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Date 22 Mar 2321

Time 19:19

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

[Card Name: Poison Blaster Mounted Full body Rainbow Scaled armour

Card Type: Item card (passive)

Card Rank: C-rank, Uncommon Grade

Card Rate: 5 Stars

Card Durability: [97/100]

Card Effect: equipping Poison Blaster Mounted Full body Rainbow Scaled armour gives the user defence and elasticity of the C-rank Rainbow Serpent. Additional effect – Stealth, Physical Strengthening, Shoulder Mount Poison Blaster, Poison Immunity, Touched by gale spirit, double jump, sprint.

Restriction: the poison immunity only works for the poison produced by the Green horned poison frog poison gland.]

Touched by Gale spirit(passive) – agility +1

Sprint(active) – Increased agility for a minute. Cooldown time 120 seconds.

Double Jump(active) – ability to jump second time by step on air.

Cooldown time 10 seconds.

Poison Immunity(passive) – The user gains poison immunity towards the poison produced by the Green horned poison frog poison gland.

Shoulder Mount Poison Blaster(active) – A Shoulder Mount Poison Blaster powered by a C-rank soul energy core with Poison attributes and controlled using users mental strength.

Additional effect – auto-aim within 13 meters.

Physical strengthening(passive) – The user's physical strength is strengthened to the level of a C-rank beast.

Additional effect – Healthy.

Stealth(active) – The Rainbow coloured scales of the Rainbow serpent can become invisible giving the Rainbow Poison Blaster Full body Scaled armour the ability to turn invisible.

The Poison Blaster Mounted Full body Rainbow Scaled armour card had all the abilities I required for infiltration of the Zhang financiers Main office. With this card equipped, I could also equip the abyssal bear card. without having to worry about my meager soul power.

Apart from the Poison Blaster Mounted Full body Rainbow Scaled armour and Poison soul beam Rifle item cards, I also bought 5 poison gas bombs for diversion or desperate situation and a Stealth Cloak to hide Ronnie.

[Card Name: Poison Gas bombs

Card Type: One Tume Use Item card

Card Rank: D-rank, Uncommon Grade

Card Rate: 3 Stars

Card Durability: [94/100]

Card Effect: Upon detonation Poison gas Area of effect is 150 meters. Additional effect – Hallucination, temporary nerve paralysis, trigger, hide.

Restriction: please handle bomb trigger with care

Recommended: More efficient in narrow areas and use of a gas mask is recommended as the poison gas will scatter with wind.

Cost: \$1.53million]

[Card Name: Stealth Cloak

Card Type: Item card

Card Rank: D-rank, Uncommon Grade

Card Rate: 3 Stars

Card Durability: [91/100]

Card Effect: a normal cloak but upon activating the card user turns invisible. Additional effect – the cloak can also change colours according to users will.]

Now that I had everything prepared to infiltrate the Zhang base of operation I informed Susan and headed out.

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Date 22 Mar 2321

Time 19:48

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

I got off the cab in a nearby ally to Zhang financiers Main office. Then equipping the Poison Blaster Mounted Full body Rainbow Scaled armour I turn on its stealth effect and walk into 13 storeys Zhang financiers Main office through the front door.

Since it was late Evening I thought that the building will be surrounded by drunk goons but today that wasn't that case, for some reason the place surrounding the building was cleaned up and all the goons were dressed in black and stood in formation inside the lobby as if waiting for someone.

Listening to their whispers I came to know that they were waiting to receive their boss Kevin Zhang who was returning to the Sky Blossom city today. Knowing that the main boss will be arriving soon I did not waste time listening to their chatter and hurriedly placed all 3 poison gas bombs in the lobby and headed to the security room which was conveniently by the main entrance of the building.

Thankfully there was only one security in the room, it seems every goon apart from that are at work is present in the lobby to receive their boss.

