked a version of the blood rule domain, so Cervos believed with his physical body hiding in his subspace it should be impossible for Wyatt's domain to affect him through his blood but somehow it continued to affect him. This went beyond Cervos understanding of rules and domain. His physical body was not in the blood rule domain and his dragon corpse body did not have blood so how was Wyatt's domain able to continue to affect him? "Roar!!!" Dragonoid JJ let out a monstrous roar trying to resist the effect of the domain but he could not. The more he resisted the stronger the effect of the domain grew, until JJ's enraged roar slowly turned into a helpless roar as his humongous dragonoid figure kneeled before Wyatt. JJ's big golden reptilian eyes stared at Wyatt who stood before him uninterested. JJ's heart roared seeing that Wyatt wasn't even sparing him a glance. JJ had never felt so disrespected in his entire life, he followed Wyatt's line of sight to see who he was looking at. His gaze landed on Adriene who had gotten back on her feet breaking free of Wyatt's domain effect.

Finding Adriene back on her feet already while he still struggled, JJ was stumped. He could not believe his eyes. He always preassumed Adriene to be the weakest of the three of them, and to see her standing while he kneeled was a tough nut to swallow for him. However, it was unclear why JJ would presume Adriene as the weakest of the three of them when they never had a decisive battle fearing that of the three of them, Cervos had a clear upper hand as Corspe puppeteer. In a panic, JJ checked Cervos's situation, only to find him kneeling without putting up any struggle. The ranking of the three of them that JJ had previously formed in his mind shattered and a new ranking with Adriene on the top and Cervos at the bottom formed in his head. JJ could not

accept this, because when was it his turn to be on the top? Thinking of this JJ's golden reptilian eyes once again landed on the red humanoid figure that stood before him seemingly intrigued by Adriene. JJ saw the same look in Wyatt's eyes that he would have when he came across an amusing toy. Regardless, this kind of disrespect pissed JJ off, and adding to the fact that defeating Wyatt would put him on the top of the ranking chart, JJ's fighting will raged with a hunger to prove himself. At the at moment, JJ did not hesitate to activate his unparallel bloodline in his Dragonoid form. Once JJ's unparallel bloodline was unleashed it empowered his synchronized form, it power rose a few notches. The Dragonoid's muscles bulged, thorns grew sharper, scales grew shinier, eyes became fiercer, and its roar shattered the eardrums of those unprepared in the surroundings. Using that momentum, Dragonoid JJ broke free of the effect of Wyatt's domain and stood tall. Looking at Wyatt before him, JJ continued to roar, expressing his uncompromising will, undying fighting spirit, and resolve to stand above all. "Quiet!" Wyatt uttered in annoyance finally sparing JJ a glance. "..." Dragonoid JJ's jaws were open wide but to his surprise, no voice came out of his throat except for air.

Finding that with Wyatt's command, no sound would come out of his throat JJ stretched his jaws to their limits and tried his hardest to let out the loudest roar he could fathom but regardless of how JJ struggled no voice came out of his throat, it only pumped out air. To JJ's surprise, even his unparalleled bloodline which he was proud of, that allowed him to break free of the domain's effect was not responding at this moment. He could feel the presence of his bloodline in the synchronized form but for some reason no matter how hard he tried it would not answer his call. This phenomenon reminded JJ of the first time he had discovered his bloodline, he knew it was there but could not wield it. It was as if he had regressed in terms of his bloodline mastery. Finding that one by one the things he was confident about began to fail, panic and despair began to fill JJ's mind. Being an unparallel descendant his mentality was strong but it succumbed to despair so soon because Wyatt was able to subdue him with words alone. It was one thing if they fought a decisive battle with Wyatt and lost but the decisive battle never happened he was reduced to this state with just a few words. Overcoming the panic in his mind, Draganoid JJ glared at Wyatt with his big golden reptilian eyes filled with resolve and decisively dashed at him with all his might, prepared to invoke his last resort. He hoped it would not come to this but Wyatt was a lot stronger than the stories about him made out to be. JJ recalled how his cousin told him that in his strongest form, Wyatt had multiple floating heads and arms. So he felt incompetent seeing that Wyatt did not even need to take his strongest form to fight him. This feeling of incompetence only lasted for a fleeting moment in JJ's mind soon it was suppressed and replaced by the feeling of being a underdog. Yes, JJ felt that he was the scorned underdog from the stories while Wyatt was the bully who underestimated him. Fueled by his delusions about his present situation JJ swore in his mind to make Wyatt regret underestimating him. Solidifying this narrative in his mind, as he pounced on Wyatt, JJ mentally chanted, 'Core Explosion!' "Halt!" Wyatt uttered seeing Dragonoid JJ rush at him and sensing the turbulent soul energy gathering within the Dragonoid's core. With his words, JJ not only came to a sudden halt but the violent soul energy inside his core also came to a halt. As his body and the violent soul energy gathering in his monster core were forced to a sudden halt, Dragonoid JJ roared in his mind, 'What the heck kind of domain is this?

How is it able to force his will on me with just mere words?' Wyatt's Blood Rule Domain did not make sense to JJ, in his current form he possessed the strength of an elite card demigod yet Wyatt was able to exert his will on him with mere words. Nothing about this made sense to JJ.

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## Chapter 2034 Sacrificial Ritual

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### Chapter 2034 Sacrificial Ritual

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Field Marshal Heatsend hid in space and watched the disappointing display of her descendant. She did not expect JJ to win or put up a fight against Wyatt but she did expect him to give his best such that his loss will be a honorable one. However, seeing him make basic mistakes, she could not help but be disappointed in his performance. Blood Rule has always been the enemy of Bloodlines, this was the basic every Bloodline user knew. Therefore, all the Royal descendant's final assignment to their Bloodline mastery was to find a way to negate the influence of blood rule on their bloodline. Most end up comprehending and mastering the blood rule while some get their hands on fancy cards that would give them resistance against the blood rule. Considering JJ's age and realm he should have recently begun his bloodline training. So, JJ not being prepared against Blood Rule influencing his bloodline was not surprising. However, JJ wasn't just any kid, he was a royal descendant with the most potential. Not to mention, he was the one who challenged Wyatt. Since he knew his enemy should he not have known beforehand that Wyatt's blood rule mastery might hinder his bloodline and come prepared? To make such an obvious mistake showed how unprepared JJ was and how his arrogance had led him to underestimate Wyatt's powers. Ultimately, now it would cost him his life. What bothered the Field Marshal most was the question, where did JJ find the resources required to sacrifice and summon an SSS-rank Nine-winged devil dragon? JJ's idea to sacrifice resources to the card world's will to borrow its power wasn't new. Many in the past had hypothesized it, worked tirelessly on it, and come up with two basic steps to achieve it, communication and

sacrifice. Establishing a communication channel between the card world's will and the card apprentice is an essential step during a sacrifice ritual. It allows the world's will to understand the card apprentice's plea and demand appropriate sacrifice for it.

Theoretically, this was how the sacrifice ritual should work.

However, even if one manages to establish a proper communication channel with the world's the sacrifice ritual will be mostly onesided with the Card apprentice taking the lead with proposal and begging. The world's will would rarely respond or make any demands.

If we try to understand the sacrificial ritual as a basic exchange, it would be easy to understand why the card world's will would never show interest in the card apprentice's sacrificial ritual. It was because everything that the card apprentice had to offer to it in sacrificial ritual had originated from it. So, basically, the card apprentices were giving back what the world had given to them to the world while making an additional demand. How did this make sense? Ever since the sacrificial ritual was introduced to the card world by the demons/devils, many capable card apprentices have tried to understand why the sacrificial ritual methods introduced by the demons/devils were successful but not the methods introduced by them. Not to mention the sacrificial ritual of demons/devils had miscellaneous intent toward the card world while theirs did not. The reason why the sacrificial ritual methods created by the demons/devils worked even if it would harm the intention of the world's will and the card apprentices' sacrificial ritual methods would not work even though they were genuine in their ritual was that the sacrificial ritual created by the demons/devils had more to it than just offering human sacrifice. It facilitated an exchange between the Dark Realm's will and Card World's will. So, when a demon/devil worshiper conducts human sacrifice to summon demons/devils the offering they offer to the card world's will to open the portal to the dark realm would actually be used by the card world's will to conduct an exchange with the dark realm's will and as a commission for making this exchange between two realms' wills possible, the card world's will and the dark realm's will would fulfill the meager demand of the demon/devil worshiper. This was the reason why the card world's will would facilitate the demon/devil worshipper's sacrificial ritual even if it harmed its interest and not because the card world's will had any attachment for its children or something like the ancestors of the Heatsend royal family had thought to comfort themselves by believing in a higher power. This was the reason why all the sacrificial ritual methods independently created by card apprentices failed but the sacrificial ritual methods created by modifying the method created by demons/devils succeeded. However, without understanding the core principle of the sacrifice method created by demons/devils altering it totally was not possible. They could only alter it to make it so that the portal from the card world to the dark realm would be summoned by sacrificing any resource and not just human sacrifice. This was the modified sacrifice method the ancestors of the Heatsend royal family used to chase down the devil in the dark realm and permanently kill them. However, things changed when the genius who was said to be the hope of the South was born into the Heatsend royal family. Unfortunately, he soon fell off the pedestal and came to be known as the prodigal descendant. Unknown to the world this genius turned prodigal descendant of the heatsend royal family was the one who figured out the core

principle of the sacrificial method made by the demons/devils. Understanding the core principle of the sacrificial method, the genius turned prodigal descendant of the Heatsend royal family understood the real reason why the sacrificial methods created by the card apprentices failed, it was because the sacrifice they were offering to the card world was of no interest to it. Therefore, the genius turned prodigal descendant decided to use the corpse of the slayed demons and devils as an offering to the Card World's will since they were not born using the Card World's power. As such unknown to the card world, he had become one of the card apprentices who was successful in conducting a direct sacrificial ritual with the card world without involving the dark realm. The genius turned prodigal descendant of the Heatsend royal family wasn't the first card apprentice who learned that the card world's will would accept demons/devil corpses as a sacrificial ritual. Using the trial and error method many powerful card apprentices with various means at their disposal were able to figure this out unlike the genius turned prodigal descendant who figured this out by understanding the core principle of the sacrificial ritual method created by the demons/devils. This was why even though the other card apprentices, despite knowing that the card world's will would accept demons/devils as sacrifices, were never able to create a sacrifice method that would conduct a direct exchange with the card world's will without involving the dark realm's will. Hence, their progress in using the sacrifice method to have the card world's will help them was stunted compared to what the genius turned prodigal descendant of the Heatsend Royal family was able to achieve. Using his research work JJ was able to create his own sacrificial ritual. Even though ultimately what they did was modify the sacrificial ritual created by the demons/devil to create their sacrificial ritual what they had achieved was incredible. Being able to ask the card world to help them choose a certain rule meaning at the rule bifurcation point and help them summon higher-rank monsters to aid them in combat, both of these were only an echo in the infinite possibilities of what the sacrificial ritual can achieve. The perfect example of this was the devil merchant code created by the dark races. The dark races had indeed explored the sacrificial ritual method to the extreme while the card apprentice struggled to copy them. Though the findings of the genius turned prodigal descendant of the Heatsend Royal family regarding the sacrificial ritual method and his achievement in it were not known to the card apprentices community, Field Marshal Heatsend did not find JJ summoning an SSS-rank Nine-winged devil dragon surprising as the demon/devil worshipers were award sacrificial methods by the demons/devils that would allow them to summon monsters. Many card apprentices have used these sacrificial methods to create modified methods to summon high rank monsters that did not involve human sacrifice. Still, these modified methods were rare and were not available to common public. Therefore, the Field Marshal could not help but ponder what sacrifice JJ used to summon the SSS-rank Nine-winged devil dragon. Considering that JJ had summoned a being equivalent to a demigod the sacrifice could only be either human sacrifice or demon/devil corpse sacrifice. Only these sacrifices would be accepted by the card world for such a huge exchange. Either of these sacrifices was near impossible for JJ to obtain but one was easier than the other so the Field Marshal really hoped JJ did not take the easier route.

