

Card Apprentice Daily Log

- Chapter 727 Demigod Windsor

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The last few minutes have been crazy. Not only did I get to see a person in a realm higher than the card emperor but also an incarnation of a demigod. These were the most powerful card apprentices I had seen so far in this world. If not for the presence of Anna I would be panicking right now.

"Don't worry your highness. My family knows I am here so they will not be bothered with your unannounced visitation." Replied Anna, in the past few days Anna had killed an old demigod hag and a fat molten lava devil. When she could fight toe to toe with a demigod she had nothing to be worried about facing an incarnation of a demigod. Anna wouldn't even care to be respectful to this demigod if not for his contributions on the way beyond thanks to his special abilities.

"Hm... I see." Demigod Windsor saw no fear nor respect in Anna's eyes. Considering that he was talking to a Heatsend family cub, Demigod Windsor wasn't surprised.

"Father, she called me little and tried to trap me here." The petite little school girl complained pointing at Anna.

"Sweetpea, what are you doing in this remote area?" The demigod Windsor's incarnation did not blame the little girl for summoning him for petty little things. Like any overly doting parent, all of his daughter's actions seemed adorable to Windsor. Still, he knew not to involve himself with children's fights but he wasn't afraid of bailing his daughter out.

"I came here to recruit that boy in my wolf fang mercenary but he called me short and killed Tundra." The little girl replied pointing at me.

"Did he now?" A deterring pressure descended on me when the demigod Windsor's gaze landed on me. Under his scrutinizing gaze, I felt bare naked despite all the articles of clothing I was wearing. It felt like I couldn't hide anything from his eyes.

"Interesting, what are you boy?" Asked Demigod Windsor. He never expected that he would come across someone so peculiar in this remote region.

"Your highness I don't understand." I didn't know how to answer demigod Windsor's question. What does he mean by what I am?

"Heatsend girl, we will be out of hair right away and I will be taking that boy with me." Demigod Windsor waved his hand at me, and I felt an invisible force pull me towards him.

"No" Anna appeared next to me and laid her hand on my shoulder, and I felt the invisible grip pulling me shatter.

"What are you doing?" Demigod Windsor was shocked by Anna's audacity.

"Windsor, that is what I should be asking you? What are you doing trying to kidnap a citizen of the southern region?" Anna dropped the honorific as soon as she found that Windsor's initiation damaged her interest.

"Soul piercing eyes." Agatha's eyes twinkled with bright light and then the bright light shot into Anna's eyes. Agata did not like the fact that Anna addressed demigod Windsor without respect. So she didn't hesitate to try and kill Anna. But she underestimated Anna, the bright ray of lights immediately scattered as they came in contact with a diamond barrier covering her body.

"Agatha, step back." Demigod Windsor's Incarnation ordered Agatha.

"But, your highness—" Agatha tried to explain her reasons but was cut off

"I said stand down. You are not her match." Handling his subordinate, Windsor's incarnation turned to face Anna, " Headsend girl, those are quite an accusation."

"Windsor, take your arrogant little daughter and leave while I give you the chance to. Do not make me repeat myself." Anna gave Windsor an ultimatum.

"You know there is ignorance and then there is arrogance. Neither is good for a person. I don't know if it's your ignorance or your arrogance that made you reckless enough to speak those words to me but I am willing to let that slide as long as you hand over the boy." Demigod Windsor was patient with Anna's ultimatum and said everything can be forgotten as long as she handed over the boy to him.

"Don't say I didn't warn you. Activate, Southern Emperor." Anna immediately connected with the southern region's array formation and borrowed its power to temporarily climb the demigod realm.

"No wonder—" the astonished Demigod Windsor's incarnation was interrupted by Anna.

"Let's see how much your daughter is worth to you. Giga punch!" Anna threw a punch at the Demigod Windsor's incarnation and shattered it into pieces. Then turning to the

petite schoolgirl she said, "Agatha if you value your princess's life then you better behave. And Ada, how much are you worth to your daddy? We will finally know."

"..." Seeing Anna destroy the incarnation of the demigod I realized that the strongest person I had seen in this world was still Anna. To not attract the demigod's attention I didn't dare to use soul pupil so I missed how Anna was able to borrow such huge power to step into the demigod realm.

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A dignified middle-aged man who was monitoring the actions of a particular supreme being and its troops not far from the Way beyond suddenly frowned. The incarnation he had left with his daughter was killed. And the information it carried to him upon its demise was valuable.

First, his daughter was in safe hands, but he will have to burn a hole in his pocket to get her back.

Second, the next generation leader of the Heatsend royal family had been selected and it was none other than the current leader's granddaughter, Anna Heatsend.

Third, He found a young card apprentice on whom his special ability didn't work.

The selection of the next-generation heir of the Heatsend Royal family was prioritized by demigod Windsor over the fact that his ability didn't work on a mere card soldier. This showed how much the world would be affected by the information that Anna was already chosen as the next heir to the Southern Region throne.

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"You will pay for this." Aba threatened while glaring at Anna.

"Uh? you didn't learn your lesson, did you, little girl. Have you forgotten your daddy isn't present here to save you today?" As Anna played with Aba as if she were a little doll.

"Eight" uttered Aba.

"Eight, what?" Asked Anna.

"Eight times you have addressed me as little." The arrogant petite schoolgirl had already proved that she could hold a grudge. But Anna didn't care. She was busy making Aba ware embracing dresses.

"Five" Anna muttered.

"Five what?" Asked puzzled Aba.

"I have five embarrassing photos of you, each one taken in different dresses. And there will be more. If you don't want these pictures to be circulated in your high school, pipe down and be obedient. Every time I feel like your attitude is not sincere or respectful enough I will send one of your pictures to your friends. For your sake, you better behave." Anna spoke with a sadistic smile.

"You wouldn't!" Aba exclaimed in distress.

"Try me, little girl. You will be surprised to see what I am capable of." Anna replied as she continued to indulge in her sadistic tendencies.

"..." Aba heard Anna call her little girl loud and clear but she didn't dare to count out the number of times Anna called her little. This didn't mean that she had stopped counting.

"Anna, what is going on here? Who is this little girl?" Unable to wait for Anna to explain, I asked her.

"I thought you would never ask. This is Aba Windsor, only daughter of the Demigod Windsor." Anna introduced me to Aba. Demigod's only daughter no wonder she dared to be so arrogant.

"Her father Demigod Windsor is of humble background and reached the demigod realm on his effort. He didn't attend a top university or a regular university for that matter. He was a vagabond who roamed city to city doing the minimal job until one day. He builds his strength and life from scratch. But most believe that he had a lucky encounter that let him soar to the top of the world." Anna gave a short detailed description of the demigod Windsor. He seems to be born among the oppressed people. It was already impressive how he came to this point, be it with help of a lucky encounter or not.

"Aba what did you mean earlier when you said you wanted to recruit me into your Wolf Fang mercenary group? I thought you were here to create your origin card, a mutated slime summon." Knowing Aba's background it was clear she did not need me to help her create her origin card if she needed one. Yet I did not understand why she would contact me. What purpose did she have? what does she want from me? What did she mean when she wanted to recruit me?

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"You will address the princess as her highness and not by her name." Agatha who stood by and watched Anna play dress-up with Aba, pounced on me for calling Aba her name. Thanks to Anna's presence her reactions didn't get physical and were limited to verbal.

"Little girl, answer me." Ignoring Agatha I taunt Aba since she did not answer questions.

"You how dare you—" hearing her Princess being addressed as a little girl by a mere card soldier despite her warning Agatha was furious and decided to teach the commoner a lesson with her realm suppression—

"Watch it, Agatha. You are still in my territory. Your master is still in my hands. Any aggression from you will be taken as rebellion and your master will pay for not training her retainer properly. So behave." Anna's words echoed in Agatha's ears.

"Susan, why don't you head home early today. Until Anna and I clean the trash in the warehouse." I said glaring at Agatha. Because of her little stunt of realm suppression, Susan almost fell unconscious if not for Anna's intervention.

"Wyatt, I can—" Susan wanted to stay but was interrupted by me.

"Susan, I will be less stressed knowing you are nowhere near this mess." I grabbed Susan by her shoulders and stared into her eyes asking her to get off work early for my sake.

"Fine, but you pick up when I call. I don't want to be worried sick." Seeing the concern for her in her young lover's eyes Susan felt warm. So she agreed to his request without hesitation.

"Fuck! Shorty, I am sending one of your pictures to your classmates." Anna cussed hearing her crush show concern for another girl.

"What did I do?" Aba panicked and felt wronged for being punished without any fault. Her school life was at stake here. Aba didn't see the irony in it. How many people had to suffer just because she was in a bad mood.

After Susan left I turned to Anna and asked, "Anna what kind of School does a demigod's child attend?"

"There are a few prestigious Schools that only admit the descendants of demigods. It is very luxurious and fancy. But it is mostly attended by 2nd and 3rd-generation descendants of demigods. Direct defendants like this one here and myself included rarely attend such high schools. Unlike this little girl, I was homeschooled by my relatives."

" hmm... I see. Must be expensive as hell." Saying that I clicked a photo of Aba hopping around on her all fours in a bunny oncy using my grimoire.

"You, who gave you permission to take my picture?" Aba finally acknowledged my existence.

"Why would I need anyone's permission to take pictures of my warehouse?" I argued, clicking another picture of an angry Aba pointing at me.

"Hey, little bunny! Focus! If you ruin my shot again I will send two of these images of you to your classmates." Anna snapped at Aba.

"You cow—" hearing Anna call her little bunny Aba almost lost it and called Anna a cow but hurriedly went silent praying that Anna didn't hear her.

"Cow? Wait, I think I have a cow costume stored somewhere here." Anna started going through her storage cards one by one.

"Anna, what a school does this little bunny attend?" I asked Anna while giving Aba a mischievous smile.

"Based on her uniform I guess she attends Excellence high or Skypoint academy. They both have similar uniforms." Answered Anna as she took out a cow costume and added, "Good thing I did not throw these costumes when Luna outgrew them. Lucky for you, little bunny."

"You! Why do you ask where I attend school?" Aba asked me.

"I want to post a few pictures on your school grimoire forum hoping that they will consider giving me a scholarship impressed by my talent in photography," I replied and asked, "Which is it? Excellence high or Skypoint Academy. Doesn't matter, I will post the images on both the school forums. After all, both of them are prestigious academies."

Since Aba was ignoring me and was not answering my questions I decided to use a page from Anna's playbook and threaten her into submission with her embarrassing pictures.

"You can't do that." Aba asserted.

"Why not?" I asked innocently.

"If you want a scholarship in those schools I can help. I can talk to my father and have him pull some strings. You don't need to go through all this trouble of posting images on the school forum." Fuck! Aba bullshitted on my bullshit. And I almost believed her. She made it sound like applying for scholarships in prestigious schools by posting images on their forum was a thing.

"Little bunny, what I want from you is answers to my questions. As long as you truthfully answer them then we are square and I will delete these pictures." Putting a stop to the charades, I informed Aba what I wanted from her.

"Deal, what do you want to know?" Aba readily agreed to my proposition.

"What were your intentions for contacting me? Don't sell the bullshit about requiring my services with the creation of a mutant slime summon origin card." I asked Aba to cut the bullshit and get to the truth.

"The truth is someone asked me to recruit you into my mercenary group. Not only did she ask me to recruit you but she also demanded that I should help you enter the morning star university. She asked me to be discreet about it and not disclose her involvement to anyone." Aba answered truthfully and added, " By the way, I do need your help in the creation of an origin card based on mutant slime summons."

"Who is this person whom you speak of?" I was shocked to learn that someone instructed Aba to recruit me into her mercenary group and help me get admitted into the morning star university.

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Somebody asked Aba to help me, but why? Ever since I transmigrated to this world I haven't seen many allies willing to help Young Wyatt. Why do they want to be discreet about their involvement and why use Aba Windsor of all people?

"The person I speak of is known as the Untaintable legend of Morning Star university," Aba answered. She had become keener in answering me seeing how it was the only thing keeping Anna from asking her to change into a different embarrassing costume.

"Untaintable legend, I have heard of her. She rose to power at Morning Star university very fast. Why would someone like her ask a third-rate mercenary group like yours for help?" Anna asked Aba.

"What do you mean the third-rate mercenary group? We have 23 semi-demigods and 103 card emperors in our group." Aba argued with Anna.

"Most of them are retainers of your father just like your bodyguard Agatha over here. And others mostly joined the mercenary group to gain safe haven under Demigod Windsor's banner." Anna seemed to know a lot about Aba's Wolf Fang mercenary group. And added, "Tell me Aba, what does your mercenary group do for income? Or does your daddy pay all the wages, bills, and expenses?"

"My mercenary group is still young and it is barely six months old. We are still in group training and team-building sessions. When we are ready we have different projects waiting for us." Aba spoke in her mercenary group's defense.

"I bet Demigod Windsor's name opens up a lot of doors. And what do you mean by barely six months old, I clearly remember you asking me to join your mercenary group way before that." Anna revealed.

Despite her reputation as a party girl, Anna's personal strength was known to everyone in her circle. At a party a few months ago Aba invited Anna to be one of the founding members of her wolf fang group. As the commander of the southern watch, Anna found it an insult to be part of a mercenary group so she rejected Aba's invitation mercilessly. Aba took Anna's rejection to heart, the feeling of being insulted in front of many people wasn't pleasant so she refuted Anna and things got heated up. Finally, Demigod Windsor had to walk in and bail his daughter out.

"My mercenary group doesn't require me to use my father's name to get projects. For your information, our first client is going to be Morning star university. The university has contracted us to escort students that have passed college entrance exams from remote locations to the university. Every year these students are targeted by people of demon cults and fanatics from the empire. But not this year because we will be there to stop them." Aba proudly announced the first project of her mercenary team. She was proud because she got this project without the help of her Demigod father's reputation.

"No wonder you were willing to entertain Untaintable Legend's request to help Wyatt. Correct me if I am wrong in exchange for you helping Wyatt, Untaintable legend promised your mercenary group the project." Anna explained the part of the riddle about why Aba would be willing to help me.

"So what? Somebody was bound to get the project, we got the job because we promised to do extra work. What is wrong with that?" Aba justified that she had to some promises to get the Morning Star university project.

"Can somebody fill me in on who Untaintable Legend is and why did she go as far as to bride you to help me?" I asked Aba and Anna.

"Well, Untaintable legend's identity is a mystery but she surfaced about four years ago. She defeated all the talents in the Morning star university and other nine top universities.

The most interesting thing to notice about her is that she climbed to card emperor real from the card scholar realm in just 3 years. There is even a betting pool going on in the central academic region, that Untaintable legend is going to break the record of Demigod Baylor and become the youngest Demigod ever.

Currently, she is one of the most influential students at the Morning Star university as the student body president. That is how she can assign a few projects of the university to Aba's third-rate mercenary group.

Our Southern watch has been keeping an eye on her as a potential recruit, now that we know she has some connection with you it makes our job easier." Anna narrated all the information she had on Untaintable Legend. And how the Southern watch was trying to recruit her.

"..." Hearing Anna say that Southern watch was trying to recruit Untaintable Legend, Aba had a victorious smile on her face. She knew something more than what Anna speculated.

"If the Untaintable Legend is so influential in the Morning Star university can't she help me directly instead of using this shorty's help to help me?" I really didn't understand Untaintable Legend's intentions for me.

"Hm... isn't the answer obvious? She doesn't want her enemies to get to you. One of the reasons Untaintable legend has been able to hold her position in the university is because of her mysterious background. Nobody knows who she is. Except that the university vouched for her identity. Therefore it was difficult for the outside forces to influence her. Now if her enemies find out that she is jumping hoops for you, you will be in danger and potentially become her Achilles heel." Anna explained. This was only an assumption assuming that Untaintable Legend was my ally and not an enemy. Though there wasn't any evidence to point otherwise.

"I understand that she is trying to hide her interest in me but why choose this blabbermouth? She revealed everything in a single heartbeat." I didn't understand why Untaintable Legend chose Aba over other options. There should have been more suitable candidates for this job than Aba.

"Because Shorty here is the Perfect Patsy."

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"Hey, who are you calling a patsy?" Ada immediately complained about being called out as patsy by Anna.

"Earlier, I couldn't help but notice your grin when I said Southern watch was planning to recruit Untaintable Legend. Let me guess the reason behind your grin, you couldn't be more obvious, Untaintable legend showed her willingness to join your mercenary group if you were to recruit Wyatt into your mercenary group. Am I right?" Anna deduced.

"How did you know?" Aba exclaimed. Her reaction only made Anna more sure about her speculation.

"..." Anna shook her head at Aba. Hasn't she narrated how she was able to reach such a conclusion?

"Anna, what do you mean by Aba is the perfect patsy?" I brought Anna's attention back to the topic.

"Demigod Windsor belongs to the neutral faction. Even in the neutral faction, he is in a unique position because of his unique ability. This special ability of his puts him in a position where everyone requires his services to a certain degree. Therefore he is on good terms with a lot of people and a lot of them owe him a big time.

This special ability is the reason why Demigod Windsor can afford a prodigal daughter like her. If it was any other regular demigod they would denounce such an ignorant brat as their daughter by now.

For example, take her mercenary group, which has 23 semi-demigods and 103 card emperors. Do you know how much it costs to feed and nurture all of them for half a year? Demigod Windsor has no background or ancestry wealth to depend on. He can make the ends meet by selling his services to various families.

Despite the thousands of resources wasted on the members of her mercenary group, their loyalty does not lie with Demigod Windsor or this shorty. They just enjoy the benefits with zero obligation.

And she can not see all this even though it is happening right in front of her eyes. By the time she sees the fault in her ways, Demigod Windsor would have lost more than half of his life savings. Nurturing a card emperor or Semi-demigod doesn't come cheap.

This is what makes her a perfect patsy. Untaintable Legend or anyone else can see that Wolf Fang Mercenary is the place where you can get abundant resources to grow and a reputed demigods protection with zero obligation.

If it is some other organization they would have gotten the worth of the resources they spent on them. And never let them leave their organization without consequences to pay for." Anna explained why she called Aba a perfect patsy. Wolf Fang mercenary group was like heaven for Vagabond mercenaries compared to the offers provided by other families and clans.

"I see if I were to be admitted to the Morning Star university as a member of the wolf fang mercenary group. Fewer people will dare to mess with me for my humble background because now I have latched on to a demigod's thigh. And the best thing is in return for the help provided by wolf fang mercenary I have zero obligations towards them. I can leave whenever I want. But I won't because I don't want to miss out on the resources handed out by wolf fang mercenaries to its members. How convenient."

Hearing Anna's explanation about the circumstances of the wolf fang mercenary group I was convinced that Untaintable Legend was looking out for me.

"You two shut up! I don't mind if you try to insult me but I won't tolerate it if you dare to undermine the members of my mercenary group who are more loyal than you think. Don't you dare underestimate us." Aba could no longer tolerate Anna and I undermining her mercenary group which she built from the ground up and argued that they were more than what meets the eye.

"Yeah, right." Anna scoffed at Aba's remark. But I felt a naive but powerful conviction backing her words. Therefore I decided to check Clown Mask's memories and see if there is any mention of Aba.

Soon I found mention of Aba and her wolf fang mercenary in the clown mask's memory but going through it I couldn't help but cuss, "Holy shit!"

"Have you got mad? Why are you cussing out of nowhere?" Ada barked at me feeling I cussed at her.

The reason I cussed out aloud was because of what I witnessed in the alternative future stored in Clown Mask's memories. Aba, the little petite schoolgirl in front of me would be

the face of the new government after the three mischiefs destroy the old government to get their way.

Aba would single-handedly rebuild the government in her image to take on the Supreme leader who had claimed the central region as his domain. According to Clown Mask's memories, Aba would face all three mischiefs head-on.

Whether Aba and her new government won or lost against the three mischiefs was not clear as that was the end of Clown Mask's memories as she was killed by that time.

I couldn't believe that the little girl in front of me who would burst out with anger whenever addressed as short or little would become the hope of humanity against the three mischiefs. Considering that it is far ahead in the future Aba must have gone through a lot to become a hero leading the masses against evil. Especially seeing how her Wolf Fang mercenary group was an epic fail and waste of money. Yes, in the alternative future the machinery members of Aba's Wolf Fang Mercenary turned their backs on her when they were needed the most.

