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Date 21 Mar 2321

Time 8:30

Location Sky Blossom City, Lion Cubs High School, Principal's Office.

"Welcome student Wyatt, Congratulations on contracting a silver grimoire."

Being welcomed by the principal himself, I seem to have underestimated the prestige of silver grimoire.

"Thank you, principal, I thought there was no time for an orphan in this school. I better start looking into other options."

Hearing my words, the bald head of teacher Wang started sweating profusely. The principal glared at him and said, "teacher Wang, why don't you go on that vacation you have been asking for?"

Wang knew the principal was getting rid of him politely, which class teacher goes on a vacation with the final exams nearing. But he would not go down without a fight, "Sir, vacation can wait. The finals are fast approaching, the students need me here."

"Oh! You don't have to worry about that, the new intern, what's her name? K-kate...Kathy, she will fill in your shoes."

"Isn't it a bit too much responsibility for an intern? Sir."

"She has a double degree and one of those fancy PhD I think she should be able to handle the responsibility. Teacher Wang, are you telling me how to do my job?"

"No! Sir! I was just looking out for my class. Thank you for the vacation, I will be taking my leave, sir."

Watching Wang leave hurriedly I felt satisfied I did not care what was going to happen to him? Because I think he deserves it all.

After Wang left the office, Andrea Johnson became serious and said, "Student Wyatt, Lion Cub High School is among the top three high schools in Sky Blossom city. There are not a lot of options for you out there. How about continuing in Lion Cub High?"

“Guess I don’t have much of an option I can only continue studying here. I don’t understand principal, why me? I mean even though contracting a silver grimoire is rare, I bet there must be 1-2 other students who contracted silver grimoire?”

“I see you are not clouded by ignorance and pride of contracting a silver grimoire. This makes it easier for me.

The other students with silver grimoire belong to prominent families and they will not register for college through our school but under their family name.

As for you, you are an orphan with no background, you have no other option than to register through high school.

The special treatment because I want the high school you use to register to be our Lion Cub high.

Doing this will give me a promotion and increase government findings and attract more donations for the school.

As for you, all though I can not offer you much I will make sure to make you the top priority of the special class.

What do you think?”

“I accept, what is this special class all about?” The principal did not bother hiding his intentions so I did not hesitate to accept his offer.

“Good, special class is for all the card students of senior year. A group of Card Soldier teachers will be guiding and teaching the class about cardfight and card creation.

And even escort the class to clear G-rank and F-rank field dungeons. This is to prepare students for real combat which is an important test subject in the college entrance exam.”

“Just field dungeons?”

“Kid don’t push it. Do you know how much it costs to book a complete field dungeon for a day? Even though most of it is government-funded we still have to settle 30% of the total cost and these low-level dungeons are more than enough for you rookie card students.”

It seems I will be attending the school more often.

“When will the special classes start?”

“Within a week I will inform you?”

“Okay, then I will take my leave.”

“Attend the class, maybe you will like your new class teacher.”

“Sure, I will give it a try.”

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Leaving the principal’s office I went to the class.

As I entered the classroom the babbling classroom quietened, nearing my seat I knew why? My desk was thrashed and vandalised.

The whole class acted as if they didn’t see anything and acted as if they were busy with their work. But I could hear their chuckles.

This incident was not new to young Wyatt, it would happen twice or thrice every week of his orphan life. With no one to watch out for him, he could only endure it.

I wasn’t young Wyatt or helpless, walking up to the boy enjoying this prank the most I said, ” get out I will be taking this seat.”

Hearing me the chuckles quietened and the whole class looked at me as if I was a fool.

Jason Saget, the class’s top bully and delinquent. He treated young Wyatt as his slave and atm. I did not care who vandalised my desk? I was happy I got a chance to mess up this twerp.

“What was that twerp? Did you lose your screws or what? As Jason said that a bronze light shone over his body.

“Don’t make me repeat myself!” I said as a silver light shone on my body.

“You...!”

Before Jason could spout any more nonsense, I made a fist and slammed it hard on Jason’s nose. My fist hurt but seeing the blood flowing from Jason’s nose the pain went numb.

Taking advantage of his muddled state I grab hold of his hair, pulling his head down, I slam my knee into his face. Jason’s nose broke completely and blood poured out like crazy.

And then I tow him off of his chair by his hair and threw him on the floor. Jason fainted under the pain while blood filled his nose and mouth making it harder for him to breathe.

The whole class's mind went blank seeing my brutality towards Jason. But they were more shocked to see the silver light that shone on me. They finally realised that the rumour about Wyatt contracting a silver grimoire was true.

Giving the class a few seconds to soak in the shock I sat down on Jason's seat. Then looking around the class with the abyssal bear aura oozing out of me I shouted, "stand up you X X. You vandals have lost the right to be seated."

The muddled students did not know what to do other than standing up under the pressure of the intimidating aura.

Seeing them all stand in their places I nodded in satisfaction. But there are always few people who push their luck.

The class leader looked at me said, "classmate Wyatt isn't this going too far?"

Seeing her other people started to form an opinion but did not voice out due to fear. But some were courageous enough to ask me "isn't this too much Wyatt, don't get arrogant just because you contracted your parents Silver grimoire."

Putting aside the class leader, the two who spoke just now were average students who were not special enough to stand out in any crowd. Yet they were courageous enough to bring up young Wyatt's parents.

Was it because they felt strength in numbers, Nah!

Looking at their eyes I understood what fueled their courage it was jealousy. They were jealous of young Wyatt having silver rank card apprentice parents to leave him silver grimoires.

They thought if Wyatt can contract a Silver grimoire then how hard can it be to break the limit and contract a silver grimoire.

They envied Wyatt for having a silver grimoire to contract with and thought If they had a silver grimoire they would also contract it with ease.

This envy and jealousy fueled their foolishness to bring up young Wyatt's dead parents in front of me.

I got up from the seat and walked to them, I could see them tremble under abyssal bear aura as I neared them.

"What do you want to do?"

They asked while the rest of the class watched just like when young Wyatt was bullied.

Standing in front of the two I balled both of my hands into fists and slammed each one into their throats, if not for me holding back I would have crushed their windpipes.

Both of them fell to their knees holding their throats and gasping for breath. The rest of the class gasped in fright and stood quietly swallowing all their opinions.

I looked at the class leader and said “it’s your lucky day I am in no mood to hurt a girl today.” Then I retired to Jason’s seat and sat comfortably.

The whole class was quiet except for the sound of the two idiots gasping and coughing vigorously and the sound of Jason choking on his own blood.

Feeling annoyed by the sound I instructed three boys to send these morons to the school infirmary.

Young Wyatt’s remnant wanted justice but it’s hard to get justice for a dead person who is still alive in the eyes of the world, so I went with vengeance instead it was fun and easier.

I could have chosen to be morally better than these delinquents but why should I choose to be better and understanding than them? it’s too tiring! Who cares about moral high ground when you can have fun wrestling in the mud.

It was already 15 mins and yet no teacher showed up losing my patience I decided to go to the association mall to manufacture more cards.

Before walking out of the class I warned the class, “you will take all lessons standing today. If you dare to sit I will know. How? Because there is a snitch among you guys. There is always a snitch.”