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## Chapter 2035 Crooked Royal Descendant

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### Chapter 2035 Crooked Royal Descendant

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Wyatt glanced at Dragonoid JJ whose advance came to a halt before him with his command. He stared into Dragonoid JJ's big golden reptilian eyes they showed a mix of disbelief and fear. Feeling Wyatt's glance JJ did not avoid it but stared right back into Wyatt's eyes with rage-suppressing his fear of Wyatt's unknown power. Seeing the JJ's reaction, Wyatt sneered uttering, "Sit!" Listening to Wyatt's command JJ's big slit-shaped pupils widened in shock. But the shock in his reptilian eyes changed into disbelief, as his Dragonoid body began to move by itself. Regardless of what JJ tried or how hard his mind struggled his body would not listen to him. Soon JJ's Dragonoid sat on all fours like a dog with his head down. Seeing JJ's current position, the crowd of onlookers debated using their grimoire network: "What the Heck is going on over there? Did the top three get defeated just like that?" "Did Wyatt just defeat all of us with a few words?" "Not all of us, Adriene is still standing." "How can Wyatt force JJ into such a shameful position with just words?" "What kind of blood rule domain is this?" "It must be blood rule's blood manipulation meaning domain." "No, that isn't it. Blood Rule's blood manipulation meaning is scary but not this domineering. It cannot make all of us kneel with a word." "My father has achieved ultra mastery and comprehension in blood manipulation meaning, believe me, it is not this simple to control a person using blood manipulation. My father can use it to assassinate card apprentices without them releasing but using it to control card apprentices against their will now that's not something even he can achieve."

"What's your point? Are you trying to brag about your father?" "... My point is that the blood rule meaning used by Wyatt is not blood manipulation." "How is that any different from what he said?" "Admit it, you just wanted to brag about your father." "Shut up, MF. If Wyatt doesn't kill us I will kill you." "Sure, you can try but I will beat you so bad that even your father will not be able to recognize your corpse." "Shut up, you two. Tell me which bastard was it that spread the rumor that Wyatt is weak and the Southern Princess was overselling her future son-in-law? I will kill them myself before Wyatt kills

us all." "I think it was those Yin-yang harmony sect bastards who started this rumor and the rest flamed the fire." "Is it? I heard it from those bastards from the circle. They said they will even take the lead to attack Wyatt, where are those assholes?" Seeing Wyatt's total dominance over JJ, Adriene, and Cervos the crowd began to panic scared for their life. The fear of death drove them to blame each other for the calamity looming over their head. It did not take them long to finally figure out the true culprits that flamed the fires of their dissatisfaction with Wyatt for being the center of attention from behind the fire and brought them all to their deaths. However, it was too late for them to realize it now. Still, it did not stop the crowd from expressing their anger. Since Wyatt was too strong for them to do anything about him the onlookers focused their anger and rage toward the card apprentices from the Yin-yang harmony sect and the Circle. Becoming the villain in the public's eyes the disciples of the Yin-yang harmony sect panicked and turned to their leader for an explanation as they only did what their leader asked them to. Meanwhile, their leader and the members of the Circle remained emotionless to the crowd's reaction, their worries were greater than the worries of the crowd as they came here knowing that they were just sacrifices in their supreme leader's grand scheme. As for the members of the Matron's Paw clan even when they knew their end was near, they did not dare to reveal themselves for fear of their actions affecting their families. Therefore, even now they struggled and used the disciples of the Yin-yang harmony sect and the members of the Circle as their scapegoats. If not for them, it would have been hard for the crowd to figure out that the false rumors about Wyatt originated from the Yin-yang harmony sect and the Circle. While the crowd was split in two as Wyatt revealed himself and displayed his prowess, Wyatt himself continued to glance into the Dragonoid JJ's eyes before he finally spoke a full sentence, "Tell me what did you use as the sacrifice to summon an SSS-rank monster, Speak!" "Arrh!!" With Wyatt's command, JJ found that sound again came out of his throat. However, instead of answering Wyatt his first words were to express his disbelief, "What are you? What trickery are you using to control me and the others?" "Trickery?" Wyatt shook his head and warned JJ, "I hate to repeat myself. So, answer me immediately and honestly when I ask you something because there will not be a second time." "..." JJ stared at Wyatt unyieldingly. However, as he glanced deeper into Wyatt's uninterested eyes he felt a chill in his spin. So, he reluctantly answered, "I used devil-grade ingredients that I stool from the Southern Royal Palace as the sacrifice."

"I knew it," Aria exclaimed rushing to Wyatt's side and adding, "I called it when you stole my pudding snack pack. You were a crook since we were little. When you chose to form your high school gang and street factions instead of applying to join the Southern Watch it only further confirmed my doubts." Aria shook her head looking at her cousin and continued, "But no one would believe me. Sigh, to think it all started with a pudding snack pack. If only the royal teacher had been stricter with you back then instead of doting you for your exceptional achemic achievements. Things might have turned out differently."

Wyatt looked at Aria amusingly and said, "Man, you know how to hold a grudge. Remind me not to cross you." More importantly, he did not expect JJ to be so honest. His honesty was unexpected.

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## Chapter 2036 Messed Up Royal Descendants

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### **Chapter 2036 Messed Up Royal Descendants**

Date- 18 April 2321

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Listening to Wyatt, Aria who was taking pleasure in the fall of her cousin JJ finally became aware of the surroundings and her face turned red tomato realizing her actions had revealed her petty self that she tried to hide from others. Now it was clear to everyone, earlier, when Aria asked JJ to beg Wyatt for forgiveness she was not persuading him but provoking him.

Wyatt shook his head finding it hard to believe that his honest and self-righteous ex-bodyguard had such a petty side to her. Wyatt would not help but ponder, 'Heck, who provokes their cousin into seeking their death over a small stolen pudding snack pack incident that happened years ago? Were all the royal descendants this heartless?'

"It was my favorite pudding snack pack, I was saving it for later," Aria shyly defended her actions but it only made it worse. Wyatt felt this was messed up. He wondered what the Southern Royal Palace was teaching their royal descendants for them to turn out like this. Noticing the awkward look on Wyatt's face, Aria hurriedly continued to explain, "I was punished by the royal teacher for calling JJ a thief because his tongue was dyed the same color as my pudding snack pack."

"For the millionth time, I didn't steal your pudding snack pack," JJ growled staring at Aria. "If you did not then who did and why was your tongue dyed blue?" Aria enquired JJ staring into his eyes.

"Geez, would you let it go? It is just a pudding snake pack. For, once can you be cool about something?" JJ complained averting his eyes. He could not be more obvious about his guilty conscience. "Ahah, then you admit you stole it?" Aria exclaimed like a detective who found a clue to solve a decade-long case. "Heck with this, half a pudding

snack pack is not worth this torture," JJ mumbled to himself before revealing, "It was big sister Anna who stole your pudding snack pack, I caught her in the act so she bribed me with half of it so that I would not rat her out to you. That was why my tongue was blue back then." "A conspiracy, I should have seen it. If only I had kept my mind open instead of focusing on what was in front of me," Aria muttered under her breath before snapping at JJ, "So, I was right you did have a hand in my pudding snack pack getting stolen. I was right all along. Now, I would like to see the long on the Royal teacher's face when she hears about this."

"You insane bitch, who cares about one little thing that happened ages ago?" JJ cussed his cousin getting a peep at her weird obsessive side. Listening to her cousin cuss her, Aria's eyes turned sharp as she stared at him but before she could refute him, Wyatt interrupted the cousin duo losing all his patience, "You two done reminiscing the past? Now, if I have your permission to get back to deciding how to kill him?" "He is all yours," Aria said taking a step back without sparing her thieving cousin a second glance. Aria's lack of reaction to his claims to kill JJ did cause Wyatt to lift a brow but he was no longer interested in finding out how messed up the royal descendants were in their head. Rather Wyatt was more intrigued by the fact that JJ found it necessary to be so honest with him that he would reveal the fact that he stole from the Southern Royal palace. Wyatt was not surprised JJ was able to steal devil-grade ingredients from the royal palace because he had visited the Southern royal palace and its treasury, the devil-grade ingredients were lying there in heaps with no proper measures to store and inventory them. He felt he was visiting a local fish market except in this one they sold devil-grade ingredients. With their lack of management of the devil-grade ingredients Wyatt was not surprised that JJ was able to steal them, Wyatt bet the Southern Royal Palace did not even notice the missing devil-grade ingredients but he wasn't sure if the Southern Royal Palace had the same attitude toward devil-grade ingredients now when they were demand ever since Wyatt declared to the world that he would only sell VR-slime cards for devil-grade ingredients. Though this was not enough reason for the Southern royal family to start taking their abundant stock of devil-grade ingredients seriously, they had another big reason to take them seriously the fact that Wyatt would only take devil-grade ingredients to sell his VR-slime cards. This wasn't just the case for the Southern royal family but the world leaders across the world. The world leaders across the world felt that the reason why Wyatt was hoarding devil-grade ingredients was because he knew something about the devil-grade ingredients that they did not know. Therefore, apart from speeding devil-grade ingredients to buy VR-slime cards they too were hoarding them believing that whatever Wyatt knew would sooner or later be known to the rest of the world. Aside from this, Wyatt was intrigued by JJ's honesty itself. He felt JJ was being honest with him not because he was scared of him but because he had something more valuable and detrimental to him to hide. Something more important to JJ than his reputation. So to hide that and stop Wyatt from digging in that direction JJ was willing to reveal his dirty past. Because of this Wyatt became more curious about JJ as he could not understand what would be worth more to JJ than the shame of being labeled as a thief not to mention stealing from the royal palace was a serious crime even if one were a royal descendant. Understanding that JJ was hiding something from him, a wide grin formed on Wyatt's face as he walked right to JJ's

Dragonoid face, and stepping on his big nose he climbed on his head. Being forced to be in that position JJ could not even shake Wyatt off him and only glare at in resentment.

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## **Chapter 2037 Assemble!**

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Location- Card World, Southern Region, Blossom District, Sky Blossom City, Air Space

Climbing on Dragonoid JJ's big lizard head, Wyatt ignored JJ's threatening gaze and sat between his scaly eyebrows while resting his legs on his long nose. Getting comfortable he glanced at the scattered crowd, without paying heed to JJ.

Wyatt was interested in learning what it was that JJ was trying so hard to hide from him but understanding that his prestige and terror in JJ's heart and mind was not enough for JJ to spill the beans to him, Wyatt decided to give it a little more time.

Looking at the scattered crowd of teenagers that were kneeling to him, Wyatt uninterestedly uttered, "Assemble!"

With Wyatt's command, the crowd that was scattered across the domain along with Cervos got up and began to move to gather in front of Wyatt in a perfect order.

Even Adriene found herself moving toward Wyatt. Once again with the help of her inner goddess Adriene broke free of Wayatt's domain's effect. Regaining control of her body, Adriene struggled in her mind wondering what to do next:

Should she challenge Wyatt?

Or

Should she try to escape?

Or

Should she try to negotiate with Wyatt?

Or

Should she just assemble before Wyatt, following the rest of the crowd?

Adriene knew that challenging Wyatt could be the same as courting death seeing how he subdued and humiliated Dragonoid JJ and Corpse Possession Cervos. So the first thought in her mind to challenge Wyatt was a no-go. Yes, she did come here with the intention to defeat Wyatt to prove herself to the Southern Ruler and tell him that his investment in her was worth it. However, she was not in the habit of fighting losing battles.