But seeing how Aba built and led the new government It can be seen that she must have learned a lot from her failure with the Wolf Fang Mercenary group. It seems that the ordeal with the wolf fang mercenary is going to be the trigger point for Aba to embark on her heroic future.

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"You stop looking at me like that. I cannot help but wonder that you have fallen in love with me." Said Aba to the boy who was looking at her in a daze.

"Shorty, have you grown delusional? Why can't you behave like a normal middle schooler?" I asked Aba, who exploded yelling, "I am not a middle schooler! I am 17 this year."

"What? No way." I said with great astonishment. Aba's petite body resembled a 11or12-year-old.

"Have you ever seen a middle schooler summon a golden grimoire? The minimum age to contract a grimoire is 14-15 years old." Aba argued, trying to prove that she was 17 despite how she looked.

"Who knows you are a demigod's daughter? One cannot underestimate demigod genes." I spoke just for the sake of arguing.

"You..." Aba was speechless hearing the boy's argument. And she turned to check the constant chill she felt on her back from earlier. It was Anna.

"Little bunny, change into this costume." Crazy-eyed Anna whispered in Aba's ears as she shoved the cow costume in her hands. She was triggered by Aba's words claiming that her crush might have fallen for her.

"...Y-yes." Aba was too frightened to argue and summoned a curtain card to change into a new costume.

"Say Moo," Said Anna, looking at a petite girl in a cow costume.

"M-moo!" Aba mimicked a cow.

"Louder!" Anna yelled

"... I had it. Kill me and be done with it." Mentally tortured Aba finally had it. And snapped.

"Oh, look who has gotten brave all of sudden. Don't worry I will not kill you. You see, sometimes killing can be mercy. I will make it so that you hope I showed you that mercy." Anna suddenly appeared next to Aba and whispered in her ears.

"... Y-you don't scare me, do your best." Though Aba said those words but her legs kept shaking despite her steady feet, which looked like cow hooves because of the costume.

"If you want to harm the princess you will have to go through me." Agatha suddenly appeared next to Aba and grabbed her in her embrace. Then she declared she will not stand by and watch Anna harm her lord.

"Anna, we should stop here. I think the little cow has learned her lesson." I advised Anna.

"You think so... have you really fallen for her?" Anna asked me with an eerie look in her eyes.

"NoO... hang her to the ceiling and whip her ass for all I care." Seeing Anna's insane eyes I felt a shiver down my spine and threw the future hope of humanity under the bus. Maybe this would be a teachable moment for her.

'Yeah, it will be a teachable moment for her.' I thought to myself to suppress the guilt of giving the future of humility a potential emotional scar.

"Do you have that kind of fetish? Do you like to see little girls hung and whipped? Is that what gets you off? No wonder you have been rejecting my advances all these days. I thought you were a man of virtue but turns out you are just another pervert with a twisted sense." Anna immediately came to this conclusion. Contrary to what I was expecting.

"Anna, how could you say that? That is slander. Please dont believe her." I instantly regretted my choice of words.

"You pervert don't you dare come near her Highness." Agatha looked at me with disgust hearing Anna's words.

"Agatha, he has my pictures." Aba reminded Agatha with a trembling voice.

"You freak! Delete her highness's pictures right now or I will have to resort to violence." Agatha's fierce gaze pierced my innocent soul.

"Don't you dare! Even though he is a freak and a pervert. He is my freaky pervert. Nobody gets to punish or scorn him except me. So back off." Anna spoke like a wife who found out her husband was a demented sex pervert.

"That's it. All of you leave my warehouse. Right now." I yelled at the trio who were hell-bent on labeling me as a pervert.

"Agatha looks like he wants to use my pictures to relieve himself," Aba uttered to Agatha, hearing me order them to vacate my property.

"..." Anna looked at me with words, 'tell me she isn't right' visible behind her regulated smile.

"You shameless pervert, how could you in broad daylight?" Agatha looked at me as if I were the worst scum walking in the world.

"Here, I have deleted your pictures. Happy! Now leave." I deleted Aba's pictures because I had no use for them now that she had spilled all the beans about the person who instructed her.

"Gotta ya!" Aba said with a peace sign and stuck her tongue out in a childish manner.

"..." Seeing Aba's reaction I wanted to sigh in relief but it appears Anna still believed I preferred a petite body over her mature body. She had nothing to worry about, but her worries were justified, after all, what woman would not start doubting her charm when

rejected so many times. I suddenly realized if I choose any other girl it may end up traumatic for Anna.

"I want to make it clear to all of you here that I like mature girls with big breasts, ass, and slender waist." I declared hoping Anna would realize I had no feelings for Aba whatsoever.

"You are a pervert!" Exclaimed Aba.

"Weebs like you should be burned along with your roots," Agatha commented.

"Really?" Anna asked with great anticipation. Because the words her crush used to describe his ideal woman described her perfectly.

"..." Aba and Agatha felt something was wrong seeing Anna's star-struck eyes when addressing the boy. They didn't understand why the solemn Anna would show such expression for a nobody card soldier no less.

"Yep, I like big boobs and butts and I cannot lie" I agreed, telling Anna she need not worry about me falling for Aba. I cannot believe a one-sentence from Aba would get Anna so worked up. I am starting to worry about my future.

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"Fine I will believe this once." Anna's obsession with me was worrying but that wasn't a problem for today. For now, I need her and who knows maybe her eerie charm will grow on me. You can never tell.

"Now that I have deleted the photos, please leave," I asked Aba and Agatha to leave.

"We want to but someone is not letting us." Commented Agatha referring to the locked space stopping them from teleporting.

"You got your legs right, use them, and walk out of here." I pointed out. It was really scary that I had to point out to people they could just walk, instead of teleportation.

"No, wait. You haven't joined my wolf fang mercenary group yet." Aba exclaimed as I pointed out that she wasn't welcomed here.

"Princess, he is a pervert!" Agatha protested.

"That is the only way we can recruit Untaintable legend into our mercenary group," Aba explained her reason to extend her invitation to me to join her mercenary group.

"What? You are still inviting me to join your mercenary group even after what I said earlier? How low is your mercenary group's self-respect bar? No card apprentice with self-respect will join your mercenary group." My words were harsh but they were true. But what I didn't understand is why Aba kept trying to recruit people to her mercenary group who has no respect for her and whom she can't put her trust in.

"Hey, watch what you say! And don't be hasty to reject my offer. First, listen to the benefits that my mercenary group can provide you." Aba was surprisingly tolerating and shameless when it came to recruiting new members. She looked like a woman on a mission. It felt like she desperately wanted this mercenary group to succeed. And was willing to do anything in power to make it happen. But the poor girl didn't know the way she was going about this was wrong.

"There is nothing that you can offer that Anna and her family cannot offer so I respectfully decline your offer. And a word of advice, you cannot buy people's locality by throwing money at them." I respected Aba for trying but she was walking down the wrong path and the only person eligible to correct her, Demigod Windsor, was too busy to show her the ropes.

"I know silly, loyalty and trust can only be gained through adventuring and facing hardship together," Aba replied to my advice.

"..." Hearing Aba I was left speechless, her understanding of loyalty and friends seemed to be straight out of a fairy tale. She seemed to have a very naive take on everything related to her mercenary group. It felt like she was using a children's storybook as a reference to run her mercenary group.

"Are you sure? There must be something you want, name it I will get it for you. I can help you enter Morning Star university." Aba said desperately. She cared so much about the boy joining her mercenary group because Intaintable Legend has informed her that if she were to recruit him then she would join her mercenary group.

"Sorry, Aba. I can admit myself into the Morning Star university as long as I want to. Nothing you can say will change my mind.

Actually, I do not have time to spare for others. I am very busy with the work of my adventure guild, high school gan-group, mercenary squadron, card boutique, and other companies that I take care of." I felt like bragging as I listed my various roles and business ventures.

"What? You have your own adventure guild and mercenary squadron." Aba asked in disbelief.

"Didn't you do a background check on me before coming to recruit me?" I couldn't help but ask Aba, seeing the astonishment on her face.

"I did but all that came up was your card boutique and the tournament that you won a few days ago." Replied Aba. The background check she spoke of was nothing more than a grimoire network search of my name.

"..." I couldn't help but compare Aba to Anna, they both are the demigod's direct descendants but the difference between them is so vast. Anna was raised by her single mom but most of Ann's upbringing was handled by her relatives and they still strive to support her. Similarly, Aba was raised by a single father but he didn't have many relatives to take care of Aba and fill the roles that he failed to meet. Anna had her entire family backing her while she was lazy but Aba had no one to rely on, nobody helped her understand what mistakes she was making. She had to figure it out all by herself through the consequences of her mistake.

"Why do I suddenly sense pity for me in your eyes?" Aba asked, feeling confused.

"Oh honey, you have a lot to learn about society. Good luck out there." I did feel pity for Aba because she showed great passion but sadly nobody was there to guide her.

"Hey, you don't get to pity me. And how is a nobody like you own an adventure guild and a mercenary squadron? I don't believe you." Aba could not stomach the fact that somebody of her same age had successfully established a guild and mercenary group. Not to mention he was an orphan from a third-rate city while she is a demigod descendant.

"Believe what you want. I didn't establish an adventure guild and a mercenary group for you. Now if you have nothing else to discuss, show yourself out." I could understand why Aba would feel like that. And her feelings were common, after all, she did her best to run her mercenary group but it was still in the team building phase even though it was established six months ago.

"Why are you so bent on sending us away? And sorry I shouldn't have called you a liar without verifying first." What Aba meant was it was wrong of her to call me a liar without

verifying my claims. Which meant she believed I was a liar and would call me out once she had proof.

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"Aba, for the last time, I will not join your mercenary group, stop wasting your breath and vacate my property, you two!" I yelled at Aba and Agatha, not only were they wasting my time but also indirectly called me a liar. I know Aba was jealous of my achievements but girl I had no time to deal with this.

"Wow! Is this how you treat your potential client? Maybe I should leave a one-star review to your online card boutique." Aba spoke exaggeratedly.

Seeing how I was showing zero interest in joining her Mercenary group Aba decided to wear me down with constant offers but to do that she needed time. Therefore to buy the time she needed she decided to continue with the story she used to contact me at the start.

"You already gave a one-star review to my online shop, prior to our conversation remember!" I reminded Aba in annoyance.

"So, what? I will ask Agatha here to leave a one-star review. And ask each one of the mercenary group members to spam your online shop review section with one-star reviews. So, good luck at getting any customer with so many bad reviews." Aba scoffed as she said these words.

"Are you threatening me with a grimoire network war?" I asked Aba, staring into her eyes.

"What?" Aba didn't understand what grimoire network war meant. Yet she continued, "I am not threatening you, I am letting you know the consequences of pissing off a customer. That is all."

"You do that. And while you are busy with that I will post these pictures of you posing in your cow costume on your high school forum. You learn to live past that." If Aba wanted a grimoire network war she got one. I have my super brain card locked and loaded.

"You said you deleted those pictures!" Aba yelled in disbelief.

"I deleted the bunny pictures. These are the recent ones. That I took right now." I don't know why Aba was still wearing the cow costume but it worked out for me.

"Fine! You win. But I do require assistance with the creation of a mutated slime summon origin card. This project is yours should you choose to accept it." Aba gave up threatening me with bad reviews and stuck to the part of the plan where she becomes my client.

"I will but considering the difficulty you put me through, my service fee will increase by 20 percent." I always welcomed the creation of an origin card open-handed but I did demand a 20% hike in my service charge.

"Fine." Ada agreed.

"So, who is my client?" I asked Ada, and I ruled out her as a client because demigod Windsor could afford diamond-grade card creations for his daughter.

"One of my mercenary group members. His fated ingredient is a slime core. He needs an expert's help with his origin card creation." Aba narrated.

"Okay, so go, get the client for me to get started with origin card creation right away," I asked Aba to get the client so that I could start the creation of the mutated slime summon origin card.

"I want to, but somebody here is stopping us from doing so," Aba said while giving Anna the stink eye. Obviously, she was referring to Anna locking the surrounding space. Stopping her, Agatha, and everyone in the city from using teleportation cards.

"Don't look at me. That is not happening. I will not unlock the surrounding space until your father pays the ransom." Anna had reason to lock the surrounding space. That was to have Aba and Agatha stranded in the Sky blossom city until their ransom is paid by the demigod Windsor.

"..." I couldn't argue with Anna because she was trying to make some money. Though her ways were quite questionable.

"Anna, I will stay, let Agatha go and fetch the mercenary member. That should work, right?" Aba suggested.

"Nope, I don't think so. Honestly, I don't think demigod Windsor will pay me enough ransom just for you. I don't blame him, if I had a prodigal daughter like you I wouldn't either. So I need Agatha here to sweeten the deal." Anna was purposefully being unreasonable.

"You are the prodigal daughter whoring around the world. How dare you call me names? My father will pay the ransom so let Agatha go and fetch the mercenary, you big cow." Aba snapped, forgetting the punishment she faced earlier. As the demigod's daughter, arrogance and pride were ingrained in her bones. Aba made such rash judgment because somewhere deep down even she felt that her father would be better off without a daughter like her. Anna touched her hidden fears with her words.

"Little cow, you didn't learn from your mistakes, did you? It seems you need more training." Anna announced with a sadistic smile. The smile on her face sent a shiver down Aba's spine and her legs couldn't help but tremble.

"You three figure it out. While I attend this call." Receiving a call notification from my grimoire I left Anna, Aba, and Agatha to discuss how they were going to answer the situation they were in.

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[Rami Kaga calling...Answer/decline/ignore/reply/]

"Answer" walking away from the trio I answered Rami's call, "What is it Rami?"

"Master Wyatt, good news. I had my people dispatched throughout the city in search of core Circle members like you asked and they were able to find a person who fits your demands." Rami hurriedly answered.

"Great," I praised and asked, " who is the target, and what is their position in the circle?

"Master Wyatt, the target is named Roy Blanc, he is a big fish. His father is a core member of the circle and he is the new representative of the inner Circle. All in all, he has high-level security clearance in the circle. He is in town to meet his girlfriend."

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"Roy Blanc, Why does this name feel familiar?" I mumbled, Roy Blanc, I felt like I met this person somewhere.

"Roy is a well-known figure in the black market. That's where you must have heard about him." Said Rami.

"No, That's not it," I murmured.

Unable to put my figure on where I have met Roy Blanc I instructed Hive AI to go through my memory. In a second I now knew where I had met Roy Blanc, at the Sky Blossom Card Stadium VIP box, he came to greet Anna on behalf of the circle. He seems to have presented Anna with purple quartz silk while introducing himself as the new representative of the inner circle.

"I have met him once," I said remembering where I had met Roy Blanc, and added, "Are sure that clown has a high-level security clearance in the Circle?"

"He does, Master Wyatt. He is the legitimate second generation of the Circle. Even if his capabilities are questionable his loyalties are not. The second generation of an organization follows its rules like the fanatics of a cult. Roy's father is a big shot even as the Core member of the circle. So they basically handed Roy his current authority because of his blood rather than his capabilities." Rami explained the reason why a clown-like Roy holds a big position in the circle.

"So he is family, huh." For a big criminal organization to be successful, it needs something more than brains and brawn, that is loyalty, unconditional loyalty that doesn't cower in front of death. It is the foundation of any criminal organization other than their sins of course. Therefore most criminal organizations prioritized family over merits.

"Yes, Master Wyatt. So he is the perfect chump for whatever your plans are." Rami recommended.

"Well, Rami, my plan is the destruction of the Circle Sun blossom branch. And you are right, this guy may fit the bill." I appreciated Rami's suggestion and then asked, " Rami, tell me where I can find him."

"He is at the euphoria nightclub. One of his favorite gals works there as a party planner." After giving the details of the whereabouts of Roy Blanc, Rami advised, "Master Wyatt, whatever you are planning you better hurry I heard Roy has gotten the credentials to have his girlfriend immigrate to Sun Blossom city. They will be leaving the city after the party."

"Rami, get me the images of Roy Blanc and his girlfriend. And ask your men to keep an eye on him until my men arrive." I relayed new orders to Rami.

"Sure thing master Wyatt." Rami agreed without any hesitation. He wasn't uncomfortable being ordered around by an orphan high schooler.

"Good job Rami, I will call you if you need anything else." Praising Rami for a job well done I was about to hang up the call and contact Nick Bright but was interrupted by Rami who hurriedly called, "Master Wyatt one more thing."

"What is it?" I asked.

"About the fee, my prodigal grandson paid for the creation of his origin card..." Rami dragged his words, unable to muster the courage to say what he planned to say.

"What? Do you think the fee was unfair and want it back?" I asked Rami in a stern voice.

"I wouldn't dare! But Master Wyatt that was almost three-quarters of my life savings. I cannot afford to pay the same amount for the creation of a custom card with a similar ability as my grandson's origin card. So I was wondering if you were open to discussing the price for the custom card." Rami did not deny that the fee his grandson paid for his origin card creation was unfair even though he declared that he wouldn't dare to ask me to return the property his grandson transformed to my name.

For the creation of the custom card that Rami asked for, I demanded him to pay the exact price as his grandson had paid for his origin card creation. Hoping that Rami wouldn't pester me to create that vulgar card. But I underestimated this old stud's sexual appetite. He was willing to pay an arm or leg to have the custom card made.

"Tell you what Rami, if everything works out as I have planned I will create your custom card for free as a for a job well done," I said this because my encounter with Aba had changed my opinion about selling custom blow-up doll cards. This card had a huge market, people would be willing to pay a sky-high price for a portable life-size pussy. Rami was the best example.

My only concern was that I couldn't be associated with this, as it could ruin my reputation and people would start thinking I would do anything for money. And that's not something you want people to think about you. Therefore I planned to create recipes and hand them to my calamity daughter gem with talent in card creation. They could be the leaders of this booming business while I oversee and provide them with support from the shadows.

"Really? Thank you, master Wyatt. Thank you." Rami thanked me repeatedly with great enthusiasm and then getting hold of himself he offered, "Boss, I can have my people pick Roy Blanc up and keep him in their custody until your men arrive."

"Okay, you do that. And later send me the location of the place where your men are holding him." Hearing my generous rewards Rami became more enthusiastic and

offered to be more active in the operation. I didn't mind his help because his men were in the Card overlord realm. No matter how prepared Roy is he can not escape them.

"Yes, Boss." Rami kept addressing me as Boss rather than Master Wyatt as he usually did. My generous rewards for his work seem to have motivated him a lot. He is the prime example of saying, 'Men think with their balls.'

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"Boss. How may I be of service to you?" Nick answered the call with his usual greeting.

"Nick, what do you know about Euphoria nightclub?" The reason I had contacted Nick was that the Bright Lion gang was mostly in charge of the clubs that were under Circle once. Since Roy's girlfriend works in Euphoria then it must have been one of the nightclubs that belonged to the circle. Which meant it could currently be under the management of the Bright Lions gang.

"It is one of the high-end nightclubs that we undertook after the Circle left town. Why do you ask, boss?" Nick answered.

"Nothing, you hurry over to the warehouse. Get your brothers too, I have a job for you guys." I planned to have Nick and Bright Lions handle Roy Blanc but since Rami has offered his expertise for now I will trust his men are up to the job and prepare for the next part of the plan.

"Sure thing Boss. We will be right there." Nick replied affirmatively.

"..." Hanging up on Nick, I received a grimoire notification. It was from Rami informing me of the successful completion of the job and where the package was being held. I was impressed that Rami's men had already finished the job when it hadn't even been 10 minutes since my call to him. What puzzled me the most was the place they held Roy Blanc, a penthouse.

Only beautiful women are held hostage in the penthouse while men are tied up in some dark, wet and moldy basement or abandoned warehouse. Or that is how it is supposed to be according to the novels.

"Anna! Why are you being such a bitch?" Yelled Aba. Hearing the noise I turned to find Aba and Agatha squatting on the floor with their hands behind their heads. This time even Agatha was being punished. I wasn't complaining because the scenery of watching plump Agatha in a prisoner squat was a feast for the eyes.

"Keep at it and you will spend your entire life like this." Anna threatened Ada. Knowing Anna's temperament I chose to believe her words and Aba should too. The sooner she does the better for her. Provoking was not the solution to the problem.