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Chapter 31: Bright Lions

Date 21 Mar 2321

Time 9:25

Location Sky Blossom City, Lion Cubs High School.

Descending the stairs of School I remembered that a bunch of delinquents liked to spend their time behind the School Gym smoking, eating tobacco while doing weird and stupid stuff.

That bunch could be considered Jason’s acquaintance. These guys milked young Wyatt like a cow for money.

With no parents or guardians and being of legal adult age, young Wyatt had full control over his finances and he had a lot of it, enough for a mortal family to live carefree for their lifetime.

Having no other way and since no one is stopping him Wyatt spent money to save his ass from being bullied and it was more of a short term solution than a long term one.

But young Wyatt did not consider one thing that he seemed to be just fueling their greed. These delinquents just got greedier and did not care where the money came from as long as they got it.

And when young Wyatt lost all his money in a scam the situation took the worst possible turn. Not getting their daily money the bullying just turned into assault and violence.

These fuckers started leaving burn marks on young Wyatt's covered part of the body with tobacco butts and used him as a combat dummy to try their stupid stunts, young Wyatt ended up in the school infirmary in the past few weeks more than in his entire life.

Since the Healer used healing cards which were enough to treat flesh wounds without checking the patient they never knew what Wyatt had been through.

Because of this, there was no evidence of the delinquents cruel act left and they got fresh flesh to canvas on again.

These past few weeks were the most painful, humiliating, mind-numbing experience of young Wyatt's life.

Yet he still went to school because that was the only way he could get into a good college and fulfil his parent's dream of him being ranked in the Card Apprentice Championship.

But every mind has a breaking point which Young Wyatt had crossed four days ago leading to him attempting suicide.

The more I went through these memories the more enraged I was, as I realised that Wyatt may be a nerd when it comes to cards and grimoires but he was a sunny good-hearted boy who did not deserve this. I finally thought justice was not enough vengeance had to be achieved.

These morons don't get to just walk away with it. Some would argue they were just children and did not know better. To them, I had only this to say 'go X X yourself'.

Changing my route I headed to the school gym, but to my disappointment, nobody was there.

It's at this moment I question myself, what am I doing? Who am I to judge these delinquents? It's one thing to punish those that came seeking trouble but to find trouble myself I am no less of a monster, than them.

I think I have taken this whole vengeance thing personally. It didn't seem like vengeance anymore it was like I was the strong one was bullying the weak. What's up with me?

I almost crushed two students windpipes just because they voiced their opinion, they had not wronged young Wyatt in any way yet why was I cruel to them.

I did not understand where my hatred and anger stemmed from? but it had to go! I wasn't being myself, to think I would actively be seeking out people to hurt.

Don't get me wrong I don't regret breaking Jason's nose or even punching students in their throats. I just don't want to be a person who is headstrong and impulsive trying to punch his way out of every problem he faces.

Disgusted with what I was doing? who I had become! I decided to bottle all my feelings and walk it off. I had to stop letting my rage direct me and start acting my mental age.

I guess that today is the delinquents lucky day, but fate seemed to have different plans, as I was thinking about leaving, 4 students with messy hair and shabby dress walked by.

"Hey, look who's here?"

"It's our cash cow, Wyatt. Did you finally change your mind and decided to stop resisting?"

"Sharing is good, say buddy could you lend us some money. We are bored eating in the school canteen, it would be good to have lunch outside for a change."

"Yes! Yes! Let's go to uncle cheng's he makes the best bbq and cheap."

Hearing these cu*ts there was a tremor in my soul, it originated from the remnant fear of young Wyatt. Even though young Wyatt's soul passed away his remnant resentment, hate, fear, rage etc was left behind in this body for me. No wonder my emotions overpowered my judgement.

The four delinquents surrounded me as they tried to extrude money from me.

In a rage, I balled my hands into fists and shouted "you beggars ain't getting a shit from me."

With that, I summoned my grimoire and went total berserk on them. To my surprise, all four of them had advanced to card students and officially became card apprentices.

But they were a bit lacking in the skill/item card department after all four of them had a humble background and their families pockets were nearly empty sending them to a good private high school.

With no prior training and useless cards, these four were worse than the three goons from Zhang Mercenary.

Within a few seconds, they all kneeled on the ground trembling in fear with bruises all over their body.

“Wyatt, we are part of Bright Lions?”

One of the goons shouted as if it was supposed to mean something to me.

“Bright Lions? Never heard of it.”

“This school comes under Bright Lions territory, as of yesterday.”

“And we are part of Bright Lions, they will avenge us.”

I was running out of patients, and these clowns kept spouting nonsense Bright Lions that! Bright Lion this!

So I punched the loudest one in the face. Learning the lesson they went quiet.

“Don’t waste my time, answer when asked?”

I looked at the stout one and asked “who are these Bright Lions? Some kind of local gang or mercenaries.”

“No, Bright Lions are a student gang consisting of almost all the card apprentices in our Lion Cub high, led by the Bright families Bright brothers trio. Within a day they united all of us card apprentices and established this gang yesterday claiming Lion Cub high as Bright Lion gang territory.”

Turns out all this build-up for a bunch of students playing a gangster.

“How many people are there in this gang?”

“As of now 22 including the Bright Brothers trio. Pretty soon many will join us.”

“How many card apprentices are there in senior year?”

“157 registered as for the rest yet to register we don’t know.”

“Wow you guys are weak in math, 22 is no way near 157, Your parents should be proud. You got cigarettes on you?”

“Yes! Yes! ...” all four of them took out a pack of cigarettes hurriedly.

“Okay take one each and throw the remaining ones here.”

The delinquents each took one and threw the rest of the pack at my foot.

“Now sit in a circle with your back facing each other.”

Under the intimidating aura of abyssal bear, they did as I asked them to.

“Remove your shirts, light the smoke and show me your best masterpiece yet on your friends back. You guys should be pro in this since you had enough practice on me. Failure to do so I will start breaking your limbs one by one. Don’t make me repeat myself.”

Soon painful moans started to sound from behind the gym building.

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Chapter 32: Summoning Cards

Date 21 Mar 2321

Time 9:41

Location Sky Blossom City, Lion Cub High School, School Gym

“Scram! You better pray that we don’t meet again... next time I will tag your flesh myself.”

The four delinquents picked up their shirts and ran hastily. These morons were so scared that despite their pain they did not dare to show mercy to their friends. Watching their charred backs I felt satisfied and disappointed at the same time.

Satisfied yeah for reasons known but disappointed because I did not get to show my work, I thought these morons will cut some slack to their friends and then I will break a few of their bones and show my creativity.

But who knew these cu*ts did not show sympathy to each other instead scorched each other in spite, maybe next time.

To think I got all worked up over these two-bit delinquents they aren't worth my time or anger.

I kinda blamed young Wyatt for not having worthy foes, I was brimming with this energy ever since I had practised the abyssal bear form.

I know that it is a bit childish of me but there is only one word to describe the way I am feeling right now, 'Invincible'.

Now I kinda get why the bad guys portrayed in all those comics and cartoons liked to destroy stuff, that's because they could.