As for escaping, Adriene had tried every means in her arsenal including begging her inner goddess for help but she still could not budge Wyatt's blood rule domain let alone escape it. Not to mention, Adriene's entire faction was stuck in Wyatt's blood rule domain. Adriene could never leave her sisters behind to save her skin, even if it's just one of them. She was many things but not a coward and traitor. Therefore, Adriene did not even entertain the thought of escaping by herself.

As for negotiation, she discarded it as soon as that thought came to her mind because in order to negotiate both the parties involved need to be equal or have what the other wanted. It was already clear that Adriene was not an equal to Wyatt in terms of strength and considering that Wyatt owned VR-Universe he was richer than her meaning there was nothing she could offer him. So, it would be safe to assume that Adriene was neither an equal nor had anything that Wyatt needed to try and negotiate with him.

Lastly, Adriene thought of willingly following Wyatt's command and assembling in front of him with the rest of the crowd but that would mean that she has submitted to Wyatt. With her sisters trusting their lives to her, Adriene submitting to Wyatt would be shameful not just to her but her sisters. Not to mention with the weight of her sisters' lives on her shoulder Adriene could not just unconditionally surrender to Wyatt.

Just as Adriene was lost in her thoughts not knowing what to do next and how to save her sisters from Wyatt, she heard a familiar voice calling out to her, "Hey, goldfish girl. Our boss doesn't like repeating himself. So, hurry and assemble before him with your sisters."

Adriene turned to find that the voice advising her belonged to the country tomboy girl. Being addressed as goldfish by her, Adriene frowned her brows and introduced herself, "I am Adriene Ari, you are?"

"I am Aurelia Malvin, that is Jaya Keith, and she is Corey Bright," Aurelia introduced herself and the other two to Adriene.

"Aurelia Malvin? Are you related to the Malvin family from the Border City?" Adriene instantly asked.

"Yes, is there a problem?" The Malvin family was famous in the Southern Capital as they were an example for every family to never outshine the Southern Royal family.

The Malvin Family which was supposed to flourish in the Southern Capital based on its military merits was now rotting at the border of the Southern region and Empire. They were so poor that their descendants could not afford proper cards. Aurelia was the perfect example of that. The Malvin family had their pride and honor but for the vain families from the Southern Capital that meant nothing before riches and authority.

"No, I don't. As a matter of fact, my aunt served with the current City lord of the Border City and moved there following her," Adriene hurriedly explained as she did not want any misunderstanding considering the current circumstances.

"Wait, Ari... by chance is your aunt, Rainbow aka Bow Ari?" Aurelia asked Adriene in surprise.

"Yes, that's my Auntie Bow. So, how do you know her?" Adriene exclaimed and asked Aurelia how she knew her aunt.

"She used to babysit me and my brother when we visited my mother at the city hall. She is a smart lady. How can she have a stupid niece like you?" Aurelia answered and did not forget to take revenge on Adriene for calling her stupid.

"Stupid?" Adriene was patient with Aurelia and her rudeness but being called stupid to her face now Aurelia was crossing the line.

"Yes, stupid. You brought a few teenagers to challenge our boss who kills devils left and right, what are you if not stupid?" Aurelia was not afraid of Adriene with her boss's domain covering her; she was sure her boss would save her in case something unexpected happened.

"I will give you that one. I was indeed stupid to think I could take on the guy who killed a devil that supposedly killed two squads of elite demigods," Adriene found it hard to refute Aurelia so she ended up agreeing with her.

"I like you," Adriene boldly said and then looking at the crowd that had almost gathered before Wyatt she offered to Adriene, "If you are embarrassed then follow me. That is the best course of action that you can take to save yourself and your sisters."

"Don't mind if I do," saying that Adriene did not hesitate to join Aurelia and the girls as they headed to Wyatt's side. This option was way better than her willingly joining the crowd that assembled before Wyatt.

Arriving at Wyatt's side Adriene was surprised by what she witnessed. The source of Adriene's shock was not the crowd of teenagers that had neatly assembled before Wyatt but a single figure among them, he stood right in front, it was Armine.

That very Armine who was known for his incredible stealth ability that even demigods could not see through. Armine's stealth ability was so broken that the majority of teenagers from the Southern Capital agreed to not include him in the city's official ranking. All three, Adriene, JJ, and Cervos, had hinted that if Armine wanted to hide and escape from them then there was nothing they could do about it. They also believed if not for his weak attack power he could not have had a problem assassinating them.

Therefore, finding Armine assembled before Wyatt along with the rest of the crowd, Adriene was shocked. Feeling a gaze on him, Armine instinctively turned to find Adriene looking at him. Armine nodded at her with a helpless smile and once again focused his gaze on Wyatt.

Sitting atop Dragonoid JJ's face Wyatt uninterestedly glanced over the crowd that had assembled before him. However, JJ's face was dignified. This was the most embarrassing moment of his life. He wanted to dig a hole and bury his head in it to escape the shame.

How could JJ not be ashamed? Not only was he lying on all fours but Wyatt was using him as a chair in front of all his trusted subordinates. Most of the people assembled before Wyatt were JJ's trusted henchmen who promised their undying loyalty to him. These people trusted their lives to him, they were willing to follow him to hell. As their leader, JJ was ashamed to show such a shameful sight to them.

JJ's embarrassment only grew because the other half of the crowd assembled before Wyatt were his enemies or competitors. Showing such a shameful sight to his subordinates was already painful but showing it in front of their enemies and competitors was like rubbing salt to his wounds.

JJ wanted to roar, expressing the grievance in his heart but fearing that Wyatt would mute him once again, he did not even dare to do that and swallowed all his emotions and buried them deep in his heart. Unknowingly, the arrogant JJ began to act considering Wyatt's reaction without him realizing it.

Looking at JJ who was lying on all fours with Wyatt sitting on him, Cervos's grievance was relieved a little bit taking pleasure in his opponent's misery. Right now, he would not want to be JJ. He even felt a little pity for JJ wondering if he would ever be able to recover from this.

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# Chapter 2038 Hope For Rescue

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## Chapter 2038 Hope For Rescue

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Time- 16:29

Location- Card World, Southern Region, Blossom District, Sky Blossom City, Air Space

Once the crowd had assembled neatly before him, Wyatt got up and stood using Draganoid JJ's head as his stage, he then looked at Adriene who was standing along with Aurelia, Corey, and Jaya. Feeling Wyatt's gaze on her Adriene did not cower instead looked back at him. The lives of her faction members were at stake here she could not appear weak right now even though she had no intention of fighting Wyatt. With Adriene's reaction, Wyatt's uninterested eyes brightened because not only was Adriene able to resist the effects of his celestial blood fate domain but she was smart enough to weigh her pros and cons. Of the many routes she could have taken, Adriene won over Aurelia's favor without looking down on her for being a country hick and low-level card apprentice. Wyatt did overhear the conversation between Aurelia and Adriene in his domain, Adriene using her connections to win over Aurelia was her strength. Besides, Aurelia did test her patience, the conversation could have gone either way.

However, Wyatt did not see enough desperation in Adriene's eyes. Not just Adriene, everyone in the crowd though scared of their situation did not show the desperation that a person about to die should have. Clearly, these kids were thinking that their parents would bail them out of this pit just like they had previously. Not just anyone can play 'Gangstar' in the Southern Capital. It was the heart of the Southern Region and home of the Royal family. These teenagers being able to run wild in the streets of the Southern Capital forming high school gangs meant that they had strong backing enough to make the city authorities look the other way.

Even though their captor trapped and controlled their body, they did not feel the desperation fitting their situation. Most of them might have already sent distress signals to their parents/guardians and were praying that they would rescue them sooner. Wyatt's guess was correct; not just almost, but all the kids present had contacted their families asking for help. Especially, Cervos, JJ, and Adriene. After all, they were responsible for their respective faction that almost made up two-thirds of the crowd assembled here. The parents/guardians of these kids knowing that this matter was related to the boy being sold as 'Hope of the Southern Region' by the royal family did not dare to take action in person but immediately got together and petitioned Anna's mother to help them rescue their children from the wrath of 'Southern Hope.' Receiving

their petition, Anna's mother paused everything she was doing and immediately tried to contact the Field Marshal to gain clarity on the incident and have her protect the Southern Capital kids from Wyatt. However, the Field Marshal did not pick up her call. She called her twice and seeing both of them go unanswered she texted her but her texts were unread let alone getting a reply. Seeing the Field Marshal did not answer or reply to her calls or texts, Anna's mother began to panic as this was the first time this had happened. Not to mention, she and the Field Marshal had a good chat a few hours ago when she handed her video of Wyatt's speech to the orphanage kids. Anna's mother could not fathom what could possibly be stopping her Aunt from answering or replying to her calls or texts. Fearing the worst she activated the back plan she had prepared to protect Wyatt when Field Marshal was dealing with high-level threats like demigod Norley, other founding fathers of the central government, Gideon Grim, etc. Anna's mother had prepared this plan just in case she did not think she would have to use it so soon and to save a bunch of spoiled kids of Southern Capital from Wyatt. Anna's mother planned to first save these kids and then use this incident to tighten her reign around their parents' necks. She saw a godsend opportunity in this crisis. With Anna's mother's signal, ten teams of elite demigods appeared in the air space of the Sky Blossom City. Arriving at the air space, the ten teams of elite demigods saw a phantom fleet flagship elevating to high heights at an insane pace, \*Whoosh!\* They were a response squadron assembled for rescue operations of Southern Watch and not on standby just as a backup to protect Wyatt. Anna's mother had queen Colleen add Wyatt to their already long list of interests. They do not mobilize unless it's something very serious. ....

"Is this thing even moving? How much longer?" Cindy whined as she lay on the ship's deck in boredom. Earlier at least she had the livestream to distract her mind but now that the livestream was stopped with the entrance of their boss. Seeing that they cut the livestream when the good stuff was about to begin Cindy grew eager to reach the edge of the void. "For that last time, I have no idea when we will reach there. This is the first time I am using the ship to go to the edge of the void," Diana snapped. With the livestream unexpectedly terminated and learning that the higher the ship climbed the slower it grew Diana's patience had worn out. It did not matter how many and what grade of soul jades she was willing to burn as fuel the ship's climbing speed would not increase. "I regret lending my cards to Aurelia," Cindy said looking at the sky, they were still very far from the edge of the void. At the current speed of Diana's phantom fleet's flagship, she believed it would be days before they reached there. "Speaking of cards, I have an insane idea. It is illogical and unorthodox but hopefully, it works," Diana said summoning a Wind elemental spirit using the card Wyatt had given to her to help her aim and guide the cannon balls of her phantom fleet to her target. Seeing Diana summon the wind elemental spirit, Cindy sat up straight on the deck in curiosity. Unfolding the sail of her phantom fleet's flagship, Diana instructed the wind elemental spirit, "Blow the wind-up wards."

Listening to Diana's words, Cindy rolled her eyes and laid flat on deck losing interest. However, soon the phantom fleet's flagship began to climb the height at an insane speed as if jets were attached at its bottom.

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## Chapter 2039 Spectacular Entrance

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### **Chapter 2039 Spectacular Entrance**

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Time- 16:33

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Wyatt glanced at the crowd planning to show them despair and see true desperation in their eyes but paused his thoughts momentarily and frowned feeling a big entity enter his celestial blood fate domain at an insane speed. Getting a feeling of familiarity from the unidentified flying object Wyatt did not attack it in response and checked who it was to learn that it was Cindy and Diana on her phantom fleet's flagship. Wyatt wondered what took them so long if Diana's ship had such fast climbing speed. Just as Wyatt planned to ignore them and commence raining despair on the crowd, he noticed that at her current speed, Diana would crash into the crowd from below. So, urgently uttered, "Halt!"

Feeling a strong draft from below the crowd looked under them to find a huge old-fashioned floating vessel abruptly coming to a halt right under their feet. If Wyatt had delayed his command even a second, then the big vessel would have crashed into them. Considering that they stood defenseless the number of casualties would have been big. Fortunately, Wyatt acted quickly. "Holy shit Diana! What the heck?" Cindy complained rubbing her bum. With the sudden halt of the ship, she was thrown upwards and fell on her ass.