"Anna, please let her off with a warning," I asked Anna to show mercy, and turning to Aba I said, "Aba, remember you are not a demigod your father is. And you are not a card emperor your retainers are. Unless you have the strength to personally face the consequences of your actions, you better know your place and shut the fuck up."

"..." Anna looked at me with a look that said, 'You better not be favoring her over me.'

"Come on, Anna, she is my client. A bratty one but please understand." I explained myself to Anna. I had to otherwise Aba would face the wrath of a disgruntled lovesick maiden.

"Okay, I will let Agatha go fetch the client. But shorty here should better watch her mouth." Replied Anna. Seeing Anna be so docile I thought I could get used to Anna's obsessive and eerie side.

"Princess! You can stand up now." After Anna excused their punishment Agatha stood at ease but Aba didn't. She seemed to be lost in her thoughts. Agatha cautiously tried to call her to the physical world but Aba did not respond to her call.

Agatha panicked, and before she could resort to drastic measures I advised her, "Leave her be. A realization seems to have dawned on her. It will help her grow mentally. Meanwhile, you can go and fetch my client."

"No, I will not leave the Princess in such a defenseless state." Agatha would rather stand guard for Aba than be productive.

"Suit yourself." I said and turned to Anna asking, "What about the Mimercronium ore? Did you guys place the order? When can I expect it to arrive?"

"Luna has placed the order they should be here in a day or two. What about the Martial arts card promised by Corey?" Anna answered and enquired about the martial arts cards.

"She said two days. We can only believe her." Honestly, I didn't know when Corey would deliver on her promise because her card creation speed was slow-paced even for a regular card apprentice.

"Speaking of Corey. You should be more careful around her." Remembering her ancestor's last words Anna decided to caution her crush about Corey.

"What do you mean?" I didn't understand what Anna was trying to say by asking me to be careful around Corey? Was she telling me that Corey is a delicate little flower or I should be cautious of her? Which was it?

"Ah, how do I explain this to you... Wyatt, just understand that Corey is more than what meets the eye, be careful around her." Anna didn't know how to explain the world's grace and her ancestor's message to her crush so she just hoped that he would trust her and do as she says.

"What do you know, Anna? Tell me." I stared at Anna for answers.

Hearing Anna, I couldn't help but wonder if Anna had already figured out that Corey was reincarnated. If she did then it wouldn't take her long to figure out that my soul doesn't belong to this world and I am a transmigrator.

"I don't know, but I feel like Corey is hiding a big secret. You should be cautious around her until I figure out what she is hiding." Anna replied ambiguously.

"Anna! Stop. There is nothing wrong with Corey, okay." Hearing Anna had nothing yet but a feeling I decided to nub that feeling before it blossomed into a problem.

"Wyatt, you're not listening to me. Please, I am begging you just trust me on this. Until I confirm otherwise, promise me that you will be cautious around her." Anna grew frantic and felt that she shouldn't have brought this up. Now she was worried about her crush confronting Corey. That could go wrong in a lot of ways.

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Hearing Anna's frantic response it was clear Anna had more than a feeling about Corey. So just dismissing her words won't work here. I would have to do more than that to stop her for now but that was a temporary measure. I didn't know what to say since I didn't know what Anna knew. Not that it mattered as nothing I said would stop Anna from trying to dig this up later. But I could caution Corey about Anna's suspicion as a courtesy from a transmigrator to a reincarnator.

"Okay, Okay. Anna. I listen to your words. I promise to be cautious around Corey." I had no choice but to agree with Anna because it looked like if I didn't she would not hesitate to kidnap and imprison me in her bedroom.

"Good." Anna sighed in relief and then added, "Don't talk about this to your manager. I know Corey is living with that girl. But we don't want speaking Corey if my suspicions are right."

"..." Anna's intentions couldn't be clearer. Did she think I could see through her? But it didn't matter because Susan was one of the few people in the world that Corey would not want to hurt.

"What? Fine, you can tell her to be cautious but she better keep her mouth shut. If Corey gets spooked I will blame her." Anna caved. Hearing how her obsession didn't have her hurting people around me out of jealousy I was relieved.

"You know her name is Susan, right?" I reminded Anna, knowing that she was okay with accommodating people around me. Anna's eerie side had a limit: it didn't do things that would hurt me. That included not harming people close to me out of jealousy.

"I know," Anna uttered, avoiding my eyes.

"Princess, you are finally awake." Agatha cheered seeing Aba move.

"Master Wyatt, I am sorry." ignoring Agatha, Aba headed towards me and apologized.

"What for? " I asked not knowing why Aba was apologizing all of a sudden.

"For calling you a liar earlier. My incompetence to lead my own mercenary group led to my jealousy and I didn't hesitate to discard your achievements in leading a successful

Adventure guild and Mercenary group. I appreciate what you have been able to achieve with what you have." Aba explained why she apologized.

After learning that the boy she wanted to recruit claimed to be a leader of an adventure guild and mercenary group, Aba had contacted one of her father's retainers back home to do a thorough background search on the boy. It didn't take long for them to send Aba a detailed report. Turns out the boy was speaking the truth.

Instead of apologizing to the boy for her mistake, she scoffed at his achievements learning that the strongest member of his adventure guild and the mercenary group were just mere Card lords. How could this compare to her Mercenary group which had 23 Semi-demigods and 103 card emperors?

Aba wasn't a vain person but today seeing a boy from nothing achieve what she dreamt of, her jealousy took over and she had some stupid thoughts.

But in the wake of the humiliation that Anna put her through with her absolute power and the words spoken by the boy she realized something.

Yes, she wasn't the demigod, her father was. Relying on her father to solve all her problems in the world, Aba had forgotten that she was just a Card Master. When respected people started to respect her because of her father she had forgotten that she was a mere card master.

She was a mere card master but she dared to ask for the loyalty of semi demigods and card emperors. Some would choose to be loyal to her out of respect for her demigod father but how long could that respect last? Will this respect be enough for the powerful beings of the semi demigod and card emperor realm to follow her to the life and death adventures she hoped for? Was she even worthy of going on an adventure with them? Aba finally started to realize her thoughts until now were faulty and if not for her father accommodating to her wishes she wouldn't have made this far with her foolish dream.

"Master Wyatt, if you don't mind, can I tell you a story, my story?" Aba felt that despite their different social standing she and the boy had the same ambition. So she felt closer to him and wanted to open up to him about her inner thoughts. As they say, sometimes a relatable stranger's shoulder is more suitable for one to unburden their worries than the people close to them. For some reason, Aba felt this boy would be able to relate to her situation so she wanted to confide her story to him.

"Yeah, sure why not." Hearing the girl who summoned her demigod father's incarnation to get revenge to apologize to me I was dumbfounded. I didn't know what prompted this sudden change in Aba but I knew that the Aba had also become the victim of the time travel cliche butterfly effect.

Knowing Aba was the hero and the hope of humanity against the three mischiefs I decided to indulge her. I wanted to minimize any negative effect of the change in the

timeline on her. If fate favored Aba and the effect of the change in the timeline on Aba would be positive and I could set back and let nature take its course.

I was so invested in Aba because my dream of a chill life needed her to be a hero of the people like she was portrayed in Clown Mask's memories.

"There was this little girl. Her mother died early but she left her daughter her dairies. Hoping that these dairies would keep her daughter company whenever she felt lonely. And they did. But they also managed to pass on the lifelong dream of the dying mother to her daughter, to build the history's strongest mercenary group."

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"History's Strongest Mercenary Group, a grand dream right? The little girl grew up reading the perfect adventures mentioned in her mother's diaries.

Perfect adventures? You know the one where righteousness supported by trust and friendship defeats the greatest evils.

Sold on the perfect adventure stories mentioned in her mother's diaries the girl started a mercenary group despite her father asking her not to.

The father became the villain for trying to stop his daughter from pursuing her dreams yet he paid for the mercenary group his daughter started without complaining.

The daughter's heart was in the right place but she was too immature and impatient. She believed like in her mother's stories she could overcome everything with trust and friendship. So she founded the mercenary group and recruited powerful people using her father's influence and resources, believing that recruiting powerful people was the fastest way to make her mercenary group the history's strongest mercenary group.

It has been six months since the daughter founded the wolf fang mercenary group, named after her mother's mercenary group. She has yet to find the trust and friendship that the stories her mother's diary spoke about.

Deep in her heart, the girl knew that the perfect little stories in her mother's diaries were only half of what happened in her mother's mercenary missions. They only showed the good part and hid the hardship and cruelty of being a mercenary. Despite that, the girl stubbornly held on as she didn't want to stop believing in the stories that kept her company in her childhood.

But today everything changed when she saw the stories in her mother's diaries were achieved by someone of her age but with a humbler upbringing. She could not help but be jealous, thankfully before she could do anything stupid the circumstance forced her to see what she wasn't willing to see, what an idiot she was being.

Realizing her mistakes the girl had decided to start over again and this time she will not be impatient or try to build a mercenary group with help of her father's influence and his resources instead she will make use of trust and friendship, her mother's stories spoke of.

You see the girl's mother had given her the answer to creating the history's strongest mercenary group but she was too immature and impatient to understand that.

She was immature and didn't know that friendship and trust cannot be bought with money. She was impatient and wanted her mercenary group to become the strongest at the very start so ended up choosing the shortcut, that is by recruiting people who didn't respect her friendship or trust her.

Now she understands that friendship and trust are to be earned and cannot be bought.

Now she knows that she cannot be impatient with the mercenary group. It will grow stronger step by step. There is no shortcut to it.

The girl will start over again and this time it will be different.

"Master Wyatt, thank you for listening to my story." Aba narrated her story referring to herself in the third person. She made it clear that she knew where she went wrong. And that she wanted to start over again but this time she would be wiser.

"Little girl, are you delusional, why would you address yourself in the third person?" Leave it to Anna to be insensitive.

"Anna, I know you hate me. It's okay I hate you too. But your rudeness played a crucial role in my realization. If not for you it would be too late before I realized that I could not have my father save me every time."

"If not for you I would still not come out of the delusion blocking my sight and realize that I am not the demigod my father was. Thank you." Aba thanked Anna but when she spoke the last sentences she was glancing at me with a knowing smile. I don't know what to make of it but as long as she is on the right track I am golden.

"Huh? okay, I guess." Anna was caught off guard with such a blunt appreciation. She didn't expect Aba to thank her for punishing her by making her wear humiliating attire and snap some pictures of her in compromising positions.

"*Cough* I don't want to sound insensitive but Aba could have Agatha fetch the client I am supposed to help with." As I said, I didn't care what Aba had realized as long as she was on the right track. Right now I needed something from Aba and her mercenary group. And planned to exchange it for my services as a card creationist.

"Master Wyatt, that won't be necessary. Since I plan to disband the mercenary group." Aba announced.

"What?" I blurted in shock.

"Princess! What do you mean?" Agatha was the one who faced the greatest shock hearing Aba announce that she would disband the wolf fang mercenary group.

"You heard me, Agatha. As of today, I plan to disband the wolf fang mercenary group. That will be my first agenda when I return. You and other retainers can return to my father's side." Aba declared resolutely.

"But..." Agatha wanted to argue but seeing Aba's resolute eyes she realized there is no reasoning with her. And this was a good thing. Finally, she could get rid of the good-for-nothing moochers that were feeding off her princess's naivety.

"..." Aba glared at Agatha, stopping her from speaking further.

"This is such a rich girl thing to do," I commented.

"What? Master Wyatt, if you have something to say to me please say it." Aba glanced at me with confusion and asked me to speak freely if I had something to say to her.

"You fed and nurtured those so-called ungrateful members of your mercenary and now you are just letting them walk? Why would you care since it is your father's money, right?" I had my reasons to say this to Aba.

"Master Wyatt, I am sorry that you feel that way. But I am willing to let them go considering it as a cost for me to learn a lesson." Said Aba.

"That is what rich people say when they get scammed.'

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"Once again, Master Wyatt. I am sorry that you feel that way." My words failed to provoke Aba. I had reasons for trying to provoke Ada.

"Tsk..." I just clicked my tongue in annoyance. I decided to use actions where words failed to get a reaction.

"Master Wyatt, then what would you have me do with them?" Aba finally bit the bait.

"Me? If I were in your shoes, I would hand over the mercenary group to my demigod father so that he could get his money's worth.

I am sure demigod Windsor has a way to make the unaffiliated members of your mercenary group cough up the resource they mooched off of him thanks to his ignorant daughter." Aba's mercenary group consisted of two types of members. The first group was the retainers of demigod Windsor who volunteered to join the mercenary group to look after their Princess's safety. The second group consisted of unaffiliated mercenaries who joined Aba's mercenary group based on the resources they were promised.

If Aba were to disband the mercenary group Demigod Windsor's retainers would return to him but the unaffiliated mercenaries who joined Aba's mercenary group would be let off scot-free even though they had been using Demigod Windsor's name and resources to nurture themselves. This was a huge loss for Demigod Windsor but he was willing to bear it as long as his daughter got something to learn from this ordeal.

"Hand the mercenary group to my father?" Aba asked

"Yes. Don't disband the mercenary group, you change the leader. And leave it to demigod Windsor to get moochers to pay their bills with hard labor. Those members of your mercenary group may undermine your authority since you are not the real demigod but things will be different when the real demigod takes the leadership of the mercenary group." I explained to Aba that the people of her mercenary group may disregard her orders but that would not be the same for demigod Windsor so it would be best for her to shift the leadership of her mercenary group to her father instead of disbanding it.

"Your words make sense and I also want to teach those assholes a lesson. So I will do as you say." Aba has been the biggest sucker as the leader of the wolf fang mercenary group. She tried to gain the trust and friendship of her mercenary group members by

providing them with everything they asked for but in return, all she got was disappointment and betrayal.

Earlier Aba thought that she would buy them with more resources but now she knows she was wrong, those people were just assholes that wanted to take advantage of her naivety. Now it was time for some payback. Her father was the best candidate to achieve that.

"Now that you are not disbanding your mercenary group, how about undertaking your first and last mission as the leader of the wolf fang mercenary group?" I advised Aba.

"First and last mission as the leader of the wolf fang mercenary group? What do you mean by that?" Aba asked in confusion, she didn't understand.

"Wolf fang mercenary group leader I have a mission for your mercenary group if you choose to accept." This is the reason I was provoking Aba by trying to stop her from disbanding her mercenary group.

"Master Wyatt, you don't have to take pity on me and go out of your way to cheer me up." Aba thought I was not being serious and was saying this stuff to cheer her up. But that wasn't the case. I was dead serious.

"Leader Aba, I am being serious. If you choose to accept the mission I will go into detail about the mission." I said sternly trying to express that I was dead serious.

"I accept, I accept. Why not." Realizing that I was being serious Aba hurriedly accepted my mission without requiring the details or the rewards.

"Thank you—" I was about to explain the mission I wanted to task wolf fang mercenary with but was interrupted by Agatha.

"Princess, you cannot hastily accept the mission without knowing the mission details and rewards." Agatha reminded Aba but she was late.

"Mercenary Leader Aba has already accepted the mission. I hope you will not go back on your words." I didn't have enough money on me to hire card emperors so I had to resort to tricks. Let's hope me trying to butter up Aba by calling her mercenary leader works.

"No, I will not. As a matter of fact, since this is my first mission and also a mission from my benefactor I will undertake this for one medium grade soul jade. Does that work for you master Wyatt?" Aba asked with great enthusiasm. One medium-grade soul jade to hire a mercenary group of card emperor realm could be considered dirt cheap. So I didn't complain and gratefully accepted it, " Yes, that works for me mercenary leader Aba."

"Master Wyatt, please tell details of the mission," Aba asked. The excitement in her voice could be heard loud and clear.

"Yesterday, my cousin, who is studying in the southern academic city, was taken hostage by Burger Bob's goons against his will. I sent my men to retrieve him but they failed miserably. Almost all of them died except three who remained." I narrated.

While I was listening to Aba narrate her story addressing herself in the third person I got a message notification from Van. The group that left to retrieve Ronnie finally contacted me. They were unable to contact me so far because they had fallen into the Burger Bob's goon's trap.

The Burger Bob's goons had caught Van's informant and knew that Van's team was coming to rescue Ronnie so they laid a trap for them. But the enemy didn't know the ruthlessness of the sinner squad, who detonated their calamity daughter gem to buy a way for Van and his remaining team to escape.

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The trap laid by Butcher Bob's goons was not that fancy, a dozen of Card Overlords and a few card Kings laid in wait when my men were expecting a few dozens of Card Grandmasters and Card Lords. Van swears that when the sinner squad detonated their calamity daughter gem they took out over half a dozen of Card Overlords and a couple of Card Kings. The sinner squad managed to outlive their expectations, thanks to their ruthlessness Van and Old Ben didn't get captured. Van and Old Ben were important and public faces of my organization I can't risk losing them.

My Calamity Daughter Gems could not be captured as it had the risk of leaking the secret of the gem inside them because like me they too were near immortal thanks to gems protecting their souls and reconstitution skill regrowing their bodies back whole. I had ordered the calamity daughter gem to detonate their gems on capture if they felt the risk of their gems being discovered.

I lost my newest calamity daughter gems yet I had nothing to show for it. Butcher Bob got me good this time. Racking up the debt he owes me. First, he took the item that

belonged to me and now ambushed my people, this call's for war but I didn't the appropriate soldier for war. Butcher Bob was not short of Card Overlord and King goons but I had zero Card Overlord forget Card Kings that is where Aba's Wolf fang mercenary group came into the picture. They undertook the job of retrieving my item and killing the people hiding it. For now, this was the only solution I could come up with to deal with Butcher Bob while the alternative involved me enslaving hundreds of Card Lords and having them act as human bombs and attack Butcher Bob's facilities. This would be nothing short of an act of terrorism something which the demon cultist was famous for. Not to mention brazen use of calamity daughter gem could raise flags about my abilities to those keeping watch.

I could ask Anna to mediate the conflict between Butcher Bob and me, Anna would do it despite the law stating that the royal family stops her from meddling in these conflicts. But I could handle my enemies on my own. I am a big boy I didn't need to run to my sugar mama every time I am faced with trouble.

"So the details of the mission are simple, I will give you the location of the place where my cousin Ronnie is being held you retrieve him and kill anybody and all that tries to stop you from doing so." I narrated the details of the mission to Aba.

"That won't do, we are a mercenary group, not an assassin guild for you to hire us to kill your enemies." Agatha protested the idea of killing all the Butcher Bod goons that would be stopping them from retrieving my item.

"You guys are a mercenary group you do what your employer asks you to. If I say kill you kill." I glanced at Agatha and stressed my words to make them sound serious.

"Princess, tell me you will not agree to unnecessary killing, Right?" Agatha ignored me and directly asked her boss.

"We do what we are tasked with while avoiding unnecessary killings," said Aba, she agreed with both Agatha and my arguments. Making clear that she will decide when the time comes.

"You two know that the mercenaries are also hired to kill people right." I pointed out seeing how Agatha and Aba showed little tolerance for killing.

"That may be true for other mercenaries but not for ours," argued Aba, making it clear to me that her mercenary group will not kill Butcher Bob's goons if they do not resist and surrender.

"Wyatt, you do know that we have cops to handle these kinds of things right?" Anna reminded me.

"Come on, Anna. don't tell me you believe that the Butcher Bod doesn't have southern academic city cops on his payroll. If so, then he wouldn't so brazenly kidnapping my

cousin in broad daylight." Cops, to be honest, I never thought of going to them until Anna reminded me.

"I don't know if my city's cops are corrupt but I do know that under my watch they are the most honest and hardworking men and women I have known." This was Anna's way of telling me that though she cannot meddle she could force the cops to be honest and help me with all their might.

"..." My eyes flashed with brilliance when I realized that I could use the city's cops as my goons. This would even the odds of the power gap between Butcher Bob and me.

"You know my cops won't hesitate to kill a few criminals to get justice," Anna spoke mischievously.

"Anna, stop meddling in my mercenary group's business. Master Wyatt, send me the location of the place where your cousin is being held hostage I will ask my men to rescue him. They will see to it that no harm will befall him." Hearing Anna's proposition to her first client Aba felt that she may lose the first and last mission she had just gained. Alerted Aba rushed her client to give the location so her men could go complete the mission before the client changed his mind.