As I neared the school gate, suddenly a bunch of students no wannabe delinquents surrounded me.

A bunch would be an understatement nearly 2 dozen should be more accurate. Does the school have no policies for hairstyle and dress code?

Look at them each one of them was eligible to be hired as a clown no they all reminded me of the pimps from the 90's crime shows back in my world.

They surrounded me and kept staring at me, for some reason they were grunting and spitting on the ground time and again.

Among these students, I saw the four delinquents that had just left, it seems that these rats have gathered their brethren. No matter how many rats there are, it still doesn't change the fact that they are rats.

"It's you guys!"

"Yes, it's us. Now face the wrath of our Bright Lions buster call."

With that, all the delinquents started shouting and chanting 'Bright Lions' 'Bright Lions'.

Then a trio of handsome men with tall stature and blonde hair walked out of the group and said, "This guy beat you? Are you sure?"

"Third leader don't underestimate him, he is Wyatt the one rumoured to have contracted a silver grimoire. We saw him use it."

The three people looked at me from head to toe and the slender one of them said, "Boy, it's your lucky day. As you have defeated the members of our Bright Lion group you have only two choices, either join our group or beg for forgiveness on your knees"

I did not bother to answer him just sneered at the slender blondie.

Surprisingly, the slender blondie did not get angry. Instead, he smiled and said, " what is it gonna be?"

"I am gonna mess you guys up!" I said cracking my knuckles.

The slender blondie laughed hard and soon others followed him, "well boys looks like we got a feisty one."

One of the bulk delinquents eyed me and said " boss me! give me a chance, I will have him purring within a minute."

Hearing the delinquent the crowd broke out in laughter again, the slender blondie seemed to be satisfied with his cronies response and said to me, "Wyatt, Why don't you save us the trouble and just get on your knees and beg for forgiveness. Then maybe I will consider giving you a second chance."

"Make Me! You dipshit."

Slender blondie shook his head and with a sigh, he said, "I gave you a chance but you did not cherish it. Okay boys he is all yours, give him a good time."

Hearing him the bulky delinquent from earlier summoned his grimoire and a reddish bronze light shone over his body, he seems to have activated some kind of F-rank Body enhancement card.

"He's mine" saying that he charged at me with high speed, wanting to subdue me with brute force.

Other delinquents eyes shone with amazement seeing the bulky figure covered in reddish bronze light charging forward and whispered how fast his movements were.

His movements may be fast for these wannabe gangsters but in my eyes, he was slow as hell! F-rank enhancement was nothing compared to the full strength of an E-rank Abyssal Giant bear.

Seeing that he intended to tackle me taking full advantage of his huge body, I did not dodge I could but I chose not to.

As he was about to slam into me, I punched him with 40 % of my strength, breaking his advance and sending him flying into the crowd.

The babbling crowd went silent and the sound of slender blondie clapping sounded, with his eyes narrowed he said, "It seems you are indeed worthy of our Bright Lions buster call, boys get him."

With that remaining 18 of the delinquents summoned their grimoire and bombarded me with all their long-range attack.

I did not delay and summoned my grimoire and a golden aura shaped in the form of an Abyssal Giant bear covered my body protecting me from all the attacks.

I was scratch-free and barely took any damage as F-rank attacks couldn't break the aura surrounding me.

Thanks to their heavy firing dust covered the entire field and blocked everyone's eyesight. I opened my soul pupil and jumped into the crowd taking them out one by one.

This was the first time I was using soul pupils in a fight and I made a huge discovery.

Soul pathways outline the boundaries of all the living or non-living forms known giving shape to them.

It's true in the case of humans too, the soul pathways seem to get stronger with an increase in the active soul control. It can be concluded that the higher the active soul control, the stronger the soul pathways giving the host incredible strength and unbreakable defence.

No wonder as the active soul control increased the card apprentice seemed to grow stronger and more powerful. In physical prowess, there is a huge gap in each level of card apprentice.

In terms of pure physical prowess, a Card Soldier can easily overpower 10 Card Scholars just like that.

This was the basic one-on-one of card apprenticeship, what I discovered was closely related to it.

With help of soul pupils, I could see the soul pathways and with enough concentration, I could see where these soul pathways were weak? and where they were strong?

It was as if no! I could see the weak spots of all forms, including the card apprentice.

Thanks to this with enough skills and little power I could land critical damage on these morons with my every hit.

As the dust was about to settle about 11 of them had already been rendered unconscious.

Just when I was getting cocky a figure made up of bones crawled out of the earth and pounced upon me, in desperation, I activated sprint and fled the attack range of the bone figure.

The dust settled and before I could get a clear look at the bone figure that attacked me it crawled back into the earth again.

I could barely catch a glimpse of its tail, the tail was weird it had a telson and a stinger.

Alarms went off in my mind, someone among these delinquents has a summon card. An undead summons card no less.

These undead summonses are like intelligent puppets with no fear, feelings or pain but just absolute loyalty to execute their master's orders.

Which MF is rich enough to own such a card?!

Chapter 33: Rookie Card Fight Tournament

Date 21 Mar 2321

Time 9:49

Location Sky Blossom City, Lion Cub High School

Summon cards, the name says it all you get to summon a familiar to fight for you. These types of cards are rare and expensive for obvious reasons.

There are different types of summoning cards and the undead summons card is a rarer type of summoning card, it summons an undead creature to fight for you.

Undead creatures are very tricky to deal with as they do not fear pain and death. Worst of all they do not stop until they are completely immobilised or their core is destroyed.

Making undead creatures perfect for combat.

Right now I am facing an undead creature that can hide in the ground, an assassin type undead.

Even though this card is E rank at best, it must be worth millions and hard to find even in Guild Association Mall.

There is no way this undead belongs to one of these delinquents. So, I look around to find the Bright Brothers Trio.

Of the three the slender blondie had summoned the bronze grimoire and was being guarded by a skeleton hound.

To be able to summon two undead creatures at the same time at Card Student level means that the star ratings of both the undead summon cards is low, meaning these cards are created by a professional Card creator skilled in making undead cards.

These two cards must have cost a fortune, these prominent families seem to be rich to be able to equip their children with such expensive cards.

The only difference between these delinquents and the Bright Brothers trio is their background. Proving my theory that one can buy strength with enough money.

Now my worry was not the undead creature underground but the remaining two Bright brothers and their cards.

The most exciting thing about the card fight than the card fight itself is the mystery of the opponent's cards. There are a nearly infinite number of skill/item cards out there not to mention the unique origin cards.

Cards are the most crucial part of the card fight. One can't be prepared for all kinds of cards out there. Thankfully not everyone can afford or create all kinds of cards out there.

I wasn't worried about the undead in the ground cause I was able to see its soul pathways as it moved around in the ground using soul pupils.

Since I could see it I can be prepared for it. But I still could not figure out what kind of undead creature it was? Is it a snake or a lizard or an earthworm maybe?

The delinquents did not seem surprised by the sudden visit of the undead. as it may be the reason they joined the Bright Lion gang in the first place.

People won't follow you without enough power to show for, even if you are from a prominent family.