"It wasn't me," Diana lifted her hands implying her innocence. "If not you then who—" Cindy suddenly paused finally seeing her surroundings. Seeing the red sky surrounding them, she knew they had not only arrived at the edge of the void but also entered their boss's domain. However, she couldn't find a single soul up here, "Where is everybody?" "... Diana did not answer her just pointed upwards. She still did not know who stopped her ship however, she was grateful to them because they helped her prevent a big accident. "Big sis, come over here," Jaya yelled calling Diana over. Following the sound, Diana spotted Jaya by a big dragon and prepared to sail her ship to that location but the

ship would not move. However, soon Diana's began to move. Then with the help of the wind element spirit Diana quickly parked the phantom ship by the huge dragonoid laying on all fours with its head down. Wyatt flew to the deck of Diana's phantom deck, ordering JJ, "Go join them!"

Listening to Wyatt, JJ did not complain he immediately got up and hurriedly stood behind the crowd along with Cervos who was possessing a dragon corpse fearing that Wyatt would change his mind. Having just gone through the greatest shame of his life, there weren't many thoughts in JJ's mind except for hiding behind the crowd where he could sulk without being seen by his subordinates. However, seeing the look of pity in the dragon corpse's eyes for him JJ lost getting the feeling that he was a vitamin. In a fit of rage, he threatened Cervos, "MF, deliver it or not I will dig those eyeballs of yours out if you look at me like that any longer." \*Ahem\* clearing his throat, Cervos retracted his gaze from JJ and looked at the front. Usually, receiving such a childish threat from JJ, he would have threatened him right back but now Cervos did not dare to argue and bicker with JJ fearing that Wyatt would use him as his next target of humiliation. Seeing that Cervos did not dare to argue and was even a little scared, JJ felt a little superior but then soon his sense of superiority vanished finding Wyatt's gaze on him. This was when he realized Cervos was not afraid of him but a red asshole who dared to use his face as his personal coach. JJ consoled himself by calling Wyatt a pervert multiple times in his mind. Unknown to him, JJ had already grown docile towards Wyatt. How could he not, after all, one's body being controlled by one's enemies with their mind trapped in it was one of the top worst nightmares. JJ finally understood the terror of having one's mind and spirit imprisoned in their body. It was the scariest thing he had ever experienced. He did not want to experience it ever again, so his subconscious was doing everything to avoid facing such a fate once again. Feeling, Wyatt's gaze on him JJ void meeting his eyes and looked downwards. Praying that Wyatt would stop targeting him and choose a new target to assert his dominance, maybe Adriene could be his new target. After all, she did resist the effect of Wyatt's blood rule domain multiple times. Even now, she was free of Wyatt's domain's effect. ...

Arriving at the air space of the Sky Blossom City, the ten teams of the elite demigods immediately looked above them sensing Wyatt's celestial blood fate domain. To their surprise, they could not explore the unknown blood rule domain. "The kids must be up there," One of the team leaders stated what every single one of them was thinking. "Should we try contacting the Field Marshal?" Another team leader asked. "No, let us just treat this as our usual mission and follow our usual routine," another asserted. Receiving a nod from all the team leaders, he continued, "Good, team nine go protect the city, teams three, four, and five go check and establish the parameter, teams eight and seven go enter and explore the domain, and the rest of us will be on standby." The teams nodded understanding their individual tasks but before they could disperse, a figure appeared before them while a strong divine intent covered all of them. Sensing a familiarity from the divine intent, all ten teams immediately saluted in unison, "Madam Field Marshal!" The Field Marshal returned the salute and instructed, "Return back to your post, I have everything under control here." "..." The Ten teams of elite demigods

did not know how to respond to Field Marshal Heatsend because this development was unexpected.

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## Chapter 2040 Celestial Rule Domain

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### **Chapter 2040 Celestial Rule Domain**

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With Field Marshal Heatsend, herself, asking them to terminate their mission and head back the ten teams of elite demigods looked at each other wondering what their next course of action should be:

Should they leave, following the orders of Field Marshal?

Or

Should they insist on continuing with their mission?

However, one brave team leader reported, "Madam Field Marshal, we were sent here because you were unreachable," and after a quick pause he daringly enquired, "May I ask what happened? Is Dalton Wyatt safe? Are the kids from the Southern Capital safe?"

Listening to him, other demigods' faces turned dignified as they suddenly felt the pressure of the Field Marshal's divine intent on them increase significantly but they all held their ground and did not show any sign of retreat.

"Things here are of not your concern, report back to your posts or be prepared to be charged with insubordination and receive corporal punishment," Field Marshal Heatsend threatened.

When the ten elite demigod teams arrived in the sky-blossom city air space, their presence was immediately sensed by Wyatt even without the Field Marshal having to report their arrival to him. The Field Marshal wasn't surprised by this, after all, in his current form Wyatt's presence was stronger than any of the fifty elite demigods before her. The Field Marshal has many doubts about his strength that aside, it was Wyatt who asked her to get rid of the demigods sent to rescue the kids from the southern capital.

Listen to the Field Marshal threaten them with insubordination and corporal punishment instead of giving them an answer, the demigods did not get deterred but rather grew suspicious. After all, the reason they were sent here was because the Field Marshal wasn't answering or replying to any calls or texts.

Meanwhile, the in charge of the ten elite demigod teams immediately contacted the real response and rescue team as they were just the response and reconnaissance team, support for the real R&R team. The other team leader dared to enquire about the field Marshal because he was buying the demigod in charge enough time to report back to the R&R team and wait for their instructions. But they did not think the Field Marshal would respond so strongly, making them suspicious of her intentions.

Seeing that the ten elite demigod teams weren't showing any signs of retreat the Field Marshal sighed. Listening to her sigh the fifty demigods simultaneously summoned their grimoires and fanned out forming a battle array formation.

Seeing this, the Field Marshal's sigh grew longer, knowing things weren't going to be easy. She really did not want to hurt the people she personally trained and selected. As the Field Marshal she had the highest authority in Southern Watch after the Southern Ruler and the Southern Queen but seeing how they dared to ignore her orders, it was clear they were here on the orders of the Southern Queen as the Southern Ruler was busy at the Way beyond. But knowing her sister-in-law was just a puppet of her niece the Field Marshal figured Anna's mother was using Colleen's name to order the R&R team. Making things complicated.

"Do we have to do this? You guys should know in your heart that even with battle array formation you are no match for me," The Field Marshal said giving the fifty Elite demigods a second chance to retreat.

"Madam Field Marshal, we never planned to defeat you. Since, we failed to gather information, at the least we can buy time for the R&R team to get here," the demigod in charge informed.

"Fine, have it your way. I will wait for the R&R team with you guys," The Field Marshal did not want to harm her own people, after all, they were just doing their job. As long as these guys did not disturb Wyatt she could tolerate their stubbornness.

Listening to the Field Marshal the fifty Elite demigods sighed in relief and the in-charge even went far as to thank her, "Thank you, Madam Field Marshal."

The Field Marshal shook her head seeing the exaggerated actions of the elite demigods. However, she was impressed that they were willing to stand against her and perform their duty properly. They were strong but not good enough to fight one of the top ten strongest in the world. Therefore, she was happy with their performance. She would have been disappointed in them if they had left with her warning and would have reconsidered them for the job.

"Madam Field Marshal, just out of pure curiosity is that unknown blood rule domain yours? I sense celestial force from it," one of the team leaders asked the Field Marshal with her eyes filled with fanatic worship toward the Field Marshal.

"I hate to disappoint you but it doesn't belong to me," the Field Marshal replied shaking her head, and then asked, "Did you guys not receive any update from the kids' parents? Seeing the dumb look on your faces I take it my niece did not inform you everything but just enough for the mission."

"It is understandable. After all, we are the reconnaissance team. Her Highness might have wanted to cross-check the information she has with what we found before deploying the R&R team," the elite demigod in charge of the teams hurriedly defended Anna's mother's action.

The demigod teams were already demoralized facing the Field Marshal, one of the top ten strongest card apprentices in the world, as their opponent, learning that the higher-ups sent them on a mission without proper information would only further demoralize them so he hurriedly acted to salvage what he can. After all, his mates were not dumb.

"Haha, nice save. As a reward, I will answer you. Yes, you are correct that the blood rule domain is indeed made using celestial force and it belongs to Wyatt," the Field Marshal shared only the things that demigods had already guessed. Simply put, she was bragging about Wyatt.

When Wyatt used celestial force and blood rule in combination to invoke a domain, the Field Marshal was shocked to see Wyatt achieve something she had been trying to achieve for decades. There were records of ancient demigods being able to do this. Now that she had achieved the peak, the Field Marshal tried various things to improve her strength as being one of the top ten strongest did not satisfy her.

The Field Marshal tried to combine celestial force and rule energy to invoke a celestial rule domain mentioned in the ancient records but she had to start from scratch because she had no idea what it looked like nor had experienced it. Since all she had were ancient myths to help her the Field Marshal took many detours in her attempts to recreate the myth and never succeeded even after decades. Despite failing repeatedly the Field Marshal was not without gains as her mastery over the Celestial force borrowed from the world's will increased significantly with every failure. So, imagine her surprise when Wyatt achieved it.

The Field Marshal had a lot of questions for Wyatt regarding the celestial rule domain but most of all she was jubilant that she did not trust the wrong person. It did not take long for her happiness to morph into pride. After all, she wasn't the only one who was attempting to recreate celestial rule domains from myth. Among the top ten strongest in the world, each one of them had tried to recreate the celestial rule domain at some point in their life, failed repeatedly, gave up, and moved on.

In a way, the celestial rule domain was more like an unrequited love of all the top strongest. Even though the Field Marshal herself did not recreate the myth she was proud that the person she gave her undying faith to was the one who recreated the myth. Therefore, she could not help but brag about Wyatt to the fifty elite demigods gathered.

"A blood rule domain made using celestial force, isn't that celestial rule domain?" An elite demigod blurted in shock. However, many demigods present did not seem to know what he was talking about. After all, the celestial rule domain was a myth that only those at the top knew of and pursued. It was more like an extra syllabus for the elite demigods. They still had a long way to go before worrying about recreating myths like the celestial rule domain.

"I am impressed you know about the celestial rule domain," the Field Marshal looked at the demigod who blurted about the celestial rule domain and made a point of remembering those that showed understanding toward the Celestial Rule Domain. Since, they were researching about the celestial rule domain it showed that they had not given up having achieved elite demigods rank and desired more. The Field Marshal who liked to encourage talents did not think twice before adding them to her list of potential investment.

"Huh, isn't this too peaceful? I thought we were here to fight the Field Marshal!"

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## Chapter 2041 Royal Instructor

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### Chapter 2041 Royal Instructor

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A condescending voice sounded as the Field Marshal and the fifty elite demigods waited for the R&R team, even without looking at the source of the voice they all knew the R&R team had arrived. Thanks to her space rule mastery the Field Marshal had long sensed the arrival. However, she did not think they would be so brazen about fighting her. Unlike the rescue reconnaissance team that had arrived here with the intent to learn why the Field Marshal was not answering or replying to calls and texts, the rescue response team seemed to have arrived with the intent that the Field Marshal was the problem. Knowing that the attitude of the rescue response team was the attitude of her niece, the Field Marshal shook her head, she wasn't surprised that Anna's mother figured things out so quickly. She did make things obvious by avoiding her calls and texts, and her attitude toward the rescue reconnaissance team was like a nail in the coffin. Knowing her niece had always been decisive, the Field Marshal wasn't taken aback by Anna's mother not showing hesitation to decide to dispose of her, but the real question here was if she was capable enough to do it. "Cadet, am I hearing it right, have you chosen to rebel?" An old husky voice sounded from behind Field Marshal. Listening to that voice, the Field Marshal's eyelashes trembled as it belonged to the person worthy enough to address her as a cadet, her military instructor. The Field Marshal had many teachers in her lifetime but only two made the most impact on her one was her father and the other was the old demigod before her. Fun fact, even her father had trained under him. After all, this old gentleman was from her great-grandfather's period. "Instructor, I am sorry my stubborn niece has disturbed you," the Field Marshal turned to face a bald demigod with a wrinkled face, he appeared as if he was at the end of his lifespan.