"Hang on, what Anna proposed seems to be more cost-efficient and exactly what I want." Since the cops had no calm about killing to achieve their goal they were more suited to my taste but their strength was questionable. The state's police force was has a limited budget meaning the Cops were ill-equipped to cope with the expensive Goons of Butcher Bob. what they lacked in resources made up for in numbers but this came with casualties and other complications. That I would rather prefer to avoid. So hiring Ada's mercenary group was the better option.

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Though Aba was not flexible on the killing part her mercenary group was strong enough to uproot the entire Butcher Bob operation. They were not what I want but they could give me what I needed so I chose to entrust the mercenaries with my task instead of the cops even though Anna insisted that the state cops were more suitable for this task. But

I did decide to have the local cops cooperate with Aba's mercenary group. While the mercenaries retrieved the item the cops could capture the Butcher Bob goons. In the end, I decided to make use of both the mercenaries and the state police. This way I could show Butcher Bob that he and his people messed with the wrong high school student. This was a temporary measure, one day the loss of my sinner squad will be repaid in blood by the ones responsible.

Before answering my decision to Aba and Anna, I turned to the Bright brothers who had just walked into the Warehouse. They greeted Anna and me, and as for Aba and Agatha, I didn't bother to introduce them.

"Here take this. I have sent you the location of the place where our friend is holding the package, go pick it up and bring it to me." I did not waste time with small talk and directly handed Nick a storage card containing a calamity daughter gem. Nick's task was simple he had to feed Roy Blanc the calamity daughter gem and lead the new member to me. From there I would be one step closer to the destruction of the Circle Sun blossom city branch.

"Yes, boss," taking the storage card Nick answered affirmatively accepting the task.

After the Bright brothers left I turned to Anna and said, " So, where was I?"

"You were about to send me the location of the place where your cousin is being held, hostage." Aba hurriedly replied before Anna. She was worried that I would prefer using the state's police force over her mercenary group.

"Yeah, good try." I scoffed at Aba's attempt to fool me, and added, "after considering my options I have decided—"

"Master Wyatt, before you say your decision I want to remind you that there is a penalty for the cancelation of missions already accepted by our mercenary group." Aba suddenly interrupted me mentioning that there is a penalty to be paid in case of mission cancelation after it has been accepted by her mercenary group. She was trying to threaten me with a penalty to stop me from canceling my mission with her mercenary.

"A penalty is it? How much would that be?" I indulged Aba.

"Ten times... No hundred times the promised mission reward." Aba spoke with a serious expression but the shameful red blush on her cheek gave her intentions away.

"Hundred times! Then it is a good thing that I do not plan to cancel the mission. But I want to update the mission task. Will that be okay, Mercenary leader Aba?" I asked Aba playfully.

"Sure, as long as you don't plan to cancel your mission, rest is welcomed." Aba agreed to my demand relieved that I wasn't canceling the mission I tasked to her mercenary group.

"The new mission is that Wolf Fang mercenaries will not only help me rescue my cousin but they will assist the southern academic city cops to capture the culprits that are holding my cousin hostage. This should be reasonable right." I said looking at Agatha as I was pretty sure that she was really in charge considering her being Aba's nanny.

"Okay, that is acceptable. Wolf Fang mercenary is a righteous mercenary group we are on the side of the law. Helping the authorities capture the criminals is our duty so we will not charge you extra for updating your mission midway." Agatha knew I would not pay extra for updating the mission midway so instead, she announced that they wouldn't be charging me extra considering that as a righteous mercenary group it was their duty to help the authorities to capture criminals. This way she not only showed that the wolf fang mercenary was not only doing me a favor but they were as righteous as they claimed to be.

"Wolf Fang mercenary group is indeed a righteous group, a friend of people. So how do you plan to address the mission task?" I asked Agatha about the game plan.

"About that Princess has yet to decide, "Agatha answered, glancing at Aba. She was protective of Aba but she didn't want to hijack Aba's first mercenary mission.

"..." I too glanced at Aba deciding to play along with Agatha since they were offering me a huge discount.

"I have decided to assign this mission to the A-team. They will infiltrate the enemy hideout, immobilize the enemy and rescue the hostage while cops capture the immobilized enemies. I want the first mission of the wolf fang mercenary to be completed without a hitch." Aba narrated her plan. It couldn't be more simple and more obvious. But that will work considering the overwhelming power of her mercenary group.

"Princess, it will be difficult for the semi-demigod card apprentices to enter and operate on the soil of the southern region. Since they require permission for that. Otherwise, it will be considered trespassing and is punishable by death." The A-Team that Aba spoke of consisted of Semi demigod retainers of demigod Windsor.

"Is that so? Then what about Card emperors? Does that law apply to them too?" Aba asked. She had zero ideas of what she was doing. But she was extremely enthused to realize that.

"I am afraid so, your highness," Agatha answered.

"Then what about the card kings?" Aba asked again.

"Since Southern academic city is not a third rate city. Using Card Kings to operate there is not against the law as long as we don't harm the state's interest."

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"Great, then let us commence the operation," Aba announced enthusiastically. Her long last dream of a mercenary mission was finally going to come true she couldn't be giddier.

"Oye, hold your horses missy. Did you forget you're my hostage? Why would you forget that? Was I being too nice?" Anna pulled Aba back to reality.

"Anna, this is my mercenary group's first mission. I have to be there. Please let me go, after the mission is completed. I will return. Pretty please." Aba pleaded to Anna. Nobody knew what she was thinking by pleading to Anna. Did she think pleading would work in this situation against Anna?

"Sure, while I am at it I will take pictures of you at the mission to make a montage of your first mission as the leader of the wolf fang mercenary group," Anna spoke sarcastically.

"Thank you, that would be great. No offense but could you hire a professional for that." Aba took Anna's sarcasm literally. Excited for her mercenary group's first mission she wasn't thinking straight.

"Yes, I will hire a professional to engrave your tombstone which will read 'too stupid to understand sarcasm.' that should sum up the reason for your death," said Anna sternly.

"..." Hearing Anna's threat, Aba finally snapped out of her daydreams about the mission and returned to the harsh reality. It didn't take long for the feeling of helplessness to dawn on Aba as she looked at Anna.

"That's more like it." Anna asserted, looking at the helpless Aba.

"Aba, I have sent the contact information of my people to your grimoire. They will fill your people on the location where the enemy is holding my cousin hostage. Don't forget to remind your people to cooperate with the city police." Though it was saddening to look at heartbroken Aba the world has to keep revolving.

"Okay" Aba replied with a lifeless voice. I felt pity for Aba. After all, this has been her dream since her childhood. Now because of some silly mistake, she had to miss out on it. It was impressive that Aba was not blaming Anna like most spoiled kids in her situation would do.

"..." Aba's reply wasn't detailed. 'Okay, what?' Girl, give me the details of the mission so I can have the city police ready to cooperate with your people. Just when I was contemplating how to get the heartbroken Aba to give me more details I received a text message to my grimoire and the sender was none other than Agatha.

[You have received a message from Agatha.

Read/Ignore/Delete/Reply]

'Read' I mentally read the text message.

[Master Wyatt, please convince her highness Anna to let Aba participate in the Mission. I promise that she and I will not try to escape and return to the southern emperor's custody once the mission is completed. In return, I promise to kill all those that held your Cousin hostage.]

Reading the text message I couldn't help but scoff thinking, 'Righteous group my ass.'

Agatha offered to kill all the people holding Ronnie hostage in return for me convincing Anna to let Aba participate in the mercenary group mission. Now that was rich. These hypocrites.

But this wasn't enough as Agatha would only be killing the card apprentice holding Ronnie hostage, not the Butcher Bob himself. While I will be convincing Anna to let Aba participate in the mission at the risk of her escaping. The stakes here weren't equal. Therefore, I wrote back to Agatha.

[Ms. Agatha, you overestimate me. I am but an orphan high schoolboy. I can barely control where my own life is headed. The inflation in prices has made living very hard, I can barely survive let alone help others.]

'And send,' I hope this message successfully conveys my intentions to Agatha.

"Anna, what will it take for you to let me participate in the mission?" Though helpless, Aba didn't give up she tried to negotiate with Anna. How do you negotiate with someone who has more wealth and power than you? Now that was tricky. Finding what the opposite party wants is the key. Whether Aba was smart enough to implement it was the million-dollar question.

"There is nothing you can offer to me, little girl. Hm... You can get your father to compensate for the loss early. That way you are free to do whatever you want." Anna claimed compensation for Aba and Agatha's stunt earlier but everyone here knew that she was holding them hostage for a ransom.

"What if I agree to wear those vulgar costumes of yours?" Aba bargained. She was willing to get embarrassed to participate in her dream.

"You, I am bored of your body. It isn't curvy enough. It isn't fun anymore." Anna spoke, this could be considered as her body-shaming Aba.

"You!" Aba didn't explode at Anna's taunt, that was progress or Aba tolerating Anna's remark for the sake of her dream.

"What?" Anna had no intention of negotiating with Aba. She was playing with her.

"..." I ignored Anna and Aba and read the second text message sent by Agatha.

[Master Wyatt, Name your price.]

Agatha's text message was short but to the point. It was good to know that my message had reached her loud and clear.

[Butcher Bob's head.]

I too kept my text message to Agatha short to ensure my intention was clear to her. I wanted Butcher Bob's head, nothing less.

[Not possible. Butcher Bob is a high-profile figure in the southern region with numerous friends in high places. Killing him will alert the authorities of the southern region. And my involvement in Butcher Bob's assassination will strain the relationship between the Demigod Windsor and the Southern Region. Ask something reasonable.]

I wasn't satisfied with Agatha's reply. But what she said was reasonable. Butcher Bob was a high-profile figure who was a huge source of tax revenue for the southern region. Assassinating him will only make me more enemies. But what do I ask of Agatha in return for my help, I didn't lack money or resources. Anna took care of all that.

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"Anna, why do you have to be like this? What have I ever done to you? I am sorry, okay! Please let me join my mercenary group for the mission." The arrogant and unreasonable Aba who attacked me on sight for calling her little was no more. Aba had cast aside her arrogant shell. What remained was a core that wanted to do everything in its power to achieve its dream.

"What? Are you going to cry and blame it all on me? Who was it that broke into my territory without permission? Who was it that attacked my subject and me? Who was it that arrogantly summoned their father's incarnation to intimidate me? Now you dare to act as a victim in front of me. You got some nerve don't you girl." Anna's sadistic side was enjoying the helpless Aba's struggle to achieve her desire.

"..." Hearing Anna's questions Aba went quiet as she was guilty of everything Anna charged her of.

"What cat got your tongue? That's what I thought." Seeing the complaining Aba unable to answer her, Anna scoffed.

[Master Wyatt, please understand killing Butcher Bob is not good for business. Please ask something reasonable.]

Agatha sent a text again asking me to understand her dilemma and change my terms.

[I understand. Then I want to borrow you for a night.]

As soon as I replied to Agatha's text I regretted my poor choice of words in the text message.

"You mongrel. I am old enough to be your great-grandmother. Have you no shame." Agatha yelled furiously. Attracting Aba and Anna's attention simultaneously.

"Shit" I cussed knowing that it was too late for me to explain myself.

"What the heck do you think you are doing?" Anna stood in front of me blocking the bloodthirsty Agatha who was aiming for my neck.

"Southern emperor, please move. I will rid the world of this twisted little pervert." Agatha screamed Bloody Mary glaring at me.

"If you hold your life dear, stand down. Or else don't blame me for being ruthless." Anna gave Agatha an ultimatum. Knowing Anna she will stand true to her words.

"Agatha! What are you doing? What has gotten into you? Stand down." Aba hurriedly asked her retainer to stand down. As she knew Agatha was no match for Anna. And knowing the ruthlessness of Anna she didn't want Agatha to get hurt unnecessarily.

"Tsk, as expected of a sicko like you. Hiding behind a woman's back." Agatha cussed in anger and retreated having achieved what she wanted.

As a veteran card apprentice, the sexual tension between the opposite sex was not new for Agatha yet she act like a chaste little median because she wanted to scare me into helping her agenda.

A neat little plan but unfortunately, for her, she didn't know that the text I sent her was nothing but a misunderstanding. When I said I wanted to borrow her for a night, I meant that I needed her to guard me on the night I planned to attack the circle sun blossom branch. In a hurry, I had skipped the context. Which led to Agatha misinterpreting my intentions.

With hard proof in her hands, Agatha thought she could scare me but the thing was it was all a big misunderstanding. There was nothing for me to fear about.

The only thing that worried me was Anna killing Agatha out of sheer jealousy. Considering how tolerating Anna has been recently I think Agatha had a good chance of remaining in one piece.

"Good, now somebody better explain to me what the hell is going on." Said Anna seeing Agatha retreat. But one question was haunting her, why did a woman call her crush a perverted sicko?

"Nothing Anna, It was all a misunderstanding," I answered Anna before she took some drastic measures against Agatha, for calling me a perverted sicko.

"Nothing? After daring to say such unspeakable words you dare to brush it off saying you did nothing? Is that what the self-respect of women is to you? Nothing!" Agatha, seeing me not scared one bit, was surprised. So she acted louder to express that I better understand that I have no choice but to do as she says to make this all go away.

"All this is a misunderstanding. Please give me a chance to explain myself." Faced with Agatha's acquisitions I asked the girls to give me a chance to explain myself.

"Misunderstanding? You men are all the same. It is never your fault. It is the woman's fault. She was asking for it. I am right, Master Wyatt. Is that what you want to explain?" Agatha was astonished to see me not act the part that a guilty party should. She didn't want the matter of her trying to negotiate with the boy to come to the open. She doesn't know how the southern emperor would react knowing the facts. She didn't want all this to affect her princess's predicament. Therefore she could not help but become louder hoping the boy would just shut up and do as she says.

"Please stop overreacting and let me explain myself." If it was somebody else instead of me even though they knew they didn't do anything wrong they would be trembling with fear in the face of Agatha's remarks.

"Everybody, shut the hell up," Anna yelled at Agatha and her rampant tongue. With Agatha's accusation and her crush offering to explain himself Anna knew something was up. Therefore she decided to get answers her way, "Wyatt, speak. What do you want to explain?"

"Thank you. Anna, all this is a misunderstanding and it started with a text message that I sent to Ms. Agatha saying, 'I want to borrow her for a night.'— " Before I could get to the context and explanation part I was interrupted by shell-shocked Anna and Aba.

"What?" Anna and Aba yelled in shock.

"..." Agatha stared at me with astonishment. She never expected everything to play out like this. This was beyond her expectation.

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Chapter 743 Questions

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"Bitch, I will kill you," Anna yelled rushing at Agatha.

"What the fuck? Why me?" Agatha hurriedly retreated knowing that engaging incoming Anna would not work in her favor.

"Anna! Why are you attacking Agatha instead of questioning this pervert creep?" Aba tried to reason with Anna who kept rushing at Agatha with the intent to kill.

"It's not his fault. It is her fault for seducing him. The world is filled with husband robbing sluts like her, I will get rid of one today." Anna had her reasons to explain her actions. Which for regular people would make zero sense and might even sound crazy.

"What kind of crazy logic is that?" Agatha uttered. Had she known her actions would incur such fate she would have never acted as such. Midway in her escape, Agatha thought, 'Wait, am I supposed to be the husband robbing slut she speaks of? Whose husband did I rob? Fuck, my friends were right these southern bitches are crazy.'

"Anna, stop this madness. let us talk this through." Aba felt that if this continued Agatha would die in Anna's hands. Unable to think of anything to calm Anna down Aba turned to the boy at the crux of this matter, the origin of this madness.

"What are you looking at me for?" I ask Aba.

"Don't just stand there do something before things get out of hand. After all, you are the one to be blamed for this mess," said Aba.

"Me? Not me, little missy. It was your retainer who started this crazy chain of events. If she had just piped down and let me explain myself this wouldn't have happened in the first place." Hearing Aba throw all the blame on me I reminded her that I wasn't the one to be blamed here but Agatha herself. She dug her grave, and let her sleep in it.

"Piped down? You would want that, wouldn't you? If the victim speaks out then it is their fault, isn't it? You men, you disgust me. Don't think just because you have the southern emperor backing you I will let this matter go. You haven't seen the end of it." In the heat of argument Aba completely forgot the point of her conversation.

"Shorty, how many times do I have to tell you, girls, that all this is a misunderstanding? If you only shut up for a second and listened to my explanation none of this would have happened in the first place." I had started to feel annoyed having to repeat the same thing again and again.

"You—" Aba what to argue but was interpreted by me.

"Save it. Whatever you have to say can wait. If I let this continues these two will bring down this warehouse." I wanted to let Agatha fry in the consequence of her actions but considering the safety of the warehouse, I had to step in. It was already surprising that the berserk Anna had not destroyed the warehouse yet.

"Anna, stop it. I have something important to tell you." My words were purposefully misleading this time around because there was no other way that I knew of that would get Anna to calm down and listen to my explanation, "Anna, do you hear me? I want to tell you this before it is too late."

"As if that would get her to stop. I was wrong to ask for your help. A child could come up with better reasoning than this." Aba scoffed.

"What is it?" Anna stopped in her tracks and asked me.

"You were saying?" smirking at dumbfounded Aba I neared Anna and said, "Anna, I need you to be patient and listen to me, and then you are free to do whatever you see fit."

"Okay, go ahead." Anna agreed. She was being too reasonable considering the situation.

"I have promised Agatha that I will convince you to let Aba participate in the mission in exchange Agatha will guard me from the shadows on the night I launch my attack on the circle, sun blossom city branch. That is what I meant by 'I will borrow you for a night.' A little context is missing causing the intended message to be lost." I told Anna about my deal with Agatha truthfully. Because I felt Anna and I are at a point where we don't need to lie about these kinds of stuff. I hope I am right about this.

"I see, so this bitch didn't try to seduce you," Anna asked pointing at Agatha who couldn't help but flinched when Anna's gaze landed on her.

"No ma'am," I answered.

"If that's what you want then I am okay with it." Anna seems to respect the fact that I didn't lie to her and was truthful to her. After all, at this point in our weird relationship, lying to her would be equal to betraying her trust.

"Thank you, for understanding. I will make it up to you." Since Anna could be so reasonable I had to step up my duties to her.

"..." seeing the boy turn the southern emperor docile with few words and hearing the conversation between them, Agatha was confused. Finally, she asked the question that she should have asked the moment she arrived here. What is Southern Emperor doing here? What is her relationship with the boy? Were the rumors about the southern emperor helping a fraudster apply for a fake patent true? Too many questions that Agatha should have asked herself at the beginning finally started to raise in her mind seeing the weird but close dynamic between the southern emperor and the boy.

"..." Aba was in the same dilemma as Agatha. She started to feel the boy she came to recruit as a favor to the untaintable legend had an ambiguous relationship with the

southern emperor. She was surprised that it took her so long to realize this when they have been dropping hints and clues about this from the start.

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Chapter 744 Agreement

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"Ms. Agatha you heard her. Anna agreed to let Aba participate as long as you are willing to be my bodyguard for a night. Do you agree to that?" I asked Aba and Agatha who seemed to be lost in their thoughts. Though foreign card apprentices of the card emperor and higher realm required a permit to operate in the southern region, with Anna next to us we didn't have to worry about that.

"Do not attempt to flee. I am looking for a reason to hurt you two. So please, for your sake don't give me a reason." Though Anna seems to have returned to normal she hadn't given up on the idea to teach Agatha a lesson for making her doubt her lover.

'Of all the men in the world that she could have, why this kid? What is Anna thinking? Maybe she isn't. These crazy southern bitches.' Agatha was busy trying to figure out why a respected card emperor like Anna would fall for a mere card soldier? What did she see in him to choose him over millions of other men? Agatha's mind was too occupied to listen to the boy or the southern emperor's warning.

"Please be rest assured southern emperor, I will not betray your trust and generosity. You will not regret this." Aba assured Anna. Meanwhile, her retainer was still lost in thoughts trying to wrap her mind around the fact that the southern emperor was head over heels for a boy in the card soldier realm.

"Before you celebrate, Ask your retainer if she is willing to be my bodyguard for a night?" This agreement was paramount in Aba's release to participate in a mission with her mercenary group. But Agatha or Aba had yet to agree to this clause of our deal.

"..." Agatha was still lost trying to solve the mystery behind the Southern emperor's feelings for a high schooler.