Since the dust was cleared the delinquents could see, seeing most of their comrades unconscious on the ground and me being unscathed covered in the golden aura in the form of an abyssal bear, they had lost their will to fight if not for the undead creature showing up they would have fled the scene.

Since the delinquents had lost the will to fight it was easier for me to render them unconscious.

Watching out for the undead underground I began taking down other delinquents one by one, even though they could see now my movement was too fast for them to react, thank you sprint.

I would knowingly leave an opening for a sneak attack but the undead creature never took the bait, taking down the last of the delinquents finally only I and the Bright Brothers were left standing.

Looking at the slender blondie I asked, "why didn't you attack?"

"I don't need an ambush to defeat you. The sneak attack earlier was me letting you know how easy it is for me to put an end to your life."

"So, what now? You had enough or shall we continue."

"You do have a good card there, a pinnacle E rank card proficient in close combat. But it is not enough!"

As the slender blondie spoke I could see the undead in the ground slowly circling me ready to attack any time.

Then the hound guarding the slender blondie dashed towards me.

It seems the blondie wants to keep me engaged with the skeleton hound while the undead underground sneaks up on me.

It was a reasonable plan if I could not see the undead in the ground, can't blame a guy for trying.

The Skeleton hound was an F- rank undead creature not much of a threat to me even if I was lying down.

I pretended to be focused on the hound so that the creature underground would surface, and it did.

Right when the hound pounced on me with its mouth wide open trying to bite me, a skeleton tail with telson and stinger crawled out of the ground at my back and sting at me.

In response, I turned sideways with one of my hands going right through the hound's open mouth reaching for its core and the other hand grabbed hold of the tail trying to sting me.

Freeing my hand by crushing the core of the hound, I pulled on the tail using both my hands to drag out the undead creature in the ground. The undead creature turned out to be a skeletal scorpion.

As I was about to crush the skeleton Scorpion to bone powder, I could hear slender blondie shouting 'don't!'.

I could understand his distress, the only drawback to a summoning card is that every time the summoned creature is killed the card's durability rating drops. Meaning that if the summoned creature is killed enough times it is possible to kill it permanently.

Not heeding his pleas I directly crushed the skeleton scorpion's core, afraid that the other Bright brothers would interfere. I wanted to crush all its bones to powder but I could not take the chance of letting it escape.

As I expected the bulky blondie dashed towards me with high speed to save the undead creature, luckily I was cautious and directly destroyed the core before the bulky blondie closed on me.

Looking at him I said, "Ops my hand slipped."

But to my surprise, seeing me destroy the core the bulky blondie stopped in his advance and returned next to the glasses blondie who seems to be the leader of the three.

The distressed slender blondie did not create a scene over his summon being killed instead looked at me intently and said, "hope we meet in the rookie card fight tournament. I will kill you there."

I could see he meant every word he spoke thanks to the killing intent oozing out of him.

But I was confused seeing them leave in a cool manner as if they did not lose in the first place.

"Hey! you dipshits who let you go?"

Hearing me the trio stopped in their advance and turned to me while the glasses and bulky blondie both summoned a silver grimoire each.

The glasses blondie frowned and said, "don't push it?"

Seeing them summon two silver grimoires I was stumped, I did not know what kind of cards they had but considering their background their cards should not be worse than the undead summon cards of slender blondie.

If these two decide to gang up on me then for sure I will be at a disadvantage. Finally, I felt what it is like to be in a real card fight.

But for some reason, they were not willing to fight. Since I had enough for today I asked, "what is this rookie card fight tournament you speak of?"

They did not answer me but turned and left. But the slender blondie did not seem to be convinced so he said, "The principal will announce it soon."

Boy, you are lucky if not for them not wanting to reveal their cards before the tournament you would not be walking home today.”

Saying that he hurriedly followed his brothers.

Fighting a bunch of weaklings I had become complacent.

Seeing how the Bright Brothers are hiding their cards it's clear that there are many strong card apprentices in the school.

Hearing the slender blondie this tournament should be important and many strong card apprentices should be looking forward to it.

Not getting a satisfactory answer I headed to the principal's office for more info. But before that, I found the four delinquents from earlier among the unconscious delinquents lying on the ground.

I placed their naked unconscious body on top of each other and left in the direction of the principal's office.

'Rookie Card Fight Tournament' looks like the school is more fun than I anticipated. It seems I will have to stock up on some good skill/item cards soon.

Chapter 34: Aura Sight

Date 21 Mar 2321

Time 9:49

Location Sky Blossom City, Lion Cub High School, Principal's Office

“Sir, Student Wyatt is here to see you”

“Send him in.”

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Every time I step into this office I am amazed by its lavish decor. Isn't teaching supposed to be the most miserable and low paying job, I guess private schools are a different story.

Seeing me enter the principal got off his chair and welcomed me in, I really can not get used to how fake he is. Which principal stands up to welcome a student in his office, none.

After meeting the Bright brother's trio I knew that silver grimoire is not that big of a deal in the upper circle of Sky Blossom city. It's rare but not worth this much fuss.

"Student Wyatt, did you like your replacement homeroom teacher?"

"I haven't met the new replacement teacher yet. I came here for another reason. What is the Rookie Card Fight Tournament?"

"Where did you hear that, I was about to announce it at tomorrow's school assembly."

"The Bright Brother Trio told me about that, they seem to take this tournament seriously."

"They should since the top ten will be rewarded handsomely, especially the top five they stand to gain more."

"What are the rewards?"

"You should not worry about the rewards as you are still too weak to even enter the top 20."

"What?! FYI I just defeated one of the Bright trio along with another 20 card apprentices."

"Oh! That I did see it, your performance was indeed remarkable for someone who awakened 4 days ago. But not enough, why do you think someone arrogant like Bright Trio chose to hide their card rather than beat your weak ass."

"What is that supposed to mean?" You knew about the fight yet you did not stop it. What are you getting paid for, Wait! Does it matter as long as I am not punished for the school fights?

"Look kid let me give it to you straight, the two from Bright Trio are way out of the league for someone of your prowess.

Just like you both of them inherited their ancestor's grimoire and also gained their ancestor's origin cards.

Don't think you are the only one to inherit your mom's grimoire and origin card."

Hearing the principal my mind thundered and my brain was in complete turmoil, till now I thought Soul pupils were my cheat of a transmigrator but turn out I was wrong.

"Mom's origin card?" I asked, covering my shock with a clueless expression.

“No need to pretend kid, I saw you use your mother’s Aura Sight origin card in the fight earlier.

Otherwise, how could you predict the position from where the skeleton will attack or how were you able to see when the bust blocked everyone’s sight or how could you accurately find the cores of the undead summons.”

Wait! Aura sight. Thank god my heart almost jumped out of my mouth. So he knows nothing about Soul pupils. To think mama Wyatt’s origin card was also a mutated eye ability coincidence or?.

“I did gain the origin card when I contracted my mom’s grimoire but I did not know it was my mom’s card.”

Yes, I did gain an origin card when I contracted mama Wyatt’s grimoire and did not know the origin was related to her. But he does not need to know which origin card I had.

“Wait! you don’t know your own mom’s origin card.”

“My parents chose to keep their work life and private life separate, apart from teaching me about cards and card creation they never bothered to talk about work in front of me and I never bothered to ask.”