"Well, it is a shame that I had to come out of retirement to face you of all people," the old demigod said signaling the rescue reconnaissance squadron to leave. The rescue reconnaissance team saluted the old demigod and took their leave before taking one last look at the Field Marshal. Regardless of who they were, they had the opportunity to train or work under her as such they knew that her title 'Southern Hero' was not just for show. Therefore, they hoped that the worst they were imagining would not come true and all this was just a big misunderstanding. "I too do not wish for this," the Field Marshal politely replied to the old demigod but she was astonished that Anna's mother would be able to deploy him on such a short notice. There weren't many in the Southern region that would dare to fight the Field Marshal, and for Anna's mother to find someone at such short notice showed that Anna's mother had long thought of this countermeasure against Field Marshal. Understanding this the Field Marshal was a little mortified because if not for her crossing paths with Wyatt the Field Marshal never planned to go against her niece but for Anna's mother to prepare a countermeasure against her anyway showed one of two things: Anna's mother never fully trusted Field Marshal. Or Anna's mother was very cautious and just being thorough. The Field Marshal did not bother debating which of the two things was true because her loyalty no longer belonged to Anna's mother but to Wyatt. However, if this incident had taught the

Field Marshal anything it made her ponder if Wyatt too had a countermeasure prepared for her. Well, considering her own niece had one she would be surprised if Wyatt did not have one. "Well, it seems it was worth it," the Royal Instructor said looking up at the Celestial Blood Rule Domain covering the edge of the void spanning a few miles. His eyes showed a look of longing as he gazed at the Celestial Blood Rule Domain. He too was one of the many who had once tried to recreate the myth of the Celestial Rule Domain and ultimately gave up unable to withstand the repeated failure. Actually, he did not give up but passed his will on to his many capable students hoping they would succeed where he failed. The Field Marshal was one of them. "Yes, say you see—" "Royal instructor, she is stalling for time. Let us finish here quick and check on the kids," the condescending voice from before sounded once again but this dared to interrupt Field Marshal who planned to brag about Wyatt managing to recreate the myth 'Celestial Rule Domain.' After all, they both shared the dream to recreate this myth. "..." The Royal Instructor turned his eyes and eyed the demigod who spoke but did not bother to respond. Then, he returned to admiring the celestial blood rule domain as if it were the most precious thing in the world. That demigod wasn't alone; there were four other demigods with him. These five demigods were the real rescue response team, but their opponent this time was the Field Marshal so the Royal Instructor tagged along following the request of Anna's mother. After all, the Royal Instructor was one of the few people in the Southern Region that even the Southern Ruler would not order, but only make a polite request to as the Southern Ruler too was one of the Royal Instructor's prized disciple. Well, almost all of the royal descendants since the time of the Field Marshal's father had studied under the Royal instructor. Jane Jr Austen (JJ), and Aria Art were among the current batch of royal descendants studying under him. Anna, Ann, and Luna were part of the old batch. However, the Field Marshal frowned and responded to the rude demigod with anger mixed with a hint of helplessness, "I thought I taught you better than to interrupt your elders, son."

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## Chapter 2042 Luna's Father

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### Chapter 2042 Luna's Father

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As soon as the Field Marshal spoke those words, the heated atmosphere immediately turned awkward. The four demigods from the rescue response team joined the Royal Instructor to admire the Blood Rule Domain not wanting to be part of the family drama, with one of them asking the old gentleman, "Royal Instructor, is this the supposed 'Celestial Rule Domain' of the myths?"

"Yes, ain't it beautiful," the Royal Instructor uttered, if not for the mission he would have rushed to examine the domain above him. "It is, it feels like a small world independent of the card world," one of the demigods said and another added, "It is unlike any domain I have seen." The Royal Instructor nodded in response as the demigods could not have described the celestial rule domain better. "Son?" Luna's father looked at his mother in rage. Then, repeated the words she had said to him, his siblings, and his lovely daughter on numerous occasions, "When we're working, I'm not your son, and you're not my mother. Got it?"

"Sigh! Son, you still hold me responsible for what Luna did?" the Field Marshal asked. She was painfully aware that her strictness about Honor and Loyalty had become a wedge driving her apart from her children and grandchildren.

"Don't you dare call me your son? Do you remember what you said to me when I came to you to beg you not to disown Luna? You said Luna Lorn, my daughter is dead and what remains of her is a traitor? By that logic, my mother is dead and what remains of her is a rebel and a traitor!" Luna's father roared and declared. "Son, I know you are hurting but please leave I don't want to harm you of all people," the Field Marshal pleaded with her son. As his mother, the Field Marshal understood her son's strength so she knew it would be difficult even for her to subdue him without doing any permanent damage. Now what kind of mother would choose to harm her son if it can be avoided? The rescue response team was a small squadron of elites but had many capable demigods in it, for Field Marshal's son to show up out of all the capable demigods as the leader of the rescue response team along with the Royal Instructor showed that Anna's mother spared no effort to take the Field Marshal down and make sure she stayed down. "I heard enough of this," Luna's father was infuriated listening to the Field Marshal and ordered his team, "Get in position, prepare the five-point battle array formation." "I am out!" one of the demigods threw in the towel before the decisive battle and soon another did too, "Team Leader, count me out too." Listening to his team members withdraw before the decisive battle one after the other, Luna's father sharply turned to face his team and requested, "Guys, come on, I need you to back me up on this one." Unlike his mother who followed strict workplace hierarchy and conduct, Luna's father was easygoing, considered his subordinates his friends, and treated them as such. "Leader, this changes things," the demigod who quit first said pointing at the celestial blood rule domain adding, "I think we should report this before we make any hasty move." "Cadet, do you know who is responsible for this beautiful domain?" the Royal Instructor asked the Field Marshal, ignoring the discussion between the rescue response team. "Yes, instructor. It is the kid that recently became famous as the Hope

of the Southern region, Dalton Wyatt," the Field Marshal proudly reported to her old military instructor. "Ah, I have heard of him and used one of his cards, the VR-slime card. Its soul energy digestion effect has helped me relive my mortal days and the VR-universe was an eye-opener. I wanted to meet the boy but not under these circumstances." As a demigod who has achieved the peak of the card world, the Royal Instructor had long outgrown the need for mortal necessities such as eating and drinking. But ever since he learned about the soul energy digestion effect of the VR-slime card, he has been indulging in eating high-ranking monster meat especially, ever since the VR universe introduced him to an unexplored profession in the culinary world, Monster Chef. The feeling of eating the well-seasoned meat of the SSS-rank dragon monster was just too addictive. "Royal instructor, not you too," Luna's father was stumped seeing that even the Royal Instructor showed a lack of interest in fighting the Field Marshal and was distracted by the celestial rule domain like the rest of his teammates. The Royal Instructor was one of the oldest demigods in the Southern Region, he had already seen through what was going on here. Therefore, he was not keen on completing the mission assigned to him. The existence of the celestial rule domain only cemented his resolve. So, he continued to ignore Luna's father. Ignoring her son, the Field Marshal continued her talk with her instructor, "It doesn't have to be that way. I am sure Wyatt too would love to meet you and appreciate the opportunity to learn from you, instructor." "I don't dare," the Royal Instructor suddenly said adding, "What can I possibly teach to someone who recreated the Celestial Rule Domain? I would be lucky if he were willing to enlighten me."

The Royal Instructor wasn't being polite he honestly thought that he had nothing to teach Wyatt and had a lot to learn from him instead. This humility of the old gentleman alone was enough to show why for the last few generations he was chosen to instruct the royal descendants. "Royal Instructor, that—I cannot promise you anything. If you have heard about him then you should know that he is a bit erratic," the Field Marshal hesitated before promising the Royal Instructor anything. As Wyatt's loyal subordinate, she was in no place to make commitments for him. "A bit?" Luna's father scoffed listening to his mother downplay the unpredictability of Wyatt to the Royal Instructor. "No worries, just help me introduce myself to the young 'Southern Hope.' As for the rest, let us see how things progress."

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## Chapter 2043 House Arrest, Hostage

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The Royal Instructor was very conservative and traditional. These traits of his were why he was not popular among recent batches of royal descendants, that would be since Anna's batch give or take one or two batches seeing how Luna's father and Anna's mother still respected and relied on the Royal Instructor. However, when it came to his pursuit of knowledge he seemed to have no trouble bending the values he preached. Therefore, even though he agreed to help Anna's mother subdue Field Marshal when faced with the celestial rule domain from myths he did not hesitate to shake hands with the Field Marshal.

Listening to the Royal Instructor ask her help to meet with Wyatt, the Field Marshal sighed in relief because her son and his team were already troublesome enough but adding the Royal Instructor to the mix would spell a disaster. For Wyatt, the Field Marshal would not hesitate to fight her son and elder but she was happy she could avoid it. "How is this fair? You rebel and you are still treated like the Southern Hero, my baby daughter made a few bad choices and she became the Southern Traitor overnight and gets disowned," Luna's father complained glaring at his mother. "..." The Field Marshal did not respond. She knew her son was being unreasonable but he was hurting. If blaming her would lessen his pain she will gladly take the blame. "Team Leader, I thought you disowned your daughter?" Luna's father's teammate asked in confusion. Unable to understand why was their team leader so heartbroken over disowning his daughter when he was the one who disowned her in the first place. "I didn't, it was her, her husband, and the rest of the blood relatives who decided it despite my protest. And then the media announced it was I who disowned her following my cousin's instructions," Luna's father cleared the confusion of his teammates, and then looking eyes with his mother he asked, "Help me understand, for all my life you and father taught us no beaten it into us that we are arms of the Southern Region and Royal family protecting them is our duty so why would you go and rebel against the Royal family?" "Up until this morning, I used to believe that but things changed when he forced me to choose between the Southern Region and the Southern Royal family. That was when I realized that your grandfather asked me to be your uncle's arms because our family being the arms of the Southern Royal family would help us be the arms of the Southern Region that could protect it. However, now times have changed. The problems of the Southern Region have changed. The Southern Royal family has to learn to adapt to the change but if they stubbornly continue to force the old ways on the new Southern Region then, their days are numbered as you have seen in the Tao Eye's memories. I have no problem fighting along with the Southern Royal family till that unfortunate yet inevitable end comes but the Southern Region and its citizens will suffer. To avoid that unfortunate ending, I have decided to take the first step toward

adapting to the change now it's up to the Southern Royal family, whether they will willingly follow me and adapt to the change even if it means letting go of the power in their hand or will they struggle till their inevitable end comes knocking on the door." The Field Marshal justified her actions not just to her son but the Royal Instructor and her son's teammates. "Change, is Dalton Wyatt the change that you speak of?" the Royal instructor asked the Field Marshal while his gaze did not stop admiring the Celestial Blood Rule Domain. "He is just a part of it," the Field Marshal recalling Wyatt's speech 'We are the hope of Southern Region.'