"Yes, she will be your bodyguard for a night." No matter how Aba said this sentence she couldn't help but feel it sounded ambiguous. Since she was the mercenary group leader Aba had all right to assign a mission for her mercenary group member Agatha, who was currently dazed and lost in thoughts?

"Good." There were two reasons I asked Agatha to be my bodyguard on the night I planned to Ambush the circle sun blossom branch.

First was because neither Anna nor anyone related to the southern family could be seen helping me destroy a branch of the circle in the sun blossom city.

The second reason was because of the common secret of every leader of the circle's branch. Clown mask sacrificed her life in the alternate timeline she foresaw to obtain this secret of the Supreme leader of the circle and every leader of its branches. This secret made every leader of the branches of the circle a dangerous entity. I don't know if I will get to see the leader of the circle sun blossom city branch use it but just in case I needed a strong bodyguard to help me deal with it. Considering the political implication this bodyguard cannot be related to the southern region that is where Agatha comes in. she has zero relationships with the southern royal family. If she helped me, no rules will be broken and it will not lead to any political pushback from the opponents. Therefore I asked Agatha to be my bodyguard on the night when I would lay the circle sun blossom branch to waste.

Now that we have reached an agreement. Anna left with Aba and Agatha. While they were preparing for the mission Anna would chaperone them. Leaving me alone in the warehouse just in time for the bright brothers to bring the newest member of my calamity daughter gem, Roy Blanc.

"Boss, we are here," Nick announced as he and his brothers entered the warehouse with a fourth figure, Roy Blanc.

"Roy Blanc, talk about the array formation covering the Circle sun blossom city branch." I didn't waste time on pointless chatter and directly headed to the matter involving the circle that could prove useful to me in my plan to destroy the circle's beach in sun blossom city.

"Boss, the array covering the circle's headquarters is called the desolate punisher array. To enter it one needs a token like this one." Saying that Roy handed me a jade token. After scrutinizing it I could feel a small array on it which acted as a mark so that the main array could identify the targets that it should not affect.

The small array on the jade token was pretty simple, I could replicate it flawlessly. I could create numerous duplicate jade tokens for my people so that they can infiltrate the

circle and achieve my goal. But my thoughts were useless as I realized that the array on the jade token was unique and it acted to identify that the jade token belonged to Roy Blanc and could only be used by him alone.

"Roy, do you know the yin-yang harmony sect's disciple who arranged the desolate punisher array covering the circle headquarters?" Finding that the jade token used to enter the array was a dead end. I have no choice but to come up with a new plan.

"Yes, I am acquainted with the disciple sent by the yin-yang harmony sect to arrange and maintain the desolate punisher Array," Roy replied.

"Do you think you can meet him in person?" I asked.

"Yes, I can. He spends most of the time inside his room so he is easy to find." Roy Blanc replied positively saying that the disciple of the yin-yang harmony sect was an introvert who spent most of his time in his room.

"Good, here take this and make use of it accordingly." Knowing that Roy could meet the decile of the yin-yang harmony sect, I handed him a storage card with a specific set of instructions.

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Chapter 745 Carrots

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Sending Roy Blanc back to sun blossom city on a mission I contacted Van and instructed him to cooperate with the wolf fang mercenary. Since Agatha had promised to kill all the Butcher Bob goons that were involved in holding Ronnie hostage, I didn't plan to involve the southern academic city cops. Killing all of his goons should be enough to scare Butcher Bob for now and satisfy my bruised ego until I had the power and influence to take over his company.

Desolate Punisher array and Space Isolation Barrier array were the two things stopping me from attacking the circle in the sun blossom city right away. Right now Roy Blanc, my newest calamity daughter gem, was on his way to take care of the Desolate Punisher array following instructions. What remained was the Space Isolation Barrier array, to solve this I needed to make a trip to the Sun blossom city along with Rami Kaga.

Rami Kaga has been of great help recently but I can only string him along with the promise of carrots for so long before he grows a rebellious heart. The platinum grimoire and the blow-up doll custom card were the carrots I used to tempt Rami into working for me. If I had to reward Rami with a carrot then it would be the blow-up doll custom card, as for the platinum grimoire, Rami would have to work harder for this.

Not to mention I was considering turning the blow-up doll custom card creation and sales into a full-fledged business. There was no doubt about this business model succeeding but the question was whom do I trust this task with. The responsibility for the creation of these custom cards will lay with my calamity daughter gem that was given but the sales part was the problem. Calamity daughter gems were good at a lot of things but sales were not one of them. So I need someone whom I could trust with the sale of the blow-up doll custom cards and one person, in particular, came to my mind, Cindy. I did plan to use her to be my eyes and ears on the Fine Gold sisters, it is about time I talked to her and hopefully, she will appreciate it.

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My grimoire notified me of an incoming call, it was Susan. She did say that she would call to check on me before I forced her to clock off work early.

'Answer' I mentally command my grimoire to answer the call.

"Hello, Wyatt." Susan's voice sounded from the other end of the call.

"Yes, Susan. Are not asleep yet?" I asked.

"How can I sleep knowing the situation in the warehouse? Is everything alright back there" Said Susan in concern.

"Nothing to worry about. Everything is handled. You know Anna, with her here nobody can harm me." I assured Susan hoping that she would stop worrying about me and have a good sleep.

"..." though Susan was happy that Anna had saved Wyatt from the crazy customer she could not help but feel jealous over the fact that her love would feel safer around another woman.

"Hello, Susan you there?" I asked not getting a reply from Susan.

"Yes, I am here. Good to know that everything is handled. And I was thinking that we should close the online shop, it is attracting all sorts of crazy customers." Susan blamed herself for not vetting the customer properly before sending them the coordinates to the card boutique.

"Hm, Okay. let's close the online shop for now until further notice." Though stupid customers like Aba are rare, for my safety, I chose to agree with Susan's advice. Instead of Aba teleporting to my card boutique it could have easily been an assassin sent by Sansa Baylor. With my calamity soul gem, I would have survived the assassination but the same was not true for Susan who was accompanying me at that time.

"Good, then I will get right to it," Susan answered.

"And one more thing, Susan. I need a few materials for a new card I am planning to create," I informed Susan.

"Send me the list of ingredients I will have them deliver the ingredients to you." Susan agreed without complaining about working after office hours.

"Thank you. You are the best." I expressed my heartfelt thanks and admiration to Susan for never complaining about my demands.

"No problem, don't mention it." Susan who was envious of Anna a little while ago soon cheered up realizing she had her way of supporting her young lover.

"Susan, Slime is the major ingredient of the card I am going to create. Does the guild association mall has a variant Slime?" I asked Susan to check the guild mall catalog to see if there is any variant slime monster in their possession that I could use to create my card.

"Let me check. Hm..." Susan soon accessed the association guild catalog to check for a variant slime. And after a while, she replied, "Wyatt, they do have the variant slimes. Which one do you prefer Boss slime or a Slime spirit?"

"Give me a second." I did a quick search on Boss slime and Slime spirit on the grimoire network and replied, "I want the Slime Spirit. I will order two of them for now."

Boss slimes were the dungeon bosses of slime dungeons. They were nothing but overgrown slime with higher regeneration and corrosive properties. As for Slime spirit, it was a D-rank slime monster that showcases intelligence comparable to an 11-13 year old child. It was able to morph its body shape to match the shape of its prey. They don't completely morph into the appearance of the other monsters, just take the outline of the monsters they prey on. Due to this ability Slime spirits mostly had the shape of a monster, unlike the blob shape of a traditional slime. Their morphing ability and intelligence were going to come in very handy in my card creation.

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Chapter 746 Hematophagy

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After hanging up on Susan, I sent her the ingredient list. To which she replied,

[Ingredients will be delivered in 25 minutes. Don't overwork yourself and get some rest.
XOXO]

I appreciate Susan's work ethic ignoring the hugs and kisses at the end of the text.

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Back in Susan's bedroom,

Susan buried her head in a pillow and screamed. After a moment she hurriedly looked in her silver grade grimoire with expectation. But only to be disappointed. Shaking her head she sighed, "That man of steel wouldn't even know that XOXO means hugs and kisses. Let alone him replying the same back to me."

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While I waited for the ingredients I contacted Vivan, "Vivan, come to the warehouse. I have some work for you."

"Yes, Boss. I will be there right away." Vivian agreed without caring that it was late night. As a calamity daughter gem, they don't get to choose to follow their boss's orders, they have to follow it.

The reason I called Vivan over was to create a blow-up doll, which without her Blood Clone meaning of blood rule was not possible. Vivan's Blood clone meaning allowed her to create clones of anybody with enough blood of the target. I wanted to use its ability to enhance the slime spirit's morphing ability. Somewhat similar to what I did with Kane

Kaga's origin card. The concept was similar but the use was different. Here I am going to enhance an already existing ability while in Kane's case I added the ability to his origin card.

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While waiting for the card ingredients and Vivan to arrive I raided the warehouse fridge and made a sandwich to satisfy my hunger. Pretty soon the ingredients were delivered by the guild association staff followed by Vivan's arrival.

"Greeting, Boss" Vivan greeted me.

"Vivan, I plan to start a new business venture. I want you to be the core of this operation. Your blood rule makes you the obvious candidate. And I think you are capable enough to meet the requirements of your role. What do you think?" Most of my Calamity daughter gems were contributing to my cause one or the other way but Vivan has been very passive compared to others. I plan to change that by assigning her to take over the Blow-up doll card business along with Cindy.

"Your wish is my command, boss," Vivian answered with the typical hive minion answer. What was I expecting? But with this, I could rest assured that the recipe for the custom blow-up doll card I was going to create would not leak.

"Good. And how good are you with card creation?" I could just get the answer by invading Vivan's mind but I preferred asking and learning method over that.

"My family has hired a Silver grade card creationist to teach me card creation. I know the basics of it." Answered Vivan.

"Great, that's more than enough. Now let's get started with the card creation process shall we." Since we were alone in the warehouse I decided to start card creation right here rather than moving to the narrow card lab.

[D-rank Slime spirit x 2 - \$3,000,000

F-rank Wood Wisp core x 20 - \$20,000]

The D-rank slime spirits were stored in a locked aquarium. Both of the slime spirits had taken the shape of a fish and were barely visible in the water. Yep, there were live slime spirits in the aquarium. I should have been more specific to Susan. I just need the core, not the entire living monster. Well, I guess Rami Kaga could be in luck as his custom blow-up doll card was going to be special. There are some advantages of using a living monster in creating a summon-type card over using a monster core to create a summon-type card.

They were expensive because these Slime spirit monsters are used by rich people to decorate their houses. I could understand why because they were so peaceful to watch.

Apart from their high intelligence and ability to morph, the slime spirit had the cloning ability. Their cloning ability works similar to how their asexual reproduction works. Unlike their progeny who can live independent of their parent slime, the clones would die losing their connection with their original body.

"Boss, before we begin I need to give you an update on my progress." As I reached for the slime spirit in the aquarium Vivian reminded me.

"Well, go on, I can multitask," I said, holding a slime spirit in my hands. It did not struggle or attack with its corrosive slime body, instead, it lay peacefully in my hands. these slime spirits seemed to have gotten used to humans' touch.

"I have attained ultimate mastery in Blood clone meaning of blood rule and have also comprehended Hematophagy as my second meaning in blood rule. And I have exhausted all the blood rule pills you have given me." Vivian reported.

"What? You attain ultimate mastery in blood clone meaning! How so?" Unlike old Ben and Cortney, Vivian's origin card was not related to the blood rule so it would not help her achieve ultimate mastery, how did she achieve it.

"Boss, after seeing you use my blood clone rune to make an exemplary origin card I was mauling over various ways I could use my blood clone meaning, suddenly I had an epiphany, and the next thing I know I had achieved ultimate mastery in blood clone meaning of blood rule.

As for the Hematophagy meaning of blood rule, it allows me to use the blood of a monster as a replacement for food. This meaning of blood not only helps with my hunger, but it also replenishes my energy, stamina, and basically everything a balanced diet would do for a card apprentice.

I think it's related to the roots of my origin card's elder druids. As the roots of the elder druids can suck nutrients out of a corpse to nourish themselves." Following my order, Vivian explained how she gained ultimate mastery in blood clone meaning of the blood rule, and got started with the second blood rule meaning.

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Hematophagy meaning of the blood rule which allows the user to substitute the blood for food was an interesting meaning but overall it is a useless meaning with zero offensive or supportive uses for a card apprentice to use. What it does is make a card apprentice appreciate the taste and flavor of blood and digest it better. Like Bloodette does. Pretty much a useless meaning. I would understand if Vivian chooses to give up mastering this rule and abandon the blood rule entirely but she did say this meaning is related to the ability of the Elder druids summoned by her origin card. So with enough Blood rule pills, Vivian could reach ultimate mastery in this meaning of the blood rule and start comprehension in the third meaning of her blood rule.

"So, do you plan to see it through or abandon this rule and start comprehension in a new rule?" I would prefer that Vivian choose to be patient and continue the comprehension of this meaning of the blood rule since it is related to her origin card. But in the end, it was up to her to make a decision.

"Boss, if you are planning to provide me with more of those blood rule pills I'm willing to be patient and see through the complete mastery of this meaning of blood rule." Vivian bargained because she believed that with the help of her origin card and blood rule pills she could reach ultimate mastery in this rule meaning in no time.

"Here, take them. They should last you for a while. And one more thing, usually card apprentice would select the rule meaning related to their origin card first, how come you comprehended blood clone meaning before hematophagy?" While playing with slime spirit in my arms I handed Vivian a storage card filled with 100 blood pills and asked her about the doubt bugging me. Because following my theory of rule and origin card, Vivian should have comprehended the Hematophagy meaning of blood rule before any other blood meaning as this meaning is related to her origin card.

"Boss, I was able to comprehend this particular meaning because I followed your theory. First, it wasn't apparent that this meaning of the blood rule was related to my origin card until I remembered your theory at the bifurcation point of the blood rule and focused to see if any of the meaning would match my origin card, then I felt this tug in my gut from two different blood rule meaning, I felt a weird relation between these two blood rule meaning and my origin card. Then I chose one of the blood rule meanings and it turned out to be Hematophagy which is related to the ability displayed by the roots of Elder Druid summoned by my origin card. If possible I would like to check out what the second rule meaning that I didn't choose was." Vivian explained that her case was special, she did not find the rule meaning related to her origin card until she personally sort them out.

"Hm, I think in your case was different because you have a summon type origin card." Unlike Old Ben's origin card which is a skill card, Vivian's origin card was a summons

card she needed to let her summons influence her when she was at the bifurcation point of the rule. Which she was able to achieve the second time around, thanks to her knowledge of my new theory.

"I see, then I will be extra careful to remember this when I am in bifurcation point of any other rule." Vivian agreed with my reasoning on why her case was special.

"Good. let's get to card creation. I want to apply your new Rule meaning to card creation." saying that I sent a party request to Vivan. After she accepted my request, I activated my soul pupil.

In the first step of the card creation process, I decided to turn the live Slime spirit into a slime spirit summon card. Placing a common core on my card creation page, I rearranged the soul pathways in the commoner core to form a trap array. Then activated the trap array to capture the living slime spirit into the common core. Later I altered the soul pathways of the slime spirit to merge with the soul pathway of the common core. Giving the common core the ability to summon a slime spirit. Once this was achieved I morphed the core into a card.

[Card Name: Slime Spirit

Card Type: Summon Type

Card Rank: D-Rank, Uncommon Grade

Card Rate: 4-Stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: When activated the user can summon a Slime spirit.

Additional Effect: Biomorphic Control, Tentacles, Paralytic fluids, Corrosive Acid, Clone]

Biomorphic Control: The Slime spirit can morph its structure to match the organic structure of the organism its prey's on.

Tentacles: The Slime Spirit can control its structure to create tentacle-like extensions to trap its prey.

Paralytic fluids: The slime spirit secretes paralytic fluids that help it immobilize its prey.

Corrosive Acid: The Slime Spirit secretes a corrosive acid that helps it digest its food and it can also be used by it for self-defense purposes.

Clone: The Slime spirit can split its body to create single or multiple clones of itself.

If not for the array formation that I have learned recently I wouldn't have been able to create summon card using an alive monster instead I would have to kill the slime spirit to extract its core to create its summon card. Array formation has helped me a lot more in card creation than I expected. Thanks to Array formation I now had a new understanding of how to arrange a soul pathway in cores more efficiently. I was able to get perfect card durability without even trying, this was an indication of how array formation has helped me grow as a card creationist. With this incident, I had become more serious about learning array formation.

Recently I felt stagnant in my card creation, I was running out of space to make new advancements and improvements in my card creation even with the soul pupils, I felt like I had tried every trick in my limited library but applying array formation to the card creation has broadened my library and opened a whole new door into card creation for me.

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Taking the Slime Spirit summons card that I had just created I placed it on my card creation page, morphed it back into core form, and then made use of two F-rank wood wisp cores to strengthen the soul pathways of the slime spirit summon such that it could withstand merging with rule power. And then turning to Vivian I asked, "Transfer some of your Hematophagy blood rule meaning into the core."

"Right away." Following my instructions, Vivian transferred some of her Hematophagy blood rule meaning into the core.

Using my soul pupils, I merged the Hematophagy blood rule meaning with the slime spirit's digestive system soul pathways and rearranged them in such a way that it would induce a mutation in the slime spirit. And once the mutation was complete I morphed the core into a card.

Card creation successful!

[Card Name: Blood Slime Spirit

Card Type: Summon Type

Card Rank: D-Rank, Uncommon Grade

Card Rate: 4-Stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: When activated the user can summon a mutant variant of Slime spirit known as Blood Slime Spirit.

Additional Effect: Hematophagy, Biomorphic Control, Tentacle, Paralytic fluids, Corrosive Acid, Clone]

Hematophagy: After paralyzing its prey the Blood Slime can suck and feed on the blood of its prey before using corrosive acid to digest the corpse of its prey.

As a mutant of the Slime spirit, the appearance of the Blood Slime spirit was the same as the slime spirit but it had a translucent blood-red color while the slime spirit was transparent.

Why did I create a mutant variation of Slime spirit? Because of the next card I was going to create. I know I set out to create a custom blow-up doll card but there was more potential to Vivan's Blood clone meaning of blood rule than to create sex toy cards for lonely card apprentices. The new card I was going to create was going to explore the potential of the blood clone meaning of blood rule.

Without wasting much time admiring the blood slime card I placed it on my card creation page, morphed it back to core form, and then made use of eight F-rank wood wisp cores to strengthen the soul pathways of the blood slime. For it to withstand the merging with an ultimate rune.

"Vivan, add your ultimate tier blood clone rune to the core," I ordered Vivan.

"Yes, boss." Vivan made use of blood rule power to create a copy of her ultimate blood clone rune and transferred it into the core following my orders.

Next, I used the ultimate blood clone rune to edit, modify and enhance the Hematophagy, Biomorphic control, and Clone abilities of the Blood slime spirit. These three abilities of the blood slime spirit were going to help showcase the extent to which the blood clone meaning could be used.

First I edited and modified Hematophagy such that it can supply the blood required by the Blood Clone rune to activate its abilities.

Then I merged the biomorphic control ability of the Blood slime spirit with a part of the blood clone rune, which allowed it to take the appearance of the target after consuming their blood. With the enhanced biomorphic control the Blood slime spirit was not limited to mimicking the structure of its prey but it could now assume the complete shape of the prey it feeds on.

Due to its intelligence, the Slime spirit can remember the structure of the prey it fed on and switch between them at its will. This intelligence of the slime spirit had been carried to the mutant blood slime spirit. With the help of its hereditary intelligence, the Blood slime spirit could remember the shape of the prey whose blood it had consumed to morph into it at its will similar to Vivian's origin card.

After the Hematophagy and Biomorphic control were edited and modified it was the turn of the clone ability of the blood slime. This clone ability was a perfect fit for the blood clone rune. It could inherit all the abilities of the ultimate blood clone rune and modify itself into an extraordinary skill.

When all three abilities of the blood slime were modified and enhanced using the ultimate tier blood clone rune, a natural mutation was induced in the core, showing the high degree of compatibility of the blood clone rune with the blood slime spirit.

I didn't stop the natural mutation because even though this was unexpected it was a good thing. After the mutation was complete I then morphed the core into a card.