Mama and papa Wyatt never mentioned their work to young Wyatt, I can understand since no parent in their right mind would want to share the gruesome battle stories of survival with their young child.

“Ok, when you contract an ancestral grimoire you also inherit your ancestor’s origin card. But origin cards are supposed to be unique cards to that individual card apprentice so the inherited origin card slot becomes locked until you find a fated ingredient and fuse it with the inherited origin card to make it unique to the individual card apprentice again.

But in some special cases like your case student Wyatt, when the individual card apprentice is very similar to the ancestor then the inherited origin card does not get locked. This is very rare, almost near impossible therefore not many people know about it.”

Hearing this I got more confused because I belonged to neither the special nor the normal case. My origin card formed directly when I contracted the grimoire.

The only hypothesis I could come up with was that I belonged to the normal case and my fated ingredient was the remnants of young Wyatt’s soul, that is Aura Sight mutated to soul pupils fusing with the remnants of young Wyatt’s soul.

Nothing else came to my mind that sounded sane to explain my awakening of soul pupils origin card. Since it was out of my understanding I stopped worrying about it and inquired about why was here in the first place,

“How strong are the two silver graders of the Bright trio?”

“Officially I don’t know. But since I had promised to give you priority I will provide you info off the record.

Do you know the prominent Bright family of today was a nobody 56 years ago in the Sky Blossom city and If not for the infamous War Golem Twins they could not reach today’s heights and have three known golden card apprentices.”

The twin brothers of the Bright family were titled War Golem Twins because of their bravery during monster tide and their unique Golem origin cards.

56 years ago during a monster tide attack on Sky Blossom city, the twins of the Bright family defended the south gate of the city all alone until the reinforcement arrived, thanks to their unique golem origin cards.

Golem cards are item cards but if the golems are sentient then they become familiars and fall under the summoning card category.

Golems have immense strength, durability and are unstoppable until their core is destroyed similar to the undead creatures.

But Golem origin cards of the Bright twins were almost immortal. Contrary to other cards, origin cards are part of the card apprentice so the Bright twins were able to hide the golem core within them making their golems almost unstoppable.

Making it possible for them to hold off the monster tide from attacking the city till the reinforcements arrived.

These War Golem Twin brothers are the grandfathers of the two silver graders of the Bright trio from whom they inherited their silver grimoire.

“So, if I am not wrong they both should be able to summon unstoppable war machines each to fight for them. Now, do you think you are their match?”

Chapter 35: The Circle

Date 21 Mar 2321

Time 9:49

Location Sky Blossom City, Lion Cub High School, Principal’s Office

"So, if I am not wrong they both should be able to summon unstoppable war machines to fight for them. Now, do you think you are their match?"

I have yet to see a golem, but from young Wyatt's memories I gather they are similar to big robots instead of wires, hardware and software they have soul core, soul pathways and some sentient one's have beast will.

The abyssal giant bear spirit guard is strong but not strong enough to take on a huge robot of sorts. I could attack the Bright brothers who are the cores of their golems but they should already be prepared for that.

Being hit by reality hard the invincible feeling I got from practising the abyssal giant bear form finally subsided.

Now that I was in my right mind I finally knew wealth and power is never enough there is always someone richer and stronger than you.

How foolish of me with my current rate of progress I will never be able to take on Kevin Zhang and his mercenary group within a year. Looks like I can not be lazy anymore.

Until now I had just focused on making money but I will have to start thinking about gathering good card ingredients, skill/item cards and try to learn how to create different types of cards, especially golem cards as they are closer to my expertise back on earth, robotics.

Seeing me in deep thought Andre shook his head, he seemed to think my confidence was hit hard and I was doubting myself, so trying to encourage me he said, "Kid your mother's origin card 'Aura sight' is not to be underestimated, even though it does not have the raw strength and destructive power of a golem it is a great card and many high ranking Card apprentices would choose Aura sight as the origin card over a golem."

"What's so special about Aura sight? When I activate it all I can see is the auras of all objects and beings. If they are far away the auras overlap and it's hard to distinguish between two auras."

Every form of matter has a distinctive aura to it but it is invisible to the naked eye, somewhat similar to soul pathways.

I truthfully told the drawbacks of soul pupils withholding the crucial information I found until now on the origin card, not because I did not want to lie to Andrea or I trusted him but due to his title the Judge.

He got this title, not for punishing criminals or something but due to his origin card which tells him if someone is lying to him.

Very powerful right, but this card has obvious limitations like how I withheld crucial information and misled him into thinking that my origin card was Aura sight. Another limitation is that he can't judge someone with higher active soul control than him.

But it is still something worth being feared for. Therefore someone with such a useful card is stuck as a mere high school principal with no future.

It is rumoured that the upper circle of the city is very uneasy and wary about Andre's origin card and his humble background therefore they are suppressing all his merits and confining him to Lion Cub High.

This guy is dangerous I came here to get info on the tournament but somehow the conversation switched about me and my origin card. For some reason conversation with him feels like an interrogation.

Looks like I should maintain a healthy distance from him. And why does he know so much about mama Wyatt's origin card? I will have to look into mama and papa Wyatt's life history for this.

But whom am I supposed to ask for info about mama and papa Wyatt's life history, supposedly they are my parents and I should be the one with the most info on them.

"Oh, that's because you have not had enough practice and experience to get used to using the aura sight efficiently like your normal sight.

Your mother could spot monsters hiding hundreds of meters inside the ground easily. If you asked her to find a needle in the haystack she could in seconds.

Do you know what makes the aura sight crucial and sort after?"

Yes indeed soul pupils have numerous applications but I lack the practice and experience to wield it to its full potential and discover all its uses.

"What?"

"It has the ability to discern truth from illusion. Think about it with the aura sight you can easily be able to tell the difference between illusion and reality.

Most importantly nothing can hide from your eyes normal stealth and invisibility is useless against it.

The Aura Sight card has various possibilities to explore, just practice it hard enough and you will get the hang of it.

Thanks to this origin card your mother was labelled Nemesis of assassin and illusion type. This card has more to offer than you think."

Yes, I can use soul pupils to easily discern an illusion from reality, why did I not think of it! My experience with soul pupils is lacking to come up with all the ways I can use it but with enough time I will be able to think of its various applications.

Seeing how Andre is singing praises of mama Wyatt I guess she was a big deal in Sky Blossom City but to think her son committed suicide because of the people she fought to protect, how tragic.

Be this world or other world heroes life is always miserable and tragic. Back on earth soldiers died to protect their country but the country could not protect their loved ones. While the corrupt officials and politicians enjoyed long life bathed in black money.

“When will the tournament be held?”

“You still hung up on that! I guess it could help broaden your horizons... It will be held on the 27th of this month.”

“Thank you then I’ll take my leave.”

“Happy to help, try attending the classes they may be helpful.”

Receiving a wake-up call I could not dilly-dally any more, time to get serious. In this tournament, I had to be in the top 5 no matter what!.

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After Wyatt left the office Andre summoned his silver grimoire and called ‘Kevin Zhang’.

Tring-a-ring! tring-a-ring!