"Wait, you said us, don't tell me you want our entire family to follow you on this mid-life crisis of yours," Luna's father said in disbelief. Then, he muttered, "No wonder your beloved niece ordered to place father under house arrest." "She did what now," the Field Marshal fumed listening to her son casually say that his father her husband was put under house arrest by Anna's mother. "What did you expect? It is not news to us that she has serious trust issues ever since Gainover did a number on her," Luna's father said, he did not appear to be sympathetic about his cousin's husband leaving her. "Then why did she send you to apprehend me?" the Field Marshal asked not understanding Anna's mother's game plan. \*Amen\* the Royal Instructor who appeared uninterested in Field Marshal's family drama up until now suddenly cleared his throat and proceeded to clarify, "He is supposed to be my hostage. If you prove too strong for this old man and the kids then, I was supposed to use his life to force you into turning yourself in." "That bitch!" Luna's father cussed out of sheer rage. Then, he turned to look at his teammates and asked, "Did you guys know about this?" Seeing his teammates avoid meeting his eyes and not respond, Luna's father understood except for him everyone was aware of his cousin's true game plan. He could not believe he jumped around making a clown of himself shouting to fight his mother. First, the sorrow of disowning his daughter then, his mother's unexpected life decision, and now, being betrayed by his teammates and the organization he worked all of his life for, Luna's father felt a myriad of feelings that even he could not explain but above all he was sad to see that all of his life amounted to this moment.

Looking at his teammates with disappointment Luna's father said, "I trusted you guys with my life. Above all, I thought we were friends!" "Team leader, Her Highness said your family was planning a rebellion, and with what your daughter did we..." one of Luna's father's teammates tried to defend themselves but as he spoke he realized he had no defense as they knew their team leader has always been loyal to the Southern Region and Royal family, even now. As for the Field Marshal, there appears to be a slight disagreement in opinion and some misunderstanding but the Southern Princess's response to it was a bit over the top.

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# Chapter 2044 Mission Failed

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## Chapter 2044 Mission Failed

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"Fuck my life!" Luna's father despaired to see where his life had fallen. He could not care less about his life when his precious daughter's whereabouts were still unknown. "Son, language!" the Field Marshal warned her son for using foul language. It pained her to see her son like this.

"You did this," Luna's father yelled at Field Marshal, blaming her for everything. "Okay, blame it all on me, but what next?" the Field Marshal said, not wanting her son to continue despairing stuck in the past. She wanted him to move forward with his life. "Next..." Luna's father's confused and blank eyes focused as he pondered about the next course of action. Soon his eyes gained clarity and he declared, "To heck with the Royal family, I am going to find my daughter and bring her home." Announcing the first thought in his mind, Luna's father then looked at his mother and asked, "Do you know how to get in touch with Henricks? He should know where Luna is." "No and why would you think I would know how to contact him?" the Field Marshal did not like what her son was implying. "No reason, you guys worked together. So, I thought you would have his grimoire contact ID. After all, it's unique and permanent." Luna's father hurriedly defended.

"I do have his contact ID but since he spends most of his time hiding in other worlds, I don't think you will be able to contact him with that," the Field Marshal explained. "That's good enough, share it with my grimoire—" "\*Ahem\* you guys are making it hard for me to pretend I see nothing but the Celestial Rule Domain," the Royal Instructor cleared his throat and interrupted the conversation between Field Marshal and her son. Then, the Royal Instructor asked the other demigods, "Any word from Her Highness?" Noticing the subtle changes in their energy signature. "Her Highness ordered us to proceed with the plan," Luna's father's teammate answered after a little hesitation. Listening to him, Luna's father immediately rushed to his mother's side fearing that he would be held hostage by the Royal Instructor.

"I see, Her Highness doesn't want to have the difficult but necessary talk unless she holds the power and has full control over the situation. Typical of her," the Royal Instructor seemed to have guessed Anna's mother's response and instructed the

demigod, "Don't respond or reply to her for another thirty minutes, and when you do, then inform her that the mission was a failure as the Field Marshal and the R&R team leader joined forces to overpower us." "Royal Instructor, this..." the demigod was taken aback by the Royal Instructor's orders. Seeing him hesitate, the Royal Instructor threatened, "Do you want there to be a casualty in the report that your teammates will give to Her Highness?" Listening to the Royal Instructor's threat, the demigod decisively agreed, "I will report to Her Highness after thirty minutes that we failed the mission but luckily there were no casualties." "Good," the Royal Instructor nodded and returned to gazing at the celestial blood rule domain while asking the Field Marshal, "Cadet, how much longer do I have to wait?" "He should be done soon, let me contact him just in case," the Field Marshal politely replied and decided to inform Wyatt about the development down here. Though the Field Marshal was stronger and had confidence to win against the Royal Instructor she was happy that things resolved peacefully thanks to Wyatt's celestial blood rule domain. After all, the Royal Instructor was a tough opponent from her grandfather's period. Just the fact that the Royal Instructor outlived most demigods of his generation showed that he had many tricks up his sleeves. And with her son's teammates helping him, the odds were actually stacked against her. After all, each one of these demigods was strong as a supreme being. Not to mention the Card apprentices had more means than a supreme being. The Royal Instructor nodded preparing to wait for Wyatt. However, he suddenly looked in the southeast direction and frowned. He wasn't alone, even the Field Marshal looked in that direction and frowned uttering, "Who are these fools and why did the Southern region's array formation not alert us about them?" "All of them seem to have the access card on them," the Royal instructor answered, guessing the reason why the Southern region's array formation did not react to the intruders. "Did she send another team to check on us sensing something was wrong?" Luna's father said, paranoid about his cousin's reaction. Unlike the Royal Instructor and the Field Marshal, he had yet to sense the invaders. However, he trusted the sense of his mother and the Royal Instructor. After all, they were on another level compared to him and his team. "I would not put that past her but that doesn't seem to be the case here," the Royal Instructor's brows grew narrower as he focused his intent toward the southeast direction trying to gather as much information about the invaders as possible. Sensing a peculiarity about their energy signature he muttered, "There is something wrong with their energy signature, I can't put my finger on it." "Cadet, did your unique eyes see anything?" the Royal Instructor gave up and asked the Field Marshal. "Yes," the Field Marshal nodded and proceeded to narrate, "A dozen or so demigods appear to be chasing a speeding shuttle. Son, you take your team and go rescue the shuttle and apprehend those demigods if possible. But be careful, those demigods don't seem normal." "Do I have to?" Luna's father asked as he did not want to look at his former team let alone work together with them again. Listening to him, each of his teammates had complicated expressions on. "Forget it, I will go. It will be faster that way," the Royal Instructor said before vanishing in the thin air.

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# Chapter 2045 Celestial Force Domain

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## Chapter 2045 Celestial Force Domain

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Location- Card World, Southern Region, Blossom District, Air Space

"Celestial Force Domain!" Arriving between the speeding shuttle and the dozen demigods chasing it, the Royal Instructor instantly entered one with the world state both physically and spiritually then, borrowing the world's celestial force he chanted aloud invoking a domain purely made of celestial force. Yes, the Royal Instructor was showing off to one of his prized disciples, Field Marshal Heatsend, his mastery over celestial force motivated by Wyatt's Celestial Blood Rule Domain. Being able to create a domain spanning several miles purely using celestial force wasn't a simple feat, one needed proper command over the celestial force they borrowed from the world. Since it was a borrowed power mastery over it could only be accumulated over time with patience and perseverance. Once the Royal Instructor's Celestial Force Domain spread across the space, the dozen unusual demigods and the speeding shuttle lost all their momentum. Coming to a forced halt, they found themselves trapped within a domain where the laws of gravity no longer worked as per usual. "Undead!" the Royal Instructor exclaimed getting a good look at the dozen unusual demigods that were chasing the shuttle. The dozen Undead demigods struggled but were unable to break free of the celestial force binding them. So, they simultaneously tried to summon their grimoires only to hear the Royal Instructor invoke a rule domain, "Silence Rule Domain!" The Royal Instructor invoked two domains and overlapped them on one another. It was not the same as combining two rule domains or combining celestial force and rule power but it was the fruit of the Royal Instructor's centuries of research into the celestial rule domain. The Royal Instructor could combine two or more rule domains effortlessly but when it came to combining celestial force with rule power he failed horribly. At first, the Royal instructor thought that his mastery over celestial force wasn't enough so he practiced it relentlessly as if his life depended on it. That was how he was able to master a borrowed power to the point of creating a domain using it. However, regardless of his mastery over celestial force, the Royal Instructor kept failing to combine celestial force with his rule power. So, the Royal Instructor concluded he was missing something and tried to figure out the missing factor that would allow him to come combine celestial force with his rule power. However, with no idea what he was looking for and where to get started, he could only use the trial and error process to figure out the missing factor.

Centuries have passed, and learning he alone wasn't enough he even passed his will and knowledge to his prized disciples to speed the process yet they had to find the answer. Even though they failed repeatedly someone unexpected, today, achieved what they could not with their combined and centuries of effort. Though sad that it was not him or one of his disciples the Royal Instructor was happy that the answer he was seeking was right in front of him. So much so that today he broke many of the values he preached to his disciples, not to mention even the inner child in him came out. As the Silence rule domain overlapped the celestial force domain, the dozen undead demigods could not summon their grimoires. Even the shuttle trapped in the celestial force domain vanished leaving behind a dozen semi-demigods and a card master. The semi-demigods appeared to be badly injured and some even appeared to have overdrawn their vitality. It was already a miracle that these semi-demigods were still alive.

"Greetings, Royal Instructor!" the card master recognized the Royal Instructor and hurriedly greeted him. Being greeted by the card master the Royal Instructor squinted trying to recall where he had seen the card master. "You are the mortal friend of Her Highness Southern Emperor from the central capital. Why are these undead chasing you?" Soon the Royal Instructor recalled that the card master was Anna's friend who came to visit him to consult him regarding her innate condition that made it hard for her to continue practicing her active soul control. "Royal Instructor, I am Senator Asong Young. It is an honor to be remembered by you and thank you for saving us," the card master introduced herself and then proceeded to say, "Royal Instructor, I mean no disrespect to you but it is related to an ongoing investigation so I cannot answer that. However, I would appreciate your help in apprehending these undead demigods."

"Girl— Senator, your tongue is as crafty as I recall. It's not surprising that you became a legislator in the central government. However, don't thank me yet. These undead demigods seem stronger than what I can handle, I might not be able to hold them any longer..." The Royal Instructor blatantly threatened Asong to answer him or he would free the undead demigods to finish what they were chasing her for. Asong looked at the dozen undead that were bound by the Royal Instructor's unusual domain and rendered defenseless unable to use soul energy because of his silence rule domain then she looked at the shameless Royal Instructor and stood her ground saying, "Anna would be sad to learn her best friend died because of the Royal Instructor's incapability." The Royal Instructor and Asong locked eyes and stared hard at each other, neither side willing to back down. Seeing this Asong's bodyguards panicked but continued to tending to their injuries as they trusted Asong's instincts. Being a legislator who fought multiple opponents in the senate, Asong found fighting the Royal Instructor a breeze. Moments passed and neither side showed any sign of taking a step back or trying to compromise. Asong was grateful that the Royal Instructor saved her life however because of what she had learned recently she did not trust anyone except for her bodyguards who risked their lives to save her. Not to mention, as a member of the central government, she did not trust the Southern Royal family to begin with. Therefore, there wasn't a single instance where she would reveal why the undead demigods were chasing her to the Royal Instructor.

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## Chapter 2046 Wyatt's Guest

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### **Chapter 2046 Wyatt's Guest**

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Undead Demigod's existence was a taboo for the card apprentices. Hence, it was an unspoken rule among the card apprentices to kill the undead card apprentice on sight. So, to find not one but a dozen undead card demigods active in the Southern Region the Royal Instructor was shocked. He wanted to learn more about them but Royal Instructor did not think Asong would call his bluff. However, the Royal Instructor could not let Asong leave without clarifying his doubts about the undead demigods. So, he broke his staring contest with Asong, looking past her he rested his eyes on her bodyguards who were stabilizing their wounds, and reminded her, "It appears they are in bad shape. If they don't gain access to soul energy soon they might succumb to their injuries. Too bad I cannot withdraw my silence rule domain because of the undead. If only I was a bit stronger."