Card creation successful!

[Card Name: Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit

Card Type: Summon Type

Card Rank: A-Rank, Rare Grade

Card Rate: 7-Stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: When activated the user can summon a mutant variant of Slime spirit known as Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit.

Additional Effect: Hematophagy, Blood memory, Blood Biomorphic physique, Tentacle, Paralytic fluids, Corrosive Acid, Blood Clone, Blood Clone Horde]

Blood memory: The Enchanted Blood slime Spirit remembers the appearance and abilities of its victims with help of the blood it fed on.

Blood Biomorphic physique: The Enchanted Blood slime spirit can morph into the appearance of any being by feeding on their blood.

Note: This ability is limited by the Enchanted Blood slime spirit's rank

Blood Clone: The Enchanted Blood slime spirit can make clones of its victims using their blood.

Note: This ability is limited by the Enchanted Blood slime spirit's rank.

Blood Clone Horde: The Enchanted Blood slime spirit can create multiple clones of itself. And each clone can assume its own shape independent of the original body, creating a horde of Blood Clones.

Note: This ability is limited by the Enchanted Blood slime spirit's rank.

Going through card info of the Enchanted Blood Slime spirit I noticed that making use of the Ultimate tier blood rune has increased the grade of the card from Uncommon grade to Rare grade. And I had good reason to believe that if not for the limitation of my gold grimoire the grade of the card might have increased even higher.

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Chapter 749 Limitation

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Due to the additional skill, Blood clone horde, Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit card could be considered one of the top cards among the A-rank Rare grade cards. This skill was the perfect representation of the true potential of the Blood clone meaning of the blood rule.

With enough monster blood, I could use the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit card to create a horde exclusively consisting of A-rank monsters. This is the result of just using the monster blood what if I were to supplement it with blood rule power? Then the A-rank

monsters in the horde would be equipped with rule power enabling them to cross the limit of ranks and defeat the higher rank monsters, for example, AA-rank monsters or Card Overlords.

Many families and sects would easily treat the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit card as an heirloom or a legacy. If I were to let Susan auction this card or introduce a bulk quantity of this card in the market, I will make a huge fortune but it will attract a lot of unwanted attention. But considering its drawback, it was unlikely to attract the attention of the people who could challenge the authority of the southern royal family backing me. The drawback I spoke of was that the range of the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit card's skills was limited by its rank.

Sigh I couldn't help sigh thinking that I was going to create this very card as an origin card for Aba's mercenary member. The origin cards are of upgradable rank so the drawback of this card wouldn't matter to the card apprentice, he/she would have attained an unfathomable power, unlucky them. I also felt a pity that my creation couldn't achieve the possible perfection, if this card were created as an origin card it would have achieved near perfection.

"Do you have monster blood? Give me some." I asked Vivian, hoping to witness the strength of the card.

"Yes, Boss." Vivian immediately passed me a storage card containing monster blood, she appears to have been collecting different monster blood for her origin card and blood clone rune.

Equipping the storage card handed by Vivian I summoned the storage trunk it contained various vials of monster blood. Unable to distinguish which monsters these Vials of monster blood belong to I asked Vivian, "What monster does this blood belong to?"

"Boss, the monster's name is labeled at the bottom of the Vials," Vivian answered

"I see," I said finding a label under the vial as Vivian mentioned.

"Summon, Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit." I equipped the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit card and summoned the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit. Then opening the vial labeled as A-rank Winged Cloud Saber, I feed it to the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit and commanded it to use its Blood Biomorphic physique.

Following my command, the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit used its Blood Biomorphic physique to morph into a Winged Cloud Saber. I have never seen a Winged Cloud Saber so I did not know if the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit morphed Winged Cloud Saber in front of me was anything like the real Winged Cloud Saber. But using the soul pupils I could tell that the realm of the monster in front of me was A-rank. Now the point was whether the imitation Winged Cloud Saber in front of me could display the abilities of the original Winged Cloud Saber.

[Vivian has shared a document with you... Open/Ignore/Mark as read/Delete]

"Boss, I have shared the information I have collected on each monster's blood present in these vials," Vivian answered feeling my questioning gaze.

"Thank you. It will be of help." thanking Vivian for her thoughtfulness I accessed the document shared by her and searched for the information on A-rank Winged Cloud Saber. Going through the information, pointing at Vivian I commanded the imitation Winged Cloud Saber, "Use Sky Roar."

In response to my command, the imitation Winged Cloud Saber looked at Vivian, and then let out a thunderous roar, "Roar!!!"

According to the description of the Sky Roar skill, it can Stun its target for 4-6 seconds depending upon the realm of the opponent. Vivian was of Card Master realm so logical considering that the imitation Winged Cloud Saber is two realms higher than Vivian so it should stun her for 6seconds with its Sky Roar but Vivian was only stunned for 4seconds. After this experiment, I knew that I had overestimated the capabilities of the Enchanted Blood Slime spirit card. Even though the Enchanted Blood Slime spirit was able to imitate the appearance and abilities of the using the blood, it lacked the understanding and experience of the skills like the original. But the problem did not end there the same was true for the Blood clones made by the Enchanted Blood Slime spirit. The idea of leading a horde of A-rank blood clones was possible but these clones weren't as skilled and experienced as the original.

Since there is a problem there is a solution, I just had to find it. After a few minutes of contemplation, I came up with the idea to make use of the Blood Memory meaning of the blood rule to make up for this drawback. This way the Enchanted Blood Slime spirit could not only clone the appearance and abilities through blood but also the memories. The memories of the monster will help the blood Clones to become proficient, and skilled in the cloned abilities like the original.

Now the question was where do I get the blood memory meaning of the blood rule? Sarah, the descendent of the demigod Redfall, had achieved ultimate mastery in the blood memory meaning of the blood rule thanks to the demigod bloodline she inherited.

Now that I had a solution to the problem I contacted Sarah immediately through Hlve AI and ordered, "Sarah, Come to the warehouse. I require your assistance."

"I will be right there, boss," Sarah answered.

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While waiting for Sarah's arrival I turned to Vivian and asked, "Did you memorize the process of card creation?"

"... I'm sorry, boss. I didn't." Vivian answered dejectedly.

"No problem." I didn't expect Vivian to memorize my process of card creation, but it doesn't hurt to ask. If she were to answer positively then I would have a card creation prodigy amongst my calamity daughter gems.

My process of card creation was heavily dependent on the use of my soul pupils, it would be hard for a regular card apprentice to follow so I wasn't surprised to hear Vivian say that she could not memorize my process of card creation. But I had to find a solution for this as I was hoping Vivian would take up the Blow-up doll cards business.

As Vivian only knew the basics of card creation for her to learn my process of Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit card creation I would have to dumb it down. Especially how I arranged a mini trap array in the core to capture the living slime spirit this was unnecessary, I need to optimize my card creation process by decreasing its complexity and creation cost.

The solution I came up with is the Card Template, a step-by-step instruction manual to create a card. This is not to be mistaken with card recipes.

Card recipes just involve the ingredients required for card creation and the formula on how to use them. This formula will yield results depending upon the user's proficiency in card creation. But Card Templates have precise instructions down to the soul pathways and arrangements as long as one follows these instructions to the dot then they would be able to create the card without much effort. Here the proficiency of the user in card creation will not matter. Because they would be following an absolute guide to successful card creation.

The card template will have the recording of how I use my mental strength to arrange the soul pathways and the soul pathway arrangements. And be shared directly to Vivian's mind using Hive AI. Vivian doesn't need to know why I did what I did. All she had to do was retrace what I did with my mental strength using her mental strength and she will not be alone in this process, Hive AI will be there to assist her. With enough practice, Vivian should be able to use the card template to create cards with perfect ratings and durability.

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"Greetings, Boss." Sarah greeted me as he entered the warehouse. Yes, he. Right now Sarah was in her male form. She had made use of her origin card to take up the male gender. And she was wearing appropriate fitting attire to match her gender.

"How do I address you in your male body? Or do you just go with Sarah..." Sarah was a feminine name since she went through the trouble of changing her gender. I figured she would have a masculine name for her male body.

"Sarah will do, boss," Sarah answered.

"Good, accept my party invitation. I need your assistance with card creation." I ordered Sarah.

"Sure thing, boss. And... accepted." Sarah affirmed.

[Sarah has joined your party.

Total party members: 3]

After Sarah accepted my party invitation I immediately placed the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit card on my card creation page and turned it into its core form and asked Sarah, "Add your Blood Memory rule to the core."

"Right away." Saying that Sarah made use of her blood rule to make a copy of her blood memory rune and transferred it into the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit core.

Next, I merged the blood memory rune to the soul pathways of the already existing blood memory skill of the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit enhancing the ability of blood memory to allow its user experience the memories of the Monster's blood it feeds on. This way the enchanted blood slime spirit would be as skilled and experienced to use the cloned abilities as the original.

The Blood memory skill that the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit had was only limited to memorizing the appearance and abilities of the original monster by feeding on its blood but now the modified Blood memory can experience and learn from the memories of the original monster by feeding on its blood.

After that, I decided to add the blood fate plunder rune to the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit. I had already decided to keep this card for my personal use. So I decided to enhance its overall combat power by adding the fate plunder rune to it.

Transferring a copy of the Blood fate plunder rune into the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit core, I rearranged the soul pathways to incorporate the Blood fate plunder ability into

the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit summon. This way the summons can permanently steal the abilities or physique of its prey. Later, I morphed the core back to card form.

Card creation successful.

[Card Name: Transcendent Blood Slime Spirit

Card Type: Summon Type

Card Rank: A-Rank, Rare Grade

Card Rate: 7-Stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: When activated the user can summon a mutant variant of Slime spirit known as Transcendent Blood Slime Spirit.

Additional Effect: Blood Fate Plunder, Hematophagy, Enhanced Blood memory, Blood Biomorphic physique, Tentacle, Paralytic fluids, Corrosive Acid, Blood Clone, Blood Clone Horde]

Enhanced Blood Memory: This skill allows the transcendent blood slime spirit to remember the appearance and ability of the monster by feeding their blood and also experience their memories to learn and gain understanding of the skills and combat prowess of its new body.

Note: This skill is limited by the rank of the card.

Blood Fate Plunder: This skill allows the transcendent blood slime spirit to permanently plunder the skills of its prey by sacrificing the blood of its prey for a blood ritual.

Note: This skill is limited by the rank of the card.

After I added the Blood memory rune and the Blood fate plunder to the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit, it underwent a mutation and the name of the card changed from Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit to Transcendent Blood Slime Spirit.

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Transcendent Blood Slime Spirit, the final product of Four blood rules meanings, Hematophagy, Blood Clone, Blood Memory, Blood Fate Plunder. I set out to create a blow-up doll card and ended up creating a freaking A-rank monster horde. But I still felt it was missing something, so I equip the card and chanted, " Summon Transcendent Blood Slime Spirit."

Then a translucent red blob appeared out of thin air and morphed into Winged Cloud Saber shaped blob. It hadn't actually shapeshifted into Winged Cloud Saber but the blob just took the frame of a Winged Cloud Saber.

I made a Calamity daughter gem and then fed it to the Transcendent Blood Slime Spirit. Since I set out to create a custom blow-up doll card template for Vivian to learn, I didn't use the Calamity daughter gem as the base for the creation of the Transcendent Blood Slime Spirit. Now that I had decided to keep this card for myself, and since I had already given it the Blood Fate plunder rune, I found no harm in adding the Calamity daughter gem to the mix.

Eating the calamity daughter gem, Another natural mutation triggered in the Transcendent Blood Slime Spirit, this card had already been through quite a few mutations and continues to do so.

Slime Spirit >> Blood Slime Spirit >> Enchanted Blood Slime Sprite >> Transcendent Blood Slime Spirit >> ???

[Card Name: Transcendent Blood Slime Demon

Card Type: Summon Type

Card Rank: A-Rank, Rare Grade

Card Rate: 7-Stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: When activated the user can summon a mutant variant of Slime spirit known as Transcendent Blood Slime Demon.

Additional Effect: Mutated Blood Demon Core, Blood Gluttony, Swarm Mind, Formless Demon Physique, Tentacles, Paralytic fluids, Corrosive Acid, Blood Demon Minion, Blood Demon Swarm]

Mutated Blood Demon Core: The monster core of the summons has mutated into a Titled Demon Core, gaining a demonic physique and access to demonic powers.

Blood Gluttony: This skill is the product of the Blood Fate Plunder and Hematophagy abilities of the Transcendent Blood Slime spirit. This skill allows the demon to plunder the skill of its victims through their blood.

Swarm Mind: This ability allows the demon to use its mind to operate a swarm along with the various abilities of enhanced blood memory.

Formless Blood Demon physique: This skill allows the Demon to morph into any shape with the help of the victim's blood.

Blood Demon Minions: This ability allows the demon to split itself or use its blood to create demon minions which have all the abilities of the original demon and can function independently of the original demon but as a part of the Swarm Mind.

Blood Demon Minion Swarm: This ability allows the demon to create multiple demon minions using the blood it devoured as a part of the swarm mind.

I have always related the Viltronian core to a demon core and today I have used my calamity daughter gem which was based on the Viltronian core to mutate a monster into a demon. And I got to say I love the finished product. The influence of the blood rule on the demon was apparent with its skills all being related to blood. It was bound to happen since I used a total of 4 blood rule meanings to create this summons card, Namely Blood Fate Plunder, Hematophagy, Blood Clone, and Blood memory.

The only regret I had about this card creation was that it was not an origin card. Because most of its potential was limited by rank and I blamed my golden grade grimoire for it. If it was not for that I am willing to bet all my fortune that this card would be of a higher grade. Well, I could always upgrade this card after my realm has increased along with my grimoire grade.

Not wasting time on what could have been, reading the card info of the Transcendent Blood Slime Demon Card, I glanced at the translucent humanoid blood blob and let out a satisfied smile. This was one overpowered card for its rank. Trying to create a custom card I ended up creating an overpowered card for myself. And it is about time I updated my arsenal of cards.

Until now I have mostly been depending on my physique, traits, origin card, and broken runes to fight. My arsenal of cards was seriously lacking, therefore I had asked Corey for Martial arts cards that would supplement my monstrous physique and now I had the Transcendent Blood Slime Demon Card. This wasn't enough I planned to create powerful field and trap cards using my mastery of array formation. But that will have to wait, as I was currently focused on creating a card template for Vivian to successfully create Custom Blow-up doll cards using the slime spirit cores.

Done admiring the Transcendent Blood Slime Demon Card, I placed an online order for more card ingredients not wanting to disturb Susan's sleep in the middle of the night.

[D-rank Slime Spirit Core x10 - \$7,000,000

F-rank Wood Wisps core x100 - \$100,000

Common Core x10 - \$1000]

[Your order will be delivered soon. The estimated wait time is 15 mins.]

Considering it was almost midnight the delivery time and charges were low. The cost of the D-rank Slime Spirit core was \$700,000 compared to the \$1,500,000 price tag of the live Slime spirit. Therefore I decided not to use the second slime spirit present in the aquarium to create the custom card and I planned to have Susan return it tomorrow.

While waiting for the new ingredients to be delivered to pass time, I ordered the translucent humanoid blood blob demon to empty all the monster blood in vials from Vivian's storage trunk card. The blood in the vials was not enough for the demon to meet the requirements of the Blood Gluttony skill, so it was unable to plunder any new skills. Then I asked it to transform into the various A-rank monsters. Thanks to the Enhance Blood Memory of Swarm mind whichever monster the formless demon transformed into it could display the related wildness and ferocity as it used the original monster's skills. I had a feeling that the limit of the demon's skill was not just limited to monsters and human blood but demons too.

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Now that I have explored what I can achieve with the blood rule meanings, I decided to no longer go off track and stick to the original plan of creating a Custom blow-up doll card. The required ingredients had already been delivered and as I was about to begin the card creation process with a one-track mind,

Poof Three figures appear in the warehouse out of thin air, it was Ann, Aba, and Agatha. And soon I received a message to my grimoire from Van notifying me that

Ronnie was successfully rescued and all the Butcher Bob goons involved were killed by Agatha.

It has been more than two hours since the trio left to rescue Ronnie, I was surprised that it took them so long to accomplish the mission, but I remembered Aba speaking of hiring a professional photographer to immortalize her first mercenary mission. So I understood why the delay had happened.

"Mission completed. We left your cousin in the care of your men. Now, pay up." Aba asked me enthusiastically.

"What the hell is going on in here?" without waiting for me to answer Aba, Anna yelled glaring at Sarah and Vivian.

"What seems to be the problem here?" I asked her.

"What are two girls doing in your warehouse this late at night?" Anna questioned me pointing at Sarah and Vivian.

"Wait, two girls? All I see are one boy and one girl." Aba spoke in confusion.

Sara's male body resembles a lot similar to the appearance of her female body, so those who had seen her in her female body would mistake her gender even if she were in her male body. If one were attentive enough one could avoid this confusion but insecure Anna jumped to a conclusion first and verified it later.

"They are helping me with card creation, can't you see the ingredients on the table," I explained to Anna. Since the perks of having her close outweighed the death flags she rose due to her insecurity and obsessiveness I decided to bear with her. And for some reason, her possessiveness was growing on me. I guess it was assuring to know someone would care if I were to die.

"Oh, I see. Sorry, my bad. You guys carry on. I will go to sleep on your bed." Anna apologized and feeling embarrassed hurried to the only bedroom in the warehouse. But then she suddenly paused in her tracks and turned to face me. Then she shyly said, "If you're guessing, yes I will be sleeping in my birthday suit."

"Nobody here cares but wasn't that given," I replied.

"You know me the best." Said Anna before walking into the bedroom.

"What about us?" Aba asked after their warden left to sleep.

"You guys are still here? I thought you people would have escaped by now." I replied to Aba.

"She has locked the space and I have already used all my teleportation cards," Aba replied.

"How many teleportation cards do you have?" I asked Aba in surprise. Because Anna, the heir of the southern royal family, herself, only had two teleportation cards.

"Apparently, not enough," Aba spoke dejectedly.

"..." Hearing Aba, I felt poor despite the recent addition of millions of assets to my wealth thanks to the appreciation of Kane Kaga. But I was not surprised by the fact that she carried multiple teleportation cards on her, as the only daughter of Demigod Windsor it was not a surprise that as a doting parent he would do everything in his limit and beyond to keep his precious daughter out of harm's way.

"Give me my money!" Walking towards me Aba extended her hand out and demanded that I pay up a middle-tier soul jade that I promised as the reward for the completion of the mission I tasked her wolf fang mercenary group with.

"About that, I don't have a middle-tier soul jade, how about I pay it later," I said.

"That won't do. Since you don't have middle-tier soul jade then I will settle for an equal amount in terms of low-tier soul jades." Said Aba, hearing that I wouldn't be able to pay her for the moment.

"~Hehe, I don't have enough soul jades to pay you," I said scratching the back of my head.

"What?" Aba yelled and then added, "This is my first mercenary mission, I need to get paid. Give me my money!"

"How about you keep that slime spirit? As for the rest of the money that I owe you, I will cancel it out by providing you guys with accommodation." I tried to negotiate with Aba.

"This dump is worth a middle-tier soul jade? How shameless can you be?" Aba questioned looking around the warehouse.

"What? Since you guys have no place to go but the warehouse, it is only fair that you pay for the accommodation." Aba and Agatha were Anna's hostages. For the secrecy of the silver milk powder and dungeon relocation, Anna couldn't take them to the temporary southern watch military base. So for now until demigod Windsor pays up, they would be confined in my warehouse. So I added, "Come on, don't be a sour tenant. This is the basis of economics called supply and demand."

"Fine, you damned profiteer." Aba cussed holding the aquarium containing the slime spirit showing that she agreed to my terms of compensation.

"Food is not included." I reminded Aba.

"You..." Aba's face turned red blue out of sheer anger.

"I am kidding." I comprised, feeling that the Aba would snap, unable to control her anger.

"Agatha, take my picture with my first reward for completing the mercenary mission." Ignoring me Aba and Agatha began a photo session.

With both Aba and Agatha here I decided to move the card creation to the warehouse card lab. It is narrow but quiet and void of distractions. Vivian and Sarah carried the card ingredients and followed me to the card lab.

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As I was headed to the card lab to continue my card creation, Aba called out to me, "Wyatt, where are you guys going?"