“Andre it’s rare of you to call me, what’s the matter?”

“Kevin, I called to talk about the boy.”

“What about him?”

“You must have heard of him contracting his mother’s grimoire.”

“I did hear him contracting one of his parent’s grimoire, so what of it get to the point.”

“Cancel all your plans involving the boy, he is under the cities protection now.”

“What? Are you kidding me! Didn’t I already clear it with you and the circle, you want more that’s it right. And people call me the thug.”

“The situation has changed, the boy is no longer a nobody since he has inherited his mother’s origin card. You know what that means right.”

“But that’s not possible!”

“He is one of the special cases. Kevin, I know your temper so I will warn you again don’t do something you will end up regretting later, that boy is off-limits.

This matter is related to the circle so no mistakes will be tolerated.”

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“Fu<k!” Kevin cursed in anger. He invested so much yet he had nothing to show for.

Fu<k them! Fu<k the circle! Looks like he will have to return to the sky blossom city and deal with things himself.

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Chapter 36: Who is at fault?

Date 21 Mar 2321

Time 10:45

Location Sky Blossom City, Guild Association Mall, Warehouse no.234

“The Gale Rabbit Leather Boots sold for 250,000\$ last night in the auction. People went crazy over its design and perfect card ratings.

This Warehouse is allotted to me by the auction management to use as my personal warehouse. Since you are my one and only client, it’s all yours use it as you see fit. I have yet to recruit staff but Corey should be enough for now.”

After leaving school I directly came to guild mall since I wanted to participate in the rookie tournament my previous plans had to be optimised for current circumstances.

The tournament is on the 27th but the next mall auction is also on the 27th.

I was planning to make some money on the next auction but I need that money now to prepare for the tournament.

The auction plan is still a go but I will have to think of other methods to amass money for the tournament.

All my plans needed a certain amount of capital investment and time to bear fruits. But I needed money now to make new cards for the tournament.

“Well keep the money with you, I know it’s not a lot but use it to get me some rare card ingredients and cards to help with my mental strength.

Don’t worry about the cost, just get them. I will somehow arrange the money.”

“Ok, I keep an eye out for it.” Susan nodded in understanding.

Looking at the 100 military trunks in the middle of the warehouse I said, “I will be done with those by evening.

Susan, do you know how I can make a lot of cash, fast. Something that doesn’t require any investment from my side.”

Susan frowned hearing me and worriedly asked, “why? Are you in some kind of trouble?”

“Yeah, money troubles.”

“I can lend you some.”

“Not enough I need to make strong cards, a small amount of money is not enough I need a lot and right now.”

“Oh! so it was to make cards. I thought you were in some kind of deep trouble. If you want to make easy money then you can always provide your services as a silver card creator, like how you helped me.”

“Can I do that after all, I don’t have my license yet?”

To professionally sell my services as a card creator I would require a degree certification in card creation and be licensed by the card creator guild.

“Yes! You can. License is only required to use the tools and services of the card creation guild.”

“But without the surety from the card creation guild and no help from their forums, How will I get someone to provide my services to.”

This is also the reason why card creators are rich since they are licenced by the guild they charge an enormous amount of fees to create cards. Customers do not complain as they trust the ability of a licenced card creator and think the cost is worth it.

"You don't need to worry about that part, I will bring you the clients, think of it as a perk for being my exclusive client."

Yes, I am Susan's exclusive client, it is not set in contract just based on mutual trust. She promised me that in return she will take no other clients as she has her hands full with me.

It is a win-win situation for both of us. Thanks to my cards she made half a million dollars after tax in her first auction. And I needed somebody I could trust and help me take care of small things.

"Good I will leave it to you. So I will start with these trunks now. I will create the cards here as no card room can fit all these trunks."

"Okay, I will ask Corey to keep watch. You can ask her if you need anything. Do not exhaust yourself I will be bringing your first client in the evening."

"You going somewhere? I wanted books on golem card creation."

"Yes to reach a potential client, I had this friend/colleague/client, she is in search of a good card creator.

I will ask Corey to bring you the basics of golem card creation, but for advanced and higher books you will have to attend a college. Since they are sensitive and copyrighted info."

Advanced design and knowledge of all types of cards are copyrighted information. But basic info is enough with my knowledge of robotics I should come up with something awesome.

Soon after Susan left Corey came with the books on the basics of golem card creation.

"Sir, do you need anything else?"

"Looks like Susan decided to trust you and give you a chance, congrats."

"Thank you, sir."

"No need to thank me..."

As someone who has agonized from the same trust me when I say It's never too late. Since you know to ask for help then you are not beyond salvation.

It's in your nature a part of you... don't try to suppress or deny it, it will only grow stronger.

Embrace your mistakes and find a way to forgive yourself, it's the only way to defeat it.”

“Sir?”

“Don't mind me, those eyes of yours are shouting for help, I could not just act ignorant.”

Corey's eyes got red and teary as she said, “It hurts.”

“Good, it means you're doing something right. It's hard now but it will get harder, learn to deal with it.”

It's in human nature to look down and wanting to feel superior. In pain or happiness, humans always try to comfort themselves by comparing and looking down on others. It is also the reason which causes them to be restless.

Humans feel comforted and superior looking down on others circumstances but also get threatened seeing others in better circumstances than themself.

This all comes naturally to humans, nobody teaches them that. What's more disturbing is that humans have made it all this a requirement to live in this shit world. But some take it to next level and people start to get hurt.

Who is at fault? If we start pointing fingers then no amount of figures will be enough. So, it's pointless to punish yourself for which everyone is at fault.

Corey made mistakes but good for her trying to change. Fighting your nature is hard as change doesn't come easy.

Saying my piece I got busy with creating the G-rank storage trunk cards. Corey wiped her tears and began cleaning the warehouse, she did not expect me to comfort her but it felt good for someone to recognise the change in her. Although the change is not enough, it's a start.

Creating a G rank storage trunk card was easy thanks to my origin card but the time required for transferring the soul pathways to the core could not be shortened.

It took 90 seconds to create one card, so two and half hours for 100 cards. It costs 46 dollars for the ingredients of a storage trunk card.

G-rank core – 10\$

Military-grade trunk – 36\$

But a good storage trunk card can be sold for 10,000\$ – 12,000\$ depending on the market.

Considering the minimum profit of 10,000\$ per card, I can make nearly 1000,000\$ with 4600\$ as an investment. But my profit drops to 61% after paying 34% government tax and 5% mall charges.

So, my net profit is 610,000\$ which is nowhere near the amount I require to create 50 E-rank female armour let alone the money I required to create cards for the tournament.

If I expect to make any serious and easy money the auction was the only place but I did not have the time to wait for the auction.

I could always create a card recipe and copyright it to get royalty but it's not possible cause my card creating techniques are different from the rest of the techniques used by card creators out there.

When I create a card I am highly dependent on my soul pupils and my otherworldly knowledge as I barely have an understanding of the techniques mentioned in the card recipes.

If I want to live off royalties of my copyright card recipes, then I will have to create a recipe that is so easy that any third-grade card creator can make it otherwise no one will opt for my card recipes over other card recipes out there.

For that my knowledge of this worlds card creating technique is severely lacking.