The underlying meaning of the Royal Instructor's words was simply that Anna might care about the death of Asong but not about Asong's bodyguards, unlike Asong whose life they risked their life to save. Listening to the Royal Instructor, Asong's expression remained unchanged as she decisively and coldheartedly said, "They would be honored to die in the line of duty." However, she wasn't done, "But Wyatt would not be happy to learn that his guest received such a terrible welcome." she bluffed. The sly grin on the Royal Instructor was replaced by a frown learning that Asong was Wyatt's guest. He didn't believe her but decided to hear her out, "How are you related to Wyatt?" After all, currently, he wanted to grow closer to Wyatt and get on his good side. Learning about the origin of the undead was important but he did not jeopardize his friendship with over this. Asong's timing could not be more perfect, if it was some other time the Royal Instructor would not bothered to give Wyatt any face let alone give face to his name but now that he knew Wyatt could create the celestial rule domain he was willing to bend over backwards for Wyatt. "He's my savior and friend," Asong replied, seeing this would not be enough she went into details, "It was he who cured my innate condition, allowing me to practice active soul control percentage once again."

Of the place Asong could have run to being chased by the undead, she rushed to the Sky Blossom City to seek asylum under Wyatt's protection. Asong did not trust the Southern Royal family to protect her without getting anything in return, however, she trusted that if it was Wyatt's whim they would have no choice but to protect her along with Wyatt. Not to mention Wyatt seems to be aware of the conspiracy in the Central Capital. It was he who warned her not to go around snooping and running for her life. But curiosity got the best of Asong, since she was running for her life anyway, she decided to learn the truth and go into hiding. Such that when in hiding she would think of ways to counter the conspiracy when she was finally ready to surface once again or just use the VR-Universe to do her dirty work. However, Asong was wrong as soon as she became aware of the abyss that was slowly preparing to swallow the central capital it became aware of her and made the first move. Not wanting to hurt those close to her and not knowing whom to trust Asong ran to the only person she knew who was fine despite knowing the abyss slowly engulfing the central capital. Asong's bet was right. She and her bodyguards hadn't even made it to the Sky Blossom City and they were already rescued by Wyatt's bodyguards. Knowing how big the name Wyatt was in the Southern Region Asong did not hesitate to throw it around to get her way when faced with challenges in the Southern Region. Asong was desperate and saw no wrong or shame in her action. "That doesn't prove anything," the Royal Instructor was not convinced listening to Asong. From what Asong said, she would be a patient and customer to Wyatt best. But a friend and a guest now that was far-fetched. "Then please allow me to use my grimoire to inform Wyatt that I have safely arrived at his city thanks to the help of the Royal Instructor," Asong was not here to make enemies but to seek asylum therefore she did not dare to offend the Royal Instructor too much. Her mind was a mess after learning what was actually happening in the central capital. She could not care less about the Royal Instructor and his threats. The Royal Instructor intently stared at Asong, before giving in, "That won't be necessary." With that, he freed the Asong and her bodyguards from his silence rule domain. Regaining the connection to their grimoires Asong's bodyguards immediately tended to themselves while Asong gratefully said, "Thank you, Royal Instructor." Disregarding Asong's thanks, the Royal Instructor turned to face the undead and began to analyze them to learn a shocking truth about them and blurted in disbelief, "These Undead have recently broken through to demigods."

"Is that bad?" Asong asked "Undead aren't like living. Pain/fear, aging, and death do not entangle them like they do the living but as a result, unlike the living they do not understand emotions, they don't grow, and they don't have meaning. Hence, it is difficult for the undead to break through to a higher realm as they can't break through to a higher realm using normal means like the living, but for a dozen undead to break through to demigod rank that too not long ago and together means someone was grooming them, helping them break through to the demigod realm," in his shock, the Royal Instructor speculated aloud. Then, he cussed, "Fuck, who is crazy enough to groom undead like chickens and pigs. And how are they doing it without attracting any attention?" "..." Asong was shocked by the Royal Instructor's investigative prowess. He was asking all the right questions. Unfortunately, she did not trust him enough to give answers to those questions despite having risked her life to learn the answers because

the truth was that shocking. There was no telling how the Royal instructor and the Southern Royal family would react after learning it. So, for her safety, Asong played dumb.

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## Chapter 2047 Proper Protocol

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### **Chapter 2047 Proper Protocol**

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Looking at Asong playing dumb despite listening to his lengthy speculation on the dozen undead's breakthrough to the demigod realm, the Royal Instructor remarked, "Though weak, you are one tough nut to crack. No wonder you can pursue a career as a legislator and have people willing to die for you." "Royal Instructor, I don't understand," Asong continued with her act knowing that the Royal Instructor would not touch her or her bodyguards until he checked Wyatt's relationship with her with his own eyes.

The Royal Instructor's shock and loud monolog were all an act to pressure Asong using the seriousness of the circumstances surrounding the undead so that she would tell him everything she knew about the dozen undead demigods chasing her. However, Asong did not fall for the Royal Instructor's ploy. Instead of naively blabbing everything as the Royal Instructor expected her to she pretended to be dumb, unable to understand the seriousness of the situation. Seeing this the Royal Instructor no longer dared to underestimate Asong because of her age and realm. The Royal Instructor shook his head thinking, 'It seems the new generation isn't entirely doomed,' as he turned to face the dozen undead demigods and asked, "Which one of you rotting corpses knows to speak?"

Not getting a response from the undead demigods, the Royal Instructor muttered to the undead, "It seems your maker is lacking, considering you guys cannot speak despite having the realm of demigod, or is it because it is easier to control you guys this way. Then, your maker is a little less crazier than I initially assume d." 'Still no reaction?' the

Royal Instructor wondered in his mind. He deliberately tried to belittle and praise the undead's creator to learn more about them from their reaction seeing how they could not speak. Not getting what he was looking for the Royal Instructor snapped his fingers losing his patience. \*Snap\* with the sound, the undead's body from the neck down disintegrated into dust leaving their heads unharmed. Losing their body did not seem to affect the undead. Their eyes continued to stare at Asong and her guards while snapping their jaws at them threateningly. If not for the celestial force domain binding them the heads of the undead would have launched themselves at Asong and her guards to bite them to death.

Seeing the Royal Instructor disintegrate the bodies of the dozen undead with a snap, Asong and her guards were shocked. They knew the Royal Instructor was strong but the strength displayed by him was beyond their imagination. They found themselves wondering if it was fair for a single person to be that strong. Then recalling that the Royal Instructor wasn't the strongest among the lineup of the Southern Royal Family or the other royal families and the central government they felt an unsettling thirst for strength within their souls. Ignoring the awe-filled gaze of Asong and her guards, the Royal Instructor reduced his celestial force domain to only restrain the heads of the undead. Then, he mentally chanted, 'Spatial Displacement.' In a blink of an eye the dozen undead heads, Asong, her guards, and the Royal Instructor appeared amidst, the Field Marshal, Luna's father, and the R&R team members who exclaimed in unison, "Undead!" "Stop, they are evidence," the Royal Instructor stopped Luna's father and his team members who were preparing to attack the heads of the undead. "Evidence?" Luna's father uttered in confusion. "Yes, evidence that someone is grooming undead in the central region. Most likely at its heart, the central capital," the Royal Instructor answered eyeing Asong's facial expression to check if his speculation was correct. However, he got nothing from Asong as her facial expressions were dead like a jungle tree. "What!" the R&R team members exclaimed in shock and disbelief however Luna's father and grandma remained expressionless as they had a bigger concern on their minds. 'Mother, things are progressing faster than what we saw in the memories of the Tao Eyes,' Luna's father mentally informed the Field Marshal of the obvious, 'I can see that. What could have caused it?' 'Cadet, you don't seem surprised? Is there anything you need to tell me?' the Royal Instructor telepathically enquired the Field Marshal noticing the lack of reaction from her and her son. 'Instructor, please check your grimoire for messages. You must have been busy and missed the invite for the meeting. I will update you about it later,' the Field Marshal explained to the Royal Instructor. Royal Instructor was one of the select few who were allowed to learn about the memories of the Tao Eyes. But for reasons only known to him, he missed the last few meetings including the ones about the Matron, the Supreme Leader, and the Tao Eyes. Listening to Field Marshal, he checked his grimoire messages to find that he had indeed received an invite to an important meeting that got buried under other unread messages. 'My apologies, I was too busy with Her Highness's research into enhancing the effects of the Silver Milk Powder and my regular work that I seemed to have missed the invite,' the Royal Instructor explained his tardiness revealing the top secret research that Anna's mother had made him in charge of. 'No wonder,' the Field Marshal nodded in understanding. Then, she proceeded to explain, 'This matter is very sensitive and

needs proper protocol. So, Instructor, please forgive me for not being able to reveal anything more regarding this issue. You have to trust me on this one.'

The Royal Instructor was taken aback to hear Field Marshal repeat what Asong said to him. However, he did not lose his marbles over this instead he nodded in understanding, 'I understand. For now, I am assured that the Royal family knows about this and is already preparing necessary steps against it. So, I will leave these undead heads in your custody.'

'Instructor, thank you for trusting me,' the Field Marshal thanked the Royal Instructor for being reasonable and not taking offense as she sealed the dozen undead heads in one of her cards.

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## Chapter 2048 Secretary Lorn Heatsend

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### **Chapter 2048 Secretary Lorn Heatsend**

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Time- 17:23

Location- Card World, Southern Region, Blossom District, Air Space

"She claims to be Wyatt's guest," the Royal Instructor informed the Field Marshal eyeing Asong and her guards.

The Field Marshal turned to look at Asong and recalling the incident of Gideon Grim conducting human sacrifice in the remote city of the Northern region, she asked Asong, "Are you Wyatt's contact in the Senate?" Wyatt had contacted his various contacts to help with that incident, not all responded to his call but among those that responded one was from the Senate, both Field Marshal and Anna's mother had been trying to figure out who that person was, and for Asong to show up as Wyatt's guest, the Field Marshal guessed she had to be it. "Yes, Madam Field Marshal," Asong nodded vigorously. Honestly, she was intimidated by her present company. As a politician from the central region, Asong knew all the important people in the five regions even though her power was mostly limited to the central region. So, she immediately recognized the Field

Marshal and Luna's father. They both were influential people in the Southern Region and Way Beyond. Luna's father's achievements might be overshadowed by his mother's achievements but he was not to be underestimated. Considering Wyatt's importance to the Southern Region, Asong wasn't surprised that all these great figures were assembled in one place. Besides, with them here, she did not have to worry about her safety anymore. If not for Anna, they will have to protect her for Wyatt. "You have many good capable friends in the central government, it wasn't easy to trace you," the Field Marshal said recalling how frustrated Anna's mother was unable to find Wyatt's contact in the Senate.