"To the card lab to create cards. I have to earn my keep, I am an orphan high schooler remember. Not everybody has a rich dad to fool around like you." I said bluntly.

"Why are you being such a sour puss, is it because sugar mama Anna is not feeding her sugar baby enough candies?" Aba was not the one to take it sitting down.

"Uh-huh." Aba's powerful retort was unexpected but I continued to walk to the card lab.

"Hey, wait. I am not done yet." Aba called.

"But my patience is," I replied.

"Don't speak as if you are tolerating us when clearly we are the ones tolerating a grumpy host," Aba spoke her mind as she followed behind me.

"..." Answering Aba would only lead to an argument and I was in no mood to argue with Aba, so I didn't reply to her remarks.

"Hey, I have a serious job for you. Could you stop a second and listen to what I have to say?" Aba asked in frustration, irritated by my silent treatment.

"I already gave you the second that you ask for but you wasted it on your pointless argument." I stopped, not because of Aba but because I had already arrived at the card lab.

"Fine, I apologize is that what you want to hear. Are you happy now?" Irritate Aba let her frustration out.

"You wasted another second of my time I just gave." I glared at Aba seeing her trying to argue again and continue, "Save it, here is your second tell me what you want."

"... I want you to make a Slime spirit summon card using this Slime spirit," Aba said pointing her eyes at the aquarium in her hands.

"Um, okay. If it is just turning the slime spirit into a summon card then my service fee will be lower than the usual rate." I answered.

"What, you want me to pay?" Aba asked in surprise.

"What, you want me to do it for free?" I said sarcastically mimicking Aba.

"Come on, I already settle for this slime as payment instead of the promised middle-tier soul jade. The least you could do is help me turn it into a summon card." Aba bargained.

"You speak as if I am taking advantage of you, didn't we already agree that the remaining balance is settled as the accommodation charges." I had to remind Aba of the agreement we decided on together.

"Wow, there is no winning with you, is it? I don't know what Anna sees in you." Aba spoke in frustration.

"You and me both sister. If nothing else I will return to card creation." I said as I walked into the Card lab after Sarah and Vivian.

"Stop. Wyatt, come on. Please, this is my first mercenary mission completion reward I want it to be special." Aba wanted to immortalize her reward for the completion of her first mercenary mission by turning it into a card.

"If you wanted something of significance then you shouldn't have agreed to a middle-tier soul jade as a reward," I said, but seeing Aba's disheartened face, I took pity on the kid and added, "Let us come to a compromise, I am willing to turn your slime spirit in to summon card for free if you are willing to heir me to upgraded your D-rank Slime spirit summon card to A-rank for my usual price."

"Okay. but how sure are you that you will be able to upgrade a D-rank Slime spirit card to A-rank? I know this slime spirit is not my fated ingredient but I value it as much. If you fail the upgrade process I will never be able to forgive you." Aba cherished the Slime spirit with the utmost importance that one would give to their fate ingredient.

"I don't take clients that I cannot satisfy. Don't worry I wouldn't have proposed this if I wasn't a hundred percent sure." I assure Aba that her Slime Spirit was in capable hands.

"Okay, I will trust you this once. And also I am willing to pay extra for any other extra add-ons, so do your best." Aba decided to trust me and also offered extra for more upgrades I could add to her summons card.

"Uh-huh, give me that, see you soon." Taking the aquarium from Aba's hands I closed the card lab door behind me.

Sarah and Vivian had already made themselves comfortable in the card lab, I sat on the place that they both saved for me and decided to make Aba's card creation my first agenda than I can get to create a card template for Vivian.

I took a common core and placed it on my grimoire creation page. Then I rearranged the soul pathway in the common core to create a trap array that was capable of capturing the slime spirit into the core. Capturing the slime spirit into the core I rearranged its soul pathways and arrangements to merge it with the common core. Then I used the wood wisp cores to enhance the soul pathways of the slime spirit so that it can withstand merging with runes and I commanded, "Vivian add your Hematophagy meaning of blood rule to the core."

"Right away, Boss," Vivian answered as she introduced Hematophagy meaning blood rule power into the core.

After merging the Hematophagy meaning blood rule power with the Slime Spirit soul pathway, mutating the slime spirit into blood slime spirit. I ordered, "Sarah, add your Blood memory rune to the core."

"Yes, boss." Sarah made a copy of her blood memory rune and transferred it to the core.

Enhancing the blood slime spirit's intelligence by merging the blood memory rune with its soul pathway, I instructed, "Vivian, add your blood clone rune to the core."

Following my instruction, Vivian created a copy of her blood clone rune and transferred it to the core, then I merged the blood clone rune to the clone ability of the enhanced blood slime spirit, which resulted in a natural mutation giving birth to an Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit. Then I morphed the core into a card.

Card Creation Successful!

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"Aba, Here." Walking out of the card lab I called out to Aba who was immersed in her grimoire while Agatha was practicing her active soul control.

"Done, already?" Aba looked at the high schooler card creationist with doubt, she felt he was trying to cheat her of her father's money.

"What's with that look?" I asked Aba feeling odd about her gaze.

"Nothing..." Said Aba reaching for the card. But I pull back my hand and said, "payment first, and then I will give you the card." Saying these words I understood one of the reasons why cheaters cheat, they cheat because they don't want the other guy to cheat on them. Susan was right we should stick with the rules and principles.

"Don't I need to check the card to see if it is worth the price?" Aba argued.

"Fine" I gave Aba the card because of my ethics as a card creationist.

I passed the card to Aba and going through the card info, she yell, "You did it, you created an A-rank summon card using a D-rank monster, you monster?"

"..." Seeing the expected surprise on Aba's face I wasn't surprised but I couldn't help but feel proud.

"Fuck!" Aba cussed going through the card effects. Hearing the commotion Agatha stopped practicing her Active soul control and reprimanded Aba, "Princess, language."

"Agatha come here and look at the effects of this card." Excited Aba enthusiastically showed Agatha the card info.

"Impressive, you created this card? You are indeed a talented card creationist." Agatha praised the boy but thought, 'But this is not enough. I heard the southern emperor likes to have a good time with different boys but I never heard about her obsessing over a man. If not money and status, could it be the thing in his pants, what she is obsessing over?' Agatha had never given up on solving the mystery of why the southern emperor was possessive of a nobody orphan high schooler.

"I know my card is good, I don't require you to remind me of that. Now pay up." Not that I didn't enjoy the duo's praises but I was keener on getting paid than hearing them sing my praise.

"Could you be humbler?" Aba said sarcastically.

"You know Wyatt you can catch more flies with honey," Agatha advised. Reminding me that I should be more respectful of my customers.

"Who said I want to catch flies?" I didn't like where this conversation was headed, I don't know what the duo were thinking, especially the shorty. She better pay up, she would regret making an enemy of me.

"I will not tease you anymore. Since this is a custom A-rank card I am willing to pay 1000 Median Soul jades." Aba announced with a look that yelled out loud, 'Look, aren't I generous.'

"Nope, 1500 Median soul jades." I negotiate with Aba as the price she stated was not to up to my calculation. 1000 Median Soul jades was not a lot for a custom A-rank card not to mention this was an A-rank summons card. Especially if the custom A-rank summons card was made using two ultimate tier blood rule runes. Even broken runes cost more than this. Therefore I demanded Aba 1500 Median Soul Jades.

"1500 Median Soul Jades? Have you gone crazy? Walk me through your calculation." Aba was expecting to be praised for being generous but didn't expect the boy to be not satisfied by the price she generously stated.

"I used two ultimate tier blood rule runes to create this card, those two together are worth more than the price you offered." I know that not all customers were as generous and prodigal as Kane Kaga, my no.1 fan. But I expected to be paid by the market standards.

"What, you expect me to believe that you used two ultimate tier runes to create this card?" Aba yelled feeling that the boy was really trying to cheat her of her father's money.

"If you don't trust my words. You can ask your retainer. She can tell if the card has made use of runes or not." I advised Aba to have her retainer verify the card for the presence of rule power.

"Princess, I do feel three different blood rule meanings from this card." Agatha did not wait for Aba to order her, she scrutinized the card with her mental strength and found the presence of three different meanings in the card, she couldn't find the mastery of these rule meanings unless she turned the card into core form but she chose to convey her initial findings to her master.

"Are you sure?" Aba asked Agatha. Not that she doubted Agatha's finding but the boy, how could he have three meanings of the blood rule? Won't that make him a prodigy? For a card soldier to comprehend three blood rule meanings meant that he had comprehended two blood rule meanings to ultimate mastery.

"Yes, princess. Would prefer it if I did a deeper analysis?" Agatha offered.

"No, need. I trust your senses," said Aba as she gave me a deep glance.

"..." I don't know what was going on in the duo's head now, I didn't care. All I cared about was getting paid for my work.

"Here, 1499 Median Soul jades. I will be keeping one median soul jade as the payment for the mission completion." Aba handed me 1499 Median Soul jades with a victory smile.

"..." I did not take the 1499 Median Soul jades from Aba and instead stared hard at Aba which conveyed, 'Give me the total 1500 Median Soul jades or become my enemy.'

Feeling that making an enemy over a Median Soul jade was not worth it Aba coughed and said, "I will add another median soul jade as my appreciation for your hard work. Here take these 1500 Median Soul jades."

"Good" Seeing that Aba had come to her senses and didn't pull her stunt on me, I gave her a radiant smile and accepted the 1500 Median Soul jades.

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Done trading with Aba, I returned to the card lab to finally get started with the creation of a custom blow-up doll card template for Vivian.

Without any further ado, I activated my soul pupils while ordering Hive AI to record my mental strength pattern as it interacted with the ingredients while I created the card. I took a common core and a slime spirit core and placed them on the card creation page of my grimoire. Then I transferred the soul pathways of the slime spirit core into the common core. Next, I took 10 wood wisp cores to enhance the soul pathways of a slime spirit empowering it with enough vitality for it to materialize its body and withstand further enhancement by the runes.

Now that the foundation of the Slime spirit summons card was set. Next, I instructed Vivian to add her Hematophagy meaning blood rule to the core. Following my instructions, Vivian introduced Hematophagy meaning blood rule power in the slime spirit core. After merging the Hematophagy meaning blood rule power with the Slime Spirit soul pathway, mutating the slime spirit into blood slime spirit.

Then I ordered Sarah to add her Blood memory rune to the blood slime spirit core. Sarah made a copy of her blood memory rune and transferred it to the blood slime spirit core. I use the blood memory rune to enhance the blood slime spirit's intelligence by merging with its soul pathway, creating an enhanced blood slime spirit.

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Card Rank: F-rank, Common

Card Rate: 1-stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: The user can summon a Slime Fairy.

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Card Rate: 1-stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: The user can summon a Slime Fairy.

Additional Effect: Enhanced Fairy Transformation(x2)]

Enhanced Fairy Transformation(x2): Using this skill the Slime Fairy can transform into two different beautiful Fairy who will attend to its master's every need.

Enhanced Fairy Transformation(x3): Using this skill the Slime Fairy can transform into three different beautiful Fairy who will attend to its master's every need.

With the Slime fairy card and the transformation slime fairy card, a card apprentice could summon a slime fairy that could morph into one, two, three, or more appearances based on the card. But they could not summon two different slime fairies to enjoy a threesome, foursome, or form a harem.

Therefore I ordered the Enchanted blood slime spirit to create a blood clone, I used a common core, trap array, and wood wisp cores to turn the blood clone into an independent blood slime. Then I modified the soul pathways of the blood slime so that it can split into two bodies and both bodies will have the transformation ability. Then I had the blood slime feed on the blood of a slime fairy, making sure that the blood slime has committed the appearance of the fairy in its memory, I placed a prohibition on its transformation ability and deleted extra abilities to decrease its rank to F-rank. Then morphed it into a card

Card creation successful!

[Card Name: Slime Fairy (Twin)

Card Type: Summons Card

Card Rank: F-rank, Common

Card Rate: 1-stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: The user can summon a Slime Fairy.

Additional Effect: Fairy transformation, Twin clone]

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Twin Clone: the slime fairy can split into two identical slime fairies with the abilities of the original slime fairy. Each body can only morph into one identical appearance.

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Card Type: Summons Card

Card Rank: F-rank, Common

Card Rate: 1-stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: The user can summon a Slime Fairy.

Additional Effect: Fairy transformation, Clone(x3)]

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[Card Name: Slime Fairy (Multiple)]

Card Type: Summons Card

Card Rank: F-rank, Common

Card Rate: 1-stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: The user can summon a Slime Fairy.

Additional Effect: Fairy transformation, Multiple clones]

Fairy Transformation: Using this skill the Slime Fairy can turn into a beautiful Fairy who will attend to its master's every need.

Multiple Clones: The slime fairy can split into multiple identical slime fairies with the abilities of the original slime fairy. Each body can only transform into one identical appearance.

[Card Name: Slime Fairy (Threesome)]

Card Type: Summons Card

Card Rank: F-rank, Common

Card Rate: 1-stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: The user can summon a Slime Fairy.

Additional Effect: Enhanced Fairy transformation(x2), Clone(x2)]

Enhanced Fairy Transformation(x2): Using this skill the Slime Fairy can transform into two different beautiful Fairy who will attend to its master's every need.

Clone(x2): the slime fairy can split into two slime fairies with the abilities of the original slime fairy. Each body can only transform into one appearance using the ability Enhanced Fairy Transformation(x2).

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Card Type: Summons Card

Card Rank: F-rank, Common

Card Rate: 1-stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: The user can summon a Slime Fairy.

Additional Effect: Enhanced Fairy transformation(x3), Clone(x3)]

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[Card Name: Slime Fairy (Harem)]

Card Type: Summons Card

Card Rank: F-rank, Common

Card Rate: 1-stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: The user can summon a Slime Fairy.

Additional Effect: Enhanced Fairy transformation(Harem), Multiple Clone]

Enhanced Fairy Transformation(Harem): Using this skill the Slime Fairy can transform into multiple different beautiful Fairy who will attend to its master's every need.

Multiple Clone: the slime fairy can split into Multiple slime fairies with the abilities of the original slime fairy. Each body can only transform into one appearance using the ability Enhanced Fairy Transformation(Harem).

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I spent the whole night trying to make different slime fairy cards with the help of prohibitions and restrictions. As an added upside of the prohibitions and restrictions, the rank of the slime fairy card is always reduced to F-rank with perfect card ratings and durability. I needed to make sure that there were no loopholes in the cards that the card apprentices can take advantage of when these cards hit the market. As for the pricing I had a range in my mind but I decided to leave it to the professionals, by professionals I mean Cindy.

The Slime fairy cards were divided into two divisions: Transformation slime fairy cards, and multiple slime fairies cards.

Transformation slime fairy cards: This division of slime fairy cards contains the cards that only have the transformation ability but not the clone ability. Therefore, the variety of cards in this division was limited.

Multiple slime fairy cards: This division of slime fairy cards contains the cards that had both the transformation and cloning ability. Therefore this division of cards had a variety of cards compared to other divisions.

The most important thing to notice here was that these slime fairy cards were created using the blood clones of the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit summons card. Meaning I was using a single A-rank card to create multiple different F-rank cards, what could be more cost-effective than endless supply of free ingredients.

I made it so because Vivian alone can not carry the entire business of slime fairy cards. So in the future when I learn about card creation techniques to create card recipes for regular card creationists, I plan to hire trustworthy card creationists who will raise the company's slime fairy cards production to meet the global requirement.

Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit card can only be created by me using the three blood rule meanings from Sarah and Vivian, as long as I controlled the production and circulation of this card I didn't have to worry about the recipe of the slime fairy card leaking. Therefore, in the future when the card template I created for slime fairy can be turned into card recipes I planned to hire card creationists to boost the production of the cards.

Once I start hiring regular card creationists, Vivian will switch to creating Rule Slime Fairy cards as a VIP card collection line. These cards are going to be expensive as hell.

What was the Rule Slime fairy card?

Remember, how we used blood clones produced by the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit card to create the Slime fairy cards similarly we are going to feed the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit blood rule pills to create Blood rule clones which will be used to create Rule Slime fairy cards.

Since blood rule pills would be used to create Rule Slime fairy cards their rank will definitely not decrease to F-rank, but I will make sure that the rule slime fairy card's rank at minimum would be limited to D or C rank using prohibition and restrictions.

These Rule slime fairy cards will be high-end blow-up doll card collections only meant for the rich and wealthy. I have been in society long enough to know that the rich and wealthy are willing to pay more to separate themselves from the regular folks. And the Rule slime fairy cards were going to do just that.

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"Vivian, I have transferred you some funds. Use them to order ingredients and practice the card creation following the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit and Slime Fairy card templates to the dot." I prepared the card template and shared it with Vivian through Hive AI. Now, all she had to do was practice it until she perfects it. Since she had a capable assistant a.k.a Hive AI it should not take her long before she perfects the card creation process of the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit and Slime Fairy cards using their respective card templates.

"Sure, Boss. I will not let you down." Vivian assured me that she would give her best to perfect the creation of the blow-up doll card collection with the help of the card templates I created for her.

"Sarah, I will have to trouble to bear with her. Or if you choose to you too can practice the card creation, more hands are welcomed." Sarah helped Van with the TSR guild stuff but Van already had Pablo and Fred to help him with the guild stuff. So I decided to have Sarah help Vivian share the burden of production of the blow-up doll cards collection.

"Yes, boss. I too think I can be of more help here than in the guild." Sarah readily agreed to my arrangement to have her help in the production of the blow-up doll cards collection.

"Good, Susan will be in here in an hour or two. If you need any assistance ask her. I will be taking my leave now." Sharing both the card templates with Sarah I exited the card lab.

Walking out of the card lab I saw Aba and Agatha practicing their active soul control. Not wanting to disturb them I quietly walked out of the warehouse. Breathing in the cold morning air, I could not help but compliment this world for not dropping the ball on fossil fuels, that was given since they had alternative fuel sources like the monster cores and soul jades. The air here was a lot easy on the lungs or maybe just another perk of my monstrous physique.

I set up a temporary cleansing array to clean myself and my attire. And then checked the grimoire to see if Cindy was online, apparently, she was. It was a mystery whether she just got up or like me she never went to the bed. Anyway, today was going to be her lucky day. Decades of toiling in the Fine Gold under the psycho sisters were finally going to pay off for her.

[Calling Cindy...]

"Good Morning, Boss. How may I be of service to you today?" Cindy sounded chipper than I expected her to, maybe she did have a proper rest yesterday night and got up early.

"Are you free?" I asked Cindy. Unlike Van or Nick, Cindy was not my calamity daughter gem, who would leave everything behind to follow my orders, therefore I checked with Cindy if she was free.

"I am not. I have to go through all the manifests before the original body wakes up." Answered Cindy's clone. It wasn't Cindy who answered my call but her clone.

"Okay, then when she wakes up ask her to call me," I asked Cindy's clone to take a message for her original body. I thought Cindy was being worked to bones by psycho sisters but that doesn't seem to be the case still she slept in her office which speaks volumes that either Cindy had no reason to go home like me or my initial assumption was correct. The point here was whether Cindy had dissatisfaction with the Kieth sisters. Which I can use as fuel for my purpose.

"Sure, I will deliver your message to the original body when she wak—" the Clone Cindy's voice was interrupted by another Cindy's Voice which yelled, "Boss, I am up, I am up."

"No, need to push yourself. Call, me when you have freshened up." I could not treat Cindy like I do with the Calamity daughter gems, though Cindy would not mind, she sure will form an opinion of me.

"No need boss. I am wide awake. Please relay your orders." Cindy chose to continue the call.

"Okay, I have a job for you, I believe that you will be a perfect fit for the job. Freshen up, I am coming to meet you at the Fine Gold Towers." The Warehouse had guests so I could not talk business in front of them, especially about the Blow-up boll card collection since I was trying to not be associated with these cards.

"Boss, Can this be considered a surprise inspection?" Cindy asked

"I have already mentioned that I will not interfere with Fine Gold business and I meant it. As I said earlier I have a job for you. We are going to discuss that and nothing else." This was the problem with regular subordinates compared with the calamity daughter gems, they asked too many questions and I had to go out of my way to make sure that we all were on the same page. But with calamity daughter core all I had to was relay my thoughts and they would strive to achieve to the best of their abilities.