Chapter 37: Soul Array

Date 21 Mar 2321

Time 18:15

Location Sky Blossom City, Guild Association Mall, Warehouse no.234

I finished creating 100 storage trunk cards by 1 in the afternoon with enough mental strength to spare to create another 100 storage trunk cards but I decided against it as I couldn't wait to read the basic golem card creation process.

After a hearty lunch, I enthusiastically went through all the materials on basic golem card creation.

Turns out I was right, my knowledge of robotics could change the entire golem card creation concept in this world. It not only helped me better understand the basic golem card creation but it helped me look at the endless possibilities of golem card creation.

This world is highly dependent on soul pathways and soul energy to create a golem making the golem card creation process tedious and complicated but if some of the

burdens of the golem's working are replaced by mechanical replacements then golem card creation would triple in its efficiency.

It seems humans in this world got the inspiration for the golem card creation process from nature's golems like the elemental creatures and the undead.

Elemental creatures and the undead have one thing in common with each other, they don't die until their core is crushed as their body is renewable till their core is intact and unharmed.

Since Elemental creatures and the undead are composed of soul pathways and soul energy the humans of this world who were inspired by them to create golem cards never thought of reducing the burden and increasing efficiency by introducing mechanical replacements in the golem card creation process.

Since this world doesn't emphasize science and technology it is to be expected that the people of this world have stunted growth, imagination and creativity in science and technology.

Back on earth creating robots was not just a theory or dream, many had successfully created robots despite the lacking technological advancements.

But these robots were limited by insufficient technology in areas such as a proper power source and a super processing unit.

But these two problems could be easily solved in this world thanks to the ingredients used in the golem cards, soul reactor and the Artificial Beast Will.

The soul reactor is the heart of the golems and could be used as a replacement for a power source in a robot.

The Artificial Beast Will is the brains of the golem and it has enough processing power to execute all the commands and act as the motherboard of the robot.

While both soul reactor and Artificial Beast Will are part of the origin core/golem core of the golem card.

Since the golem cards were created based on inspiration from the elemental creatures and the undead I decided to browse some data on them too to get a thorough understanding of the soul reactors and Artificial Beast Will.

In the case of the undead, their core is their power source/soul reactor.

Sometimes the remnant resentment and hatred of the undead for living is so strong that their remnant resentment and hate evolve into sentient.

So their remnant resentment and hatred for the living is their Brains/Artificial Beast Will to say.

As for the elemental creatures similar to the undead their core is their power source/soul reactor.

While their awareness, they are similar to all beings they are born with awareness and with the age, their awareness grows.

To further understand the elemental and undead I decided to learn the basics of elemental creatures and undead card creation.

Both these cards fall under the summoning card similar to the sentient golem card creation.

With the help of Corey, I acquired the materials on both the card creation process.

Unlike golem card creation I could barely understand the summoning card creation as it talked about many techniques for soul pathway and soul array strengthening and transfer.

Thanks to my soul pupils I could skip this part of soul pathway strengthening and transfer like how I skipped it during golem and other card creation.

But things got way more complicated and harder as the new concept of soul array was introduced.

For this, I required the basics of soul array creation which turned out to be an advanced subject in card creation and could only be learnt in college.

No wonder they did not bother copyrighting something so advanced as summoning cards as one could not create these cards without the knowledge of soul array.

Thankfully only summoning cards of the living creatures require a soul array as they have harsher living conditions to be met to achieve good durability ratings.

And soul array is the best way to fulfil these conditions for the creation of summoning cards.

But summoning cards of undead and sentient golems did not require a soul array as they do not require harsher living conditions to survive as they can survive anywhere.

Therefore it is easier to achieve the required card durability in their case without the help of a soul array.

Elemental creatures are considered living beings because of their awareness and as they require to breathe in their respective elemental periodically.

By 6 in the evening, I had learnt the basics of golem card creation and undead card creation. I could go further but Susan had returned from her hunt for my new potential client.

Chapter 38: Debra Khan

Date 21 Mar 2321

Time 18:15

Location Sky Blossom City, Guild Association Mall, Warehouse no.234

Fine Gold Merchants

The world-renowned integrated shipping company owning a fleet of 708 levitating container vessels as of today.

It is said that 18 years ago Fine Gold Merchants were just small-time merchants in Sky Blossom City about to go bankrupt until a young promising underdog bought the sinking company for peanuts and turned it into the golden goose it is today.

The young promising underdog is none other than the current chairman of Fine Gold Merchants Diana Keith, an orphan slumdog with a heart-winning, struggle filled, story of her rise to power.

Diana Keith is the sky blossom city legend, stories of how a brothel orphan from the western zone slums climbed to the heights which one could only dream of have become the local lore.

There are many other local lores about Diana and her rise to power but the most impressionable one is the Scarlet Parade.

Scarlet Parade, 18 years ago one fateful night, 17-year-old Diana overthrew the Sky Blossom City underworld forces with her hooligan troops of 12,000 high school students including 6,789 card students and 5,211 mortal students.

That night the streets of sky blossom city were dyed red with the blood of gangsters. The city lord had to intervene and implement martial law to deal with the gang wars.

It is said Diana was so charismatic that she single-handedly united the students of all high schools in Sky Blossom City forming the largest gang in the city amounting to 70% of the underworld forces in the city

Until the gang was so big that it swallowed the city's all underworld forces as a whole, gaining total control over Sky Blossom city underworld.

Diana is one badass S.O.B as they come. After graduating high school she did not go to college instead bought the Fine Gold Merchant climbing to the top of the world's power ladder.

In the year's to come many high schoolers have tried to recreate the legend of the Scarlet parade but failed devastatingly.

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"Sorry, Wyatt I could not hide your identity." Apologised Susan.

Looking at two female guests she brought with her I said, "I never asked you to."

"What?"

"Did I ever ask you to hide my info?"

"No, I thought it was implied."

"Forget it, won't you introduce your friends."

"Oh! She is Debra Khan, my childhood friend and this is..."

Seeing Susan hesitate not knowing how to introduce her, the blonde woman next to Debra said, "For now I am nobody to you but if you pass the test I am the best thing ever happened to you."

Hearing the arrogance and pride in the blonde woman's voice with the expressionless face of hers I knew she was the one Susan was apologising for.

Looks like releasing 40 perfect rating F-rank female armour cards in the market created a larger splash than I thought it would. I seem to have underestimated the difficulty behind the creation of a perfect rating card.

Excusing ourselves, Susan explained to me the situation while Corey attended to the guest.

Debra and Susan are more than just childhood friends, they were classmates who graduated high school together.

Since they had not stepped into the card student realm yet they chose to work as a sales executive at guild association mall.

Debra was lucky and stepped into the card student realm 2 years after joining the guild association mall, unlike Susan who stepped into the card student realm just a few days ago.

19-years-old Card apprentice Debra decided to quit as a sales executive and chase her dream of becoming an adventurer. Finally joining a well-known adventure guild, The Raven Guild.

Since Debra was a late bloomer she was offered a 5-year term employment contract with harsher conditions by the raven guild. Yet she chose to sign as with this she would be finally able to achieve her dream and they promised to help her create her origin card using the guild resources if she happens to find her fated ingredient within the employment term.