"Trace me?" Asong asked in confusion. "Nothing dear," Field Marshal shook her head then she could not help but wonder if Wyatt being acquainted with Asong of all people was a coincidental relationship? Do great people attract each other? The Field Marshal thought this recalling how Asong played a huge role in defeating the three mischiefs in the Tao Eye's memories even though she happened to be dead in it. "Sir Royal Instructor, Madam Field Marshal, thank you for rescuing us. I will forever be grateful to the Southern Royal family for helping us in our time of distress," Asong expressed her gratitude and then proceeded to excuse herself, "I'm sorry I could not express my gratitude properly as I need to address an urgent issue. I will take my leave now." Asong and her guard prepared to head to Wyatt's warehouse recalling their last visit to the Sky Blossom City. However, they stopped hearing the Field Marshal say, "Whatever urgent issue you have, it will have to wait. As Wyatt is not available right now." "I beg your pardon, Madam Field Marshal," Asong frowned fearing that the Southern Royal family did not want Wyatt to meet with a legislator from the central government. "Little girl, don't overthink it. I have nothing against you meeting Wyatt. He is dealing with another issue right now. Besides, once he is free it is still not your turn to meet him unless he wants to meet you first," the Field Marshal clarified. Listening to her the Royal Instructor's heart eased. Only he know how much self-control it took on his part for him not to rush to Wyatt and beg to teach him how to create a celestial rule domain. "I see, I will wait here," Asong had no idea why the Field Marshal was acting like Wyatt's secretary but she decided to wait. Today has been a very busy day for Asong, not just today but ever since Wyatt warned and advised her to go into hiding. But especially today as she took action today. Hence, she was not aware that Wyatt was trending on the grimoire network because of his visit to the city's orphanage, his speech, and then challengers from the southern capital. Therefore, she had no idea of the issue that Wyatt was dealing with now and that the Field Marshal informed her about. "Tsk," Luna's father clicked his tongue looking at his mother's actions. First his cousin and now Dalton Wyatt, he did not understand why his mother who had enough power and influence to carve her territory out of five regions kept choosing to serve under others. If she were to do that he and his siblings would not hesitate to give their lives to help ensure her rise to power, but, they did not understand her current actions. "Cadet, speaking of Wyatt. What should I avoid during our meeting?" the Royal Instructor asked the Field Marshal about the dos and don'ts when meeting Wyatt. He did not try to hide the fact he planned to do anything to get Wyatt to tell him how to combine celestial force with rule power. "I still do not know Wyatt well enough to tell you that. However, he plans to start a criminal rehabilitation and reintegration program. If you can help him

with that then you will be able to easily get on his good side," the Field Marshal knew that as one of the oldest demigods in the Southern Region, the Royal Instructor had many friends in the Southern Royal Court and the five regions. If he supports Wyatt then neither her niece nor the Royal court can stop Wyatt's plans to start a criminal rehabilitation and reintegration program.

"Cedat, you are kidding right? Unless that program is not what I think it is," the Royal Instructor looked at the Field Marshal in disbelief. He wondered what made her think that he would support such a program. "Criminal rehabilitation and reintegration program? It is a noble idea. I am all for giving people second chances but some people don't deserve it," Asong could not help but speak her mind. After all, the program proposed by Wyatt was intriguing even revolutionary but at the same time impractical and naive in present day and age. "Asong, I am disappointed. I did not expect you of all people to be against my criminal rehabilitation and reintegration program."

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Seeing JJ look down in fear when their eyes met, Wyatt shook his head feeling that the level of the royal descendants was not high enough. Compared to Cervos's calculated response and Adriene's unyielding bravery, JJ's cowardly response was disappointing.

Wyatt turned to look at Aria who had climbed onto Diana's phantom flagship with her team without an invitation, and felt that Aria was more strong-minded and brave than JJ. Well, in JJ's defense, he was not a warrior but a card creationist.

"What, am I not welcomed aboard this ship?" Aria asked feeling Wyatt's eyes on her. She pretended to have thick skin but her rosy complexion gave her away.

"Aren't you getting too comfortable with me considering that earlier you were trying to avoid me like a plague?" Wyatt asked seeing Aria was using him to establish her and her squad's prestige in the crowd's mind.

"I don't recall anything like that. If you want me to leave then just say so, and I will leave," Aria said clenching her fist, trying hard not to turn around and run away in shame. It was not like her to be shameless, but opportunities like this did not come often. She wanted to laugh at the expense of the rotten kids from the Southern Capital.

"Do whatever you want?" Wyatt said choosing to ignore Aria. Then, turning to face the crowd momentarily pausing his gaze on Adriene who was still beside Aurelia he said aloud, "Since you all came here to kill me I guess you all were prepared to die. So, do not blame me in the afterlife. If you want to blame anyone then, blame yourself for your foolishness."

"NOooo!"

"ArHhhh!"

Wyatt had yet to act on his word and the crowd grew loud scared for their life, screams and cries of fear filled the domain.

"Quiet!" Wyatt commanded in annoyance, robbing the voice of the crowd, and instantly the domain once again had pin-drop silence.

However, soon a distinctive sharp and pungent smell, similar to that of ammonia began to fill the domain. Losing their voice many in the crowd had soiled themselves. Seeing this, Wyatt asked in disgust, "Are these guys really this generation's Southern Capital's high school gang? I find it hard to believe it."

"You are right, these guys aren't the real deal. The true high gangs of the Southern Capital are mostly looked behind bars and a few with no sense of loyalty have joined big organizations to avoid jail time," Aria answered Wyatt from behind. She was able to speak as only the assembled crowd was influenced by Wyatt's command. However, as soon as she spoke she felt Adriene's glare on her.

"What did I say something wrong?" Aria scoffed at Adriene and with a grin she added, "If not for your families intervening, Robin's Nest would have killed you all that day."

"They dared to use demonic arts, so our families had no choice but to intervene," Adriene defended.

"Only one foolish member of Robin's Nest used demonic arts but your families labeled all the members of Robin's Nest as devil worshippers and locked them up for good," Aria retorted furiously.

"Well, you would say that. After all, RJ was your boyfriend," Adriene scoffed, not wanting to continue arguing with Aria over this matter.

"For the hundredth time, RJ is not my boyfriend. We are just friends," Aria almost pounced at Adriene if not for her squad members holding her back.

"Friends? You knelt in front of the royal court for a whole month to beg pardon for RJ and Robin's Nest. If not for your meddling the Robin's Nest would have been executed

for practicing demonic arts instead of living comfortably off of the taxpayer's money in jail," Adriene was pissed seeing Aria dare deny her relationship with a devil worshiper.

"..." Aria glared at Adriene with the fury of a thousand suns, if not for her squad members holding her down with all their might she really wanted to punch Adriene's face even if she knew she wasn't Adriene's match.

The reason Aria knelt for a whole month before the royal court begged them to pardon Robin's Nest was because unlike Adriene she knew the whole truth. She did all that because she did not want innocent kids to die over false accusations just like how she did not think twice and rushed to here to stop JJ and the rest from making the biggest mistake of their life, making an enemy out of Wyatt.

"If not for your family and having royal bloodline you would not be in the Southern Watch considering all your ties with a proven devil worshiper group," Adriene did not hold back and claimed Aria's achievements were because of nepotism.

"Bitch!" In a fit of rage, Aria overpowered her squad members, and freeing herself from their grasp she rushed at Adriene wanting to knock a few teeth out.

Seeing the incoming Aria, Adriene did not panic and prepared to knock the lights out of Aria. However, just then both of them heard a command in their ears, "Pause." Soon Aria and Adriene found that their body could not move.

Adriene managed to free herself a second or two later but she did not attack defenseless Aria and turned to look at Wyatt who said, "Though, I do hate myself for stopping a girl fight but she is not your opponent."

Wyatt then turned to face Aria, lifting the restrain off her he said, "When I said do whatever pleases you I did not mean start a fight."

Regaining control over her body, the first thing Aria thought was to feel sorry for her cousin JJ and the crowd who were still under Wyatt's restraint. Having experienced the terror of becoming a prisoner in their own body, she did not wish such a fate on her enemy. Then, snorting at Adriene she asserted, "The true high school gang of the Southern Capital is the Robin's Nest. These guys are just a bunch of wannabe thugs."

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**Chapter 2050 Kill!**

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Getting in the last words, Aria provokingly looked at Adriene who decided to no longer participate in this pointless argument. "Robin's Nest, really? What kind of gang name is that? It sounds more like a bread and breakfast. It is hard to believe that some gang with that name terrorized the streets of the Southern Capital," Aurelia commented placing her arm around Adriene's neck like they were close buddies. What was more surprising was that Adriene did not seem to mind her closeness. "When did you two get close?" Wyatt asked Aurelia, only to her say, "Boss, it just happened. Can I keep her?" Hearing her ambiguous words, both Jaya and Corey distanced themselves from Aurelia, even Adriene pushed her arm off her shoulder and maintained a healthy distance between them saying, "I am sorry, I am not interested in the same gender." "Neither am I, what gave you that idea? Besides you guys would be lucky to have me," Aurelia did not seem to realize the ambiguous nature of her previous words and took offense to Adriene, Jaya, and Corey's reaction. "Let's save that discussion for later," Wyatt said, not wanting Aurelia's shenanigans to disturb his plans any longer. So, ignoring Aurelia's fit Wyatt turned to face the crowd that was muted by him and said, "So, where was I? Ah, yes, which one of you wants to die first?" The kids assembled before Wyatt vigorously shook their heads, fear was apparent on their faces. However, the shade of desperation overshadowed the shade of fear on their faces. They still believed that their parents/family would come to rescue them like they always do. Every minute and second counted. The only thought in their mind was not to die until help arrived. "Since none of you are volunteering, I will randomly select whom I should kill first," Wyatt announced, ignoring the scent of ammonia that had gotten stronger in the atmosphere, he declared, "Let the Blood Works begin!" while in his mind he chanted, 'Blood Fate Plunder!' targeting the card apprentice from the Circle and the Yin Yang Harmony sect. With Wyatt's mental command, one by one the card apprentice from the Circle and the Yin Yang Harmony sect burst like fireworks raining blood on the others. Inside the Celestial Blood Fate Domain, these card apprentices died without putting up any struggle. This was what the onlookers such as Aria, Adriene, Aurelia, and the rest witnessed. However, what truly transpired was most of the blood and the grimoire of these card apprentices from the Circle and the Yin Yang Harmony sect were used to plunder these card apprentice's physique, trait, origin card, or any other strongest card in their grimoire by forming blood fate rune cards. Making use of his domain Celestial Blood Fate Domain, Wyatt secretly collected the blood fate rune cards he plundered from sacrificing the card apprentice from the circle and yin-yang sect to his domain into his grimoire card holder. Covered in the fresh hot blood and flesh of the dead card apprentice from the Circle and the Yin Yang Harmony sect many kids in the crowd lost consciousness at the edge of the void and almost plummeted to their deaths. Fortunately for them, Wyatt commanded in time, "Awaken!" With Wyatt's command, the kids that had fallen unconscious and the rest that were barely able to keep consciousness felt their blood rush to their brains. Suddenly their mind felt a lot lighter

and refreshed, they found themselves more focused and concentrated. It was as if someone had pumped huge amounts of adrenaline into their bodies.

Wyatt's command not only awakened them but also allowed their minds to find the power to deal with the blood and gore covering them.

"That was fun—," Wyatt prepared to start a second round of execution however Aria who had recovered from her shock interrupted him yelling, "Wyatt!"

"Y-you killed them!" Aria uttered in disbelief, her distress increased when Wyatt nonchalantly replied to her, "Yes, I did." Meanwhile, Adriene in panic began to check on her sisters. To her astonishment, about half a dozen of her sisters were killed by Wyatt. Learning the death of her sisters, she dashed at Wyatt with the intent to kill, "I will kill you monster!" Staring at the incoming Adriene, Wyatt shook his head and uttered the command, "Kill!"

Adriene who was rushing at Wyatt aiming her fist at Wyatt, suddenly paused in her advance and redirected her fist at the center of her chest. Adriene's fist tore through her flesh, making a big hole in her body. Her fist barely missed her heart but her ribs were broken and her left lung was punctured. Since the attack only managed to gravely injure her and not kill her, Adriene's other free arm moved swiftly to garb her beating heart, rip it out of her chest, and finish the job but just in the nick of time, her inner goddess helped Adriene break free of Wyatt's domain effect. During this whole ordeal, Adriene's spirit watched as her body was manipulated by Wyatt's domain effect into ending her own life and realized what true despair was seeing how Wyatt did not even have to lift this finger to kill her or her sisters. However, she wasn't willing, even in the face of despair she wasn't willing to let anything stop her from avenging her sisters, even her own fear. So, she yelled, "Today, I will make you pay even if it kills me." Ignoring the huge hole in her chest Adriene continued to rush at Wyatt summoning all her might. However, just then she felt a huge shadow covering her and before she could react, her body was slammed on the deck of Diana's flagship by a Dragonoid JJ. Even before Adriene could make sense of what was happening the corpse dragon Cervos, appeared beside them and chewed off Adriene's right arm and shoulder clean.

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