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Done trading with Aba, I returned to the card lab to finally get started with the creation of a custom blow-up doll card template for Vivian.

Without any further ado, I activated my soul pupils while ordering Hive AI to record my mental strength pattern as it interacted with the ingredients while I created the card. I took a common core and a slime spirit core and placed them on the card creation page of my grimoire. Then I transferred the soul pathways of the slime spirit core into the common core. Next, I took 10 wood wisp cores to enhance the soul pathways of a slime spirit empowering it with enough vitality for it to materialize its body and withstand further enhancement by the runes.

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Chapter 756 Slime Fairy

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Enhanced Fairy Transformation(x2): Using this skill the Slime Fairy can transform into two different beautiful Fairy who will attend to its master's every need.

Enhanced Fairy Transformation(x3): Using this skill the Slime Fairy can transform into three different beautiful Fairy who will attend to its master's every need.

With the Slime fairy card and the transformation slime fairy card, a card apprentice could summon a slime fairy that could morph into one, two, three, or more appearances based on the card. But they could not summon two different slime fairies to enjoy a threesome, foursome, or form a harem.

Therefore I ordered the Enchanted blood slime spirit to create a blood clone, I used a common core, trap array, and wood wisp cores to turn the blood clone into an independent blood slime. Then I modified the soul pathways of the blood slime so that it can split into two bodies and both bodies will have the

transformation ability. Then I had the blood slime feed on the blood of a slime fairy, making sure that the blood slime has committed the appearance of the fairy in its memory, I placed a prohibition on its transformation ability and deleted extra abilities to decrease its rank to F-rank. Then morphed it into a card

Card creation successful!

[Card Name: Slime Fairy (Twin)]

Card Type: Summons Card

Card Rank: F-rank, Common

Card Rate: 1-stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: The user can summon a Slime Fairy.

Additional Effect: Fairy transformation, Twin clone]

Fairy Transformation: Using this skill the Slime Fairy can turn into a beautiful Fairy who will attend to its master's every need.

Twin Clone: the slime fairy can split into two identical slime fairies with the abilities of the original slime fairy. Each body can only morph into one identical appearance.

Chapter 757 Rule Powered Slime Fairy

Date- 2 April 2321

Time- 03:30

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

[Card Name: Slime Fairy (Triplet)]

Card Type: Summons Card

Card Rank: F-rank, Common

Card Rate: 1-stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: The user can summon a Slime Fairy.

Additional Effect: Fairy transformation, Clone(x3)]

Fairy Transformation: Using this skill the Slime Fairy can turn into a beautiful Fairy who will attend to its master's every need.

Triplet Clone: the slime fairy can split into three identical slime fairies with the abilities of the original slime fairy. Each body can only transform into one identical appearance.

[Card Name: Slime Fairy (Multiple)]

Card Type: Summons Card

Card Rank: F-rank, Common

Card Rate: 1-stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: The user can summon a Slime Fairy.

Additional Effect: Fairy transformation, Multiple clones]

Fairy Transformation: Using this skill the Slime Fairy can turn into a beautiful Fairy who will attend to its master's every need.

Multiple Clones: The slime fairy can split into multiple identical slime fairies with the abilities of the original slime fairy. Each body can only transform into one identical appearance.

[Card Name: Slime Fairy (Threesome)]

Card Type: Summons Card

Card Rank: F-rank, Common

Card Rate: 1-stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: The user can summon a Slime Fairy.

Additional Effect: Enhanced Fairy transformation(x2), Clone(x2)]

Enhanced Fairy Transformation(x2): Using this skill the Slime Fairy can transform into two different beautiful Fairy who will attend to its master's every need.

Clone(x2): the slime fairy can split into two slime fairies with the abilities of the original slime fairy. Each body can only transform into one appearance using the ability Enhanced Fairy Transformation(x2).

[Card Name: Slime Fairy (Foursome)

Card Type: Summons Card

Card Rank: F-rank, Common

Card Rate: 1-stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: The user can summon a Slime Fairy.

Additional Effect: Enhanced Fairy transformation(x3), Clone(x3)]

Enhanced Fairy Transformation(x3): Using this skill the Slime Fairy can transform into three different beautiful Fairy who will attend to its master's every need.

Clone(x3): the slime fairy can split into three slime fairies with the abilities of the original slime fairy. Each body can only transform into one appearance using the ability Enhanced Fairy Transformation(x3).

[Card Name: Slime Fairy (Harem)

Card Type: Summons Card

Card Rank: F-rank, Common

Card Rate: 1-stars

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: The user can summon a Slime Fairy.

Additional Effect: Enhanced Fairy transformation(Harem), Multiple Clone]

Enhanced Fairy Transformation(Harem): Using this skill the Slime Fairy can transform into multiple different beautiful Fairy who will attend to its master's every need.

Multiple Clone: the slime fairy can split into Multiple slime fairies with the abilities of the original slime fairy. Each body can only transform into one appearance using the ability Enhanced Fairy Transformation(Harem).

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I spent the whole night trying to make different slime fairy cards with the help of prohibitions and restrictions. As an added upside of the prohibitions and restrictions, the rank of the slime fairy card is always reduced to F-rank with perfect card ratings and durability. I needed to make sure that there were no loopholes in the cards that the card apprentices can take advantage of when these cards hit the market. As for the pricing I had a range in my mind but I decided to leave it to the professionals, by professionals I mean Cindy.

The Slime fairy cards were divided into two divisions: Transformation slime fairy cards, and multiple slime fairies cards.

Transformation slime fairy cards: This division of slime fairy cards contains the cards that only have the transformation ability but not the clone ability. Therefore, the variety of cards in this division was limited.

Multiple slime fairy cards: This division of slime fairy cards contains the cards that had both the transformation and cloning ability. Therefore this division of cards had a variety of cards compared to other divisions.

The most important thing to notice here was that these slime fairy cards were created using the blood clones of the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit summons card. Meaning I was using a single A-rank card to create multiple different F-rank cards, what could be more cost-effective than endless supply of free ingredients.

I made it so because Vivian alone can not carry the entire business of slime fairy cards. So in the future when I learn about card creation techniques to create card recipes for regular card creationists, I plan to hire trustworthy card

creationists who will raise the company's slime fairy cards production to meet the global requirement.

Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit card can only be created by me using the three blood rule meanings from Sarah and Vivian, as long as I controlled the production and circulation of this card I didn't have to worry about the recipe of the slime fairy card leaking. Therefore, in the future when the card template I created for slime fairy can be turned into card recipes I planned to hire card creationists to boost the production of the cards.

Once I start hiring regular card creationists, Vivian will switch to creating Rule Slime Fairy cards as a VIP card collection line. These cards are going to be expensive as hell.

What was the Rule Slime fairy card?

Remember, how we used blood clones produced by the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit card to create the Slime fairy cards similarly we are going to feed the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit blood rule pills to create Blood rule clones which will be used to create Rule Slime fairy cards.

Since blood rule pills would be used to create Rule Slime fairy cards their rank will definitely not decrease to F-rank, but I will make sure that the rule slime fairy card's rank at minimum would be limited to D or C rank using prohibition and restrictions.

These Rule slime fairy cards will be high-end blow-up doll card collections only meant for the rich and wealthy. I have been in society long enough to know that the rich and wealthy are willing to pay more to separate themselves from the regular folks. And the Rule slime fairy cards were going to do just that.

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Chapter 758 Visiting Fine Gold

Date- 2 April 2321

Time- 06:36

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

"Vivian, I have transferred you some funds. Use them to order ingredients and practice the card creation following the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit and Slime Fairy card templates to the dot." I prepared the card template and shared it with Vivian through Hive AI. Now, all she had to do was practice it until she perfects it. Since she had a capable assistant a.k.a Hive AI it should not take her long before she perfects the card creation process of the Enchanted Blood Slime Spirit and Slime Fairy cards using their respective card templates.

"Sure, Boss. I will not let you down." Vivian assured me that she would give her best to perfect the creation of the blow-up doll card collection with the help of the card templates I created for her.

"Sarah, I will have to trouble to bear with her. Or if you choose to you too can practice the card creation, more hands are welcomed." Sarah helped Van with the TSR guild stuff but Van already had Pablo and Fred to help him with the guild stuff. So I decided to have Sarah help Vivian share the burden of production of the blow-up doll cards collection.

"Yes, boss. I too think I can be of more help here than in the guild." Sarah readily agreed to my arrangement to have her help in the production of the blow-up doll cards collection.

"Good, Susan will be in here in an hour or two. If you need any assistance ask her. I will be taking my leave now." Sharing both the card templates with Sarah I exited the card lab.

Walking out of the card lab I saw Aba and Agatha practicing their active soul control. Not wanting to disturb them I quietly walked out of the warehouse. Breathing in the cold morning air, I could not help but compliment this world for not dropping the ball on fossil fuels, that was given since they had alternative fuel sources like the monster cores and soul jades. The air here was a lot easy on the lungs or maybe just another perk of my monstrous physique.

I set up a temporary cleansing array to clean myself and my attire. And then checked the grimoire to see if Cindy was online, apparently, she was. It was a mystery whether she just got up or like me she never went to the bed. Anyway, today was going to be her lucky day. Decades of toiling in the Fine Gold under the psycho sisters were finally going to pay off for her.

[Calling Cindy...]

"Good Morning, Boss. How may I be of service to you today?" Cindy sounded chipper than I expected her to, maybe she did have a proper rest yesterday night and got up early.

"Are you free?" I asked Cindy. Unlike Van or Nick, Cindy was not my calamity daughter gem, who would leave everything behind to follow my orders, therefore I checked with Cindy if she was free.

"I am not. I have to go through all the manifests before the original body wakes up." Answered Cindy's clone. It wasn't Cindy who answered my call but her clone.

"Okay, then when she wakes up ask her to call me," I asked Cindy's clone to take a message for her original body. I thought Cindy was being worked to bones by psycho sisters but that doesn't seem to be the case still she slept in her office which speaks volumes that either Cindy had no reason to go home like me or my initial assumption was correct. The point here was whether Cindy had dissatisfaction with the Kieth sisters. Which I can use as fuel for my purpose.

"Sure, I will deliver your message to the original body when she wak—" the Clone Cindy's voice was interrupted by another Cindy's Voice which yelled, "Boss, I am up, I am up."

"No, need to push yourself. Call, me when you have freshened up." I could not treat Cindy like I do with the Calamity daughter gems, though Cindy would not mind, she sure will form an opinion of me.

"No need boss. I am wide awake. Please relay your orders." Cindy chose to continue the call.

"Okay, I have a job for you, I believe that you will be a perfect fit for the job. Freshen up, I am coming to meet you at the Fine Gold Towers." The Warehouse had guests so I could not talk business in front of them, especially about the Blow-up boll card collection since I was trying to not be associated with these cards.

"Boss, Can this be considered a surprise inspection?" Cindy asked

"I have already mentioned that I will not interfere with Fine Gold business and I meant it. As I said earlier I have a job for you. We are going to discuss that and nothing else." This was the problem with regular subordinates compared

with the calamity daughter gems, they asked too many questions and I had to go out of my way to make sure that we all were on the same page. But with calamity daughter core all I had to was relay my thoughts and they would strive to achieve to the best of their abilities.

"Such a shame, I will not get to show off the work ethics of our company to you boss." Cindy was making small talk to associate with me. As a regular subordinate this was a necessary step to gain their boss's trust, otherwise, how would their immediate superior know that he or she could be trusted. But all these office politics weren't necessary with the calamity daughter gem.

The cons of regular subordinates and pros of calamity daughter gems came to my mind because I really wanted to skip all the nonsense by feeding Cindy a calamity daughter gem. But I controlled myself from giving in to the temptation, and Cindy was not making it easy for me with her small takes.

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Chapter 759 Fine Gold Plans

Date- 2 April 2321

Time- 07:10

Location- Sky Blossom City, Fine Gold Headquarters

With the Fine Gold towers in my sight, I accelerated my Hoverbike towards the tower main gate no.2 because it was the nearest gate on the route from the warehouse to Fine Gold Headquarters.

Nearing the gate I saw Cindy along with other security staff members waiting at the gate. Cindy waiting at gate no.2 to receive me I appreciated that. As for the crowd along with her I didn't. Cindy knew that and was the reason why I saw her asking the security staff to get back to their post and not disturb her. A high-ranking senior executive of the company waiting at the gate to receive someone was bound to attract the attention of other staff, especially the Ambitious ones.

After dealing with the nosy staff, Cindy noticed me nearing the gate and waved at me. I directed the hoverbike towards her and stopped it next to her.

"Boss, you are here." Cindy greeted enthusiastically with a bright smile on her face.

"I will be in your care." Recalling my hoverbike into the card I asked Cindy to lead the way.

Following Cindy, I walked the grounds of the Fine Gold, I couldn't help but remember the last time I was here. Back then I was just a helpless little lamb at the mercy of my clients, the Fine Gold. And now I own this fucking place. The woman who would rarely show any expression on her face was now serving me with a big smile on her face. Back then I thought Cindy's facial muscles were dead but now I knew that wasn't the case, they worked fine, it was just that those muscles lacked the interest to make an effort for an orphan high schooler.

"Boss, I know that you said you weren't going to meddle in Fine Gold Business but I think you should at least know what your investment is up to. This will not be considered meddling, but you checking up on your company." As Cindy lead the way she skipped the small talk as I asked her to but that only lasted for a while and soon she couldn't help but try and tell me that she was an excellent employee who was dedicated to me and someone I could trust.

There were two ways for a subordinate to let their employer know that they are trustworthy and hardworking, Show and Tell. The showing part works by actually doing the required hard work, hoping that their dedication and commitment towards the job and the company get noticed by the top brass. As far as the Telling part goes it was done by taking the credit for the work done. Whether they participated in the work done was a puzzle that the top brass would choose not to solve. Here's the thing, the Top brass is either busy enjoying the AC in their luxurious office or the exotic cocktails in their fancy parties. Most of the time they have their worries and don't have the time to go around looking at who was doing what, and that is why there are managers the fucking credit hogs who work an honest man to his bones and steal his due credits.

Right now I can be considered as the top brass of the Fine Gold, Since I barely ever spend time in the compounds of the Fine Gold, Cindy was telling me that she is dedicated and committed to working for me. And I had to go along with her words for now and believe that her priorities lay with me. Therefore for her, these small talks were necessary. It was her begging me to allow her to show me how she can be of use to me. She was basically yelling, 'Boss, use me. Use me for my complete worth.'

"Tell me, Cindy, what should I check on and where should I begin?" This was me allowing Cindy to show that her priorities lay with me her new boss, not her old boss Diana Kieth.

"Thank you, boss." Cindy's face blossomed with a confident smile seeing that her new boss has allowed her to give a sales pitch to sell herself and her expertise to him. Cindy knew that though the new boss showed zero interest in the company on the surface, behind the scenes it wasn't actually true. After all, he was the one who was planning to invest more into the company. There is no way a person would invest in something they are not interested in.

Cindy's hunch was right on, as the guy who was giving the fine gold the contract to become the sole supplier of silver milk powder in the blossom district, her new boss was more than just interested in the company, he wanted to control it from the shadows. Otherwise, it was not worth the investment. The biggest obstacle to her new boss's idea was her old boss. Cindy has long since been planning to jump boats, even if it meant betraying her old boss who gave her this new life because that is how she can survive in this cooperate world. Her old boss was the second-largest shareholder in the company, she would have money even if she lost her current authority, but what bout her? Cindy didn't want to end her career just because her old boss was not willing to transfer her authority to the new boss even though they were willing to reap the fruits of the New boss's hard work. This wasn't a betrayal but survival, "Boss, the company has temporarily stopped taking new clients and halted expanding its already existing businesses. The new agenda of the company is to build a supply chain throughout the blossom district."

"Interesting, go on." According to Cindy, Diana has put all her plans of expansion for Fine Gold and its other child companies on temporary hold and has directed all the resources of the company to prepare for the upcoming project, supplying silver milk powder to the entire Blossom district.

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Chapter 760 Pushback

Date- 2 April 2321

Time- 07:20

Location- Sky Blossom City, Fine Gold Headquarters

"Right now the main focus of the company is to map a safe route throughout the blossom district for distribution. Until now Fine Gold merchants were only operating in the neighboring cities, now suddenly expanding to the entire Blossom district was a huge leap. But it is okay since our respected CEO Diana has been planning for this for years." Though Cindy spoke of the current plans and priorities of the company she was actually pointing out where Diana was going wrong by rushing things. Her addressing Diana as CEO Diana and not as the boss was a micro sign from her expressing that she has already switched her boss.

"But, you think CEO Diana's plans are not enough to handle this big transition, don't you?" The last sentence spoken by Cindy sounded a little satirical she did not believe Diana would pull this off just because she dreamed to expand Fine Gold to the Blossom district one day. Fine Gold was a big fish down south but as you move closer to the capital you rarely see big fish as it is filled with sharks and whales. So just because you dreamed to be in the big leagues in your childhood doesn't mean that you will enter the big leagues out of nowhere. Right now Fine Gold was trying to enter the deeper waters whether it will be able to swim deeper or float to the surface or be devoured was not clear but just moving forward on a flimsy plan was not going to work, as big leagues are different and things are done differently around here.

"I don't mean to undermine or criticize CEO Diana's plan for the company in any way..." Cindy dragged her words like virtuous little employ who would never betray her boss.

"But..." I knew there was a but in Cindy's sentence and I helped her find it. I acted along with Cindy, hiding behind these whimsical charades makes her feel more safe than fine. Whatever works for her as long I am getting the worth of my time.

"But I don't think that Fine Gold is ready to become the sole supplier for the entire Blossom district. If CEO Diana continues with her plan then Fine Gold will fall on its face hard. Then I don't know if we will be able to recover from the losses incurred." And there it was folks, the virtuous employee finally admitted that she wasn't a virgin. Cindy spoke her mind criticizing Diana and her plan for the company. She didn't hesitate to predict the downfall of Fine Gold as a company.

"Cindy, tell me, why do you think so?" I enquired the virtuous employee of her naughty escapades. If a girl tells you she lost her virginity Who, When, Where, How, and Why were the obvious questions.

"First of the status and market differences. The blossom district has a few second-tier cities, their market is way different from the market in a third-tier city. And how can the people of Second-tier cities allow folks from third-tier city enter their market? There will be a lot of pushback and resistance. If it was just one city, Fine Gold could fight back, hell even give the folks from the second-tier city a run for their money. We are not talking about a single city, are we? But the entire Blossom district. The forces of the Fine Gold will be stretched thin. There is no way that the fine gold will be able to overcome the pushback and resistance of the folks from the second-tier cities.

Fine Gold isn't armed with enough good men for this task, CEO Diana understands this, therefore, she has started hiring more staff. Here's the thing about the new staff, their priorities don't lie in interest with Fine Gold but themselves, so when things become intense, believe me, they will, these people will not hesitate to bail. Some will rise to the occasion but the latter will be true for most of the part.

The Circle, they haven't forgotten the debt CEO Diana owes them. We have caught a spy of the circle in the recruits, who knows how many more have or are trying to infiltrate the company." The escapades Cindy had in store for me were not small, one has to remember she was the virtuous employee who started off saying she didn't want to undermine or criticize her old boss. But when she got the chance she showed that she had a lot of opinions about Diana and how she did things.

"Don't worry about the circle, it isn't a problem." When the Fine Gold was just an up-start it was the backing of the circle that helped it grow to its current glory. Now that Fine Gold is ready to spread its wings wide, Circle was here to hitch a ride. They were an easy problem to solve but the real problem was that the Fine Gold didn't understand its inability and was swallowing more than it could chew. If it continues like this it would choke itself into self-destruction.

What I am implying here was why is Fine Gold trying to break into the market of other cities? Instead of outsourcing the distribution of silver milk powder to the locals, as the royal family was opting to do? If Diana chose to outsource the distribution to a local or even partner with the locals, she wouldn't have to go through the hardship of facing pushback and resistance from the folks of the second-tier cities to break into their markets. Even if she manages to successfully enter their market, she still had to understand their market as it was way different from the market in a third-tier city. Fine Gold had zero experience with how the second-tier city market works. Diana was basically setting up herself to fail.

"Diana is smarter than this, what is the problem here? What is causing her to choose this suicidal route?"

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