Rising to the challenge Debra fought all odds and achieved the card soldier realm within 5 years even though she was only a bronze grimoire holder.

Seeing her hard work and achievements the guild was considering offering her a high-level contract and extending her employment term. Debra was also considering extending her contract but things changed in her last mission.

A team of 200 card apprentices were tasked to clear C rank field dungeon Centaur Graveyard and collect undead related ingredients for the guild. Debra's team was among these card apprentices.

This mission was a walk in the park as 200 card apprentices were overkill for this mission. One of the perks of being a member of a huge guild.

After defeating the field dungeon boss Skeleton Centaur Knight Debra found her first fated ingredient among the remains of the dungeon boss, the femur of the Skeleton Centaur Knight.

Debra was overjoyed to find her first fated ingredient but did not know if she was lucky or unlucky to find her fated ingredient on the last day of her employment term.

Thanks to the contract Debra was able to get the fate ingredient without spending a penny but since her contract ended the very next day she was not able to create her origin card using the guild resources.

Debra was satisfied with just getting her fated ingredient. But the offer for extending her contract term she was waiting for never came.

Turns out the guild valued Debra but not enough to gamble guild resources to help create her origin card and they decided against extending her employment term.

As a card soldier with 5 years of experience, Debra had a good resume but having a fated ingredient was her baggage, Debra would easily be able to join any guild if she did not demand the creation of an origin card using the guild resources. Since no guild was willing to gamble a small fortune in helping her create an origin card.

Finding a fate ingredient is a very rare incident not many card apprentices find it. Knowing this the guilds all around the world utilized the promise of creating the origin card as bait in their contract to lure fresh blood and it works every time.

Susan only knew about Debra finding her fate ingredient but not about her being unemployed. So after knowing the complete story Susan backed off in understanding.

Just when Susan had given up any hope of turning Debra into a client. The blonde woman crashed their reunion.

Chapter 39: No limit

Date 21 Mar 2321

Time 18:15

Location Sky Blossom City, Guild Association Mall, Warehouse no.234

Cindy Moss, Managing Director of Fine Gold Merchants Sky Blossom Branch had not slept in the last 24 hours.

It all began when 20 cards with perfect ratings made of 5 F-rank female armour card recipes copyrighted under Fine Gold Designs flood the market.

One has to know even the original Designers and creators of these card recipes cannot guarantee to create these cards with perfect ratings.

Yet somehow these 5 F-rank female armour card recipes each in a set of 4 cards with perfect card ratings were auctioned yesterday.

Since they were auctioned in Sky Blossom City As the acting managing director of the sky blossom branch Cindy was alerted of this anomaly.

If it was someone else who had alerted her maybe Cindy would not have personally attended to this matter but her friend Chairman of Fine Gold merchants currently visiting Sky Blossom City had shown interest in it so she could not hand it to others and had to treat this situation with utmost priority.

Being at the top of the food chain in the city it was not hard for Cindy to gather information on the cards that were auctioned. Following the money, she was able to find the creator of the cards.

Going through the information on the card creator Cindy was confused more than ever according to the info in her hand the creator of these cards was a high schooler who had just stepped into the card student realm.

Even though he was a silver grimoire holder it was so bizarre and far-fetched to think a rookie could create perfect rating cards.

No matter how implausible and unrealistic this sounds she had to share this info with the Chairman.

To her surprise the Chairman was not as shocked as she was seeing the info instead, the Chairman ordered her to recruit this rookie asap.

Cindy was overwhelmed by how impetuous the chairman was being to recruit the rookie without verifying the truth of the matter at hand.

Still, Cindy took it upon herself to complete the task of recruiting the rookie because the chairman gets what she wants.

Unable to find Wyatt at his home or school Cindy ended up crashing Susan's reunion with Debra to find Wyatt.

Cindy knew Debra from her resume applying for a security personnel job at Fine Gold merchants. Cindy was impressed by Debra's experience enough to remember her name.

Fine Gold was a multinational company making billions in turn over every year they did not lack the average card soldiers but the capable card soldiers with origin cards who would develop along with the company.

And Debra's fate ingredient along with her experience made her a Fine Gold worthy asset.

One thing led to another with Cindy ending up offering a Job to Debra right then there, terms and conditions applied though.

Debra was offered a permanent Job at Fine Gold and she would be earning 5 times what she had earned at her previous job at Raven guild not only that earning enough merits at Fine Gold she would be able to upgrade her grimoire to Silver entirely paid by the company's resources.

Great offer, Debra would have accepted it if not for the terms and condition.

The terms and conditions stated that Debra had to get her Origin card created by Wyatt. Yes, Cindy was planning to use Debra to test Wyatt's capabilities.

No matter the origin card creation succeeded or failed Debra would still be recruited by Fine Gold with previously mentioned terms.

Debra was now in a bind, as discovering one's fate ingredient was a rare opportunity and Debra did not want to take any chances in creating her first origin card.

But Cindy's offer was too good to refuse, as an average card soldier Debra knew how hard it was to be able to upgrade to the silver grimoire.

Debra was stuck in the card soldier realm because of the bronze grimoire.

There are many perks for having a higher grade grimoire.

With the high-grade grimoire, one can use higher grade cards. Not only that cultivating active soul control also becomes easier and efficient.

Being a Card soldier Debra requires a silver grimoire to cultivate active soul control faster and more efficiently but bronze grimoire only slows down the process making it harder for Debra to achieve higher active soul control.

Worst of all with the bronze grimoire, she could not use D or C rank cards was limited to only using G, F and E- rank cards even though her active soul control was enough to use D or C rank cards.

Making her a lot weaker than a card soldier using a silver grimoire.

Seeing how much importance her friend Susan and the Managing Director Cindy gave to Wyatt and his card creating prowess, Debra decided to roll the dice and take up Cindy on her offer.

This was any once in a lifetime opportunity similar to finding a fate ingredient and it seems she could only have one. So she chose silver grimoire to achieve higher realms and higher combat prowess.

Who knows if she was lucky enough she could still have both a silver grimoire and an origin card.

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As Susan explained I understood the whole situation and what was going on, but I did not see how this profited me.

I decided to offer my services to help create cards for others to make large and fast cash not showcase my card creation ability.

Returning to Debra and Cindy I introduced myself, "Dalton Wyatt high school senior, Susan has brought me up to the speed. Now let's talk about the budget for card creation and the cost of my service."

It did not matter if they wanted to test my abilities or something else it had nothing to do with me after all everyone is entitled to their opinion.

As long as I am getting paid enough for the service I rendered it did not matter what they thought.

Debra looked at Cindy as she was her boss now. Cindy still maintaining an expressionless face and with an arrogant tone, she said, "There is no limit to the budget for the card creation go crazy, show me what you got the company will bear all the cost as for your pay 10% of whatever you have spent for the card creation. Bear in mind that the origin card created should be worthy of our Fine Gold Company."

Hearing Cindy Susan and Debra's mind went numb in utter shock as they dumbfoundedly gawked at Cindy. As for me, I was hyped and excited as finally my imagination was not limited to a budget.