Zhang financiers Main office is 13 storeys building with 4 underground floors. The first underground floor is used for parking and the rest are used for the Zhang mercenary shady business. And thanks to the surveillance monitors I saw Ronnie being held on the 3rd underground floor. Then I placed one bomb in the surveillance room too before heading to the staff stairs.

Taking the staff stairs I went to the 3rd underground floor without a hitch mostly because all the goons were in the lobby leaving the rest of the building defenceless and also, C-rank stealth was no joke it was as if I was never there.

But when I reached the third floor I did not directly enter it because what I saw in the surveillance video feed in the security room made me cautious. Ronnie was not the only one being held but there were others.

The problem was Ronnie and other inmates were not bound or imprisoned they were left free to roam on the 3rd underground floor. And there was only one guard to watch them. What was more surprising that the inmates did not try to rebel, were they too afraid to rebel or there is something special about the guard watching over the inmates.

Just to be sure I decide to take out the guard first and then enter the 3rd underground floor.

But taking out the guard was not an easy job as he was sitting in the middle of the whole floor and was surrounded by inmates, I had only one chance and if I miss then the guard would be alerted.

Come to think of it the whole floor was empty with no walls or rooms or partition. it was empty with just the building support beams and chair for the guard to sit on. Another thing to notice was that the guard was completely defenceless and dozing off without any fear for the inmates rebelling.

Clearly, something was special about the guard. Seeing how he was in the center of the floor and the inmates did not show any sign of rebelling I guessed that the guard was using a field or trap card and the entire 3rd underground floor was under the area effect of his field or trap card.

Now the only way I could knock out the guard was by detonating a poison gas bomb at the centre of the 3rd underground floor so that the poison gas would render him paralysed and confused under hallucinations. But with him, the rest of the inmates would be affected too. I did not care about the inmates but Ronnie was among the inmates he would also be under the effect of the poison gas and suffer from paralysis and hallucination.

I could not waste my time on choosing the best option, as Kevin Zhang would arrive any minute now. he is a silver grimoire card soldier unlike the card students and scholars in the building that guy was on another level, he was a veteran and right now I was sure I was not his opponent. Therefore without caring for the consequences I threw the poison gas bomb at the centre of the 3rd underground floor.

As soon as the poison gas bomb entered the floor the guard that was lazing around on the chair suddenly acted and turned to look right at the poison gas bomb, thankfully I

had already guessed that the opponent's field card had field detection ability and would notice the bomb the moment the bomb entered his area of effect.

Booom!!

So, when the guard acted I had already detonated the poison gas bomb, not just this one I detonated all the remaining 4 bombs placed in the lobby and security room. So, that nobody will be able to access the security room to watch the surveillance feed.

I chose this particular poison gas bomb because this poison gas did not take effect through inhaling or skin contact of the poison but it directly affects the soul energy of the victim, once the victim's soul energy comes in contact with the poison they are directly faced with nerve paralysis and hallucination within 0.076 seconds. Due to this effect of the poison gas, each bomb cost me near \$1.5million.

Threatened by the large bang sound and poison gas any card apprentice will choose to protect themselves with their soul energy allowing the poison gas to come in contact with their soul energy and falling prey to it.

Thanks to the poison gas all the inmates and the guard fell under paralysis and hallucination. I had already seen where Ronnie fell and without wasting any time I activated sprint and ran to his position and picked him up while covering him with the stealth cloak.

[You have entered the prison dungeon of Joe Meyer]

[You are not designated as an invader or inmate by the host, therefore you are free to enter and leave the prison dungeon.]

Reading these notifications I knew I could not take out Ronnie until the guard allows it or I knock out the guard. The guard was under hallucination but still conscious so the field card he used was still in effect, I had to knock him out to bring Ronnie out of the prison dungeon.

Chapter 81: Ambush

Date 22 Mar 2321

Time 20:05

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

While entering Zhang financiers Main office I had equipped a C-rank Rainbow Poison Blaster Mounted Full Body Scaled Armour card (5-stars) and 5 D-rank Poison Gas Bomb Card (3-stars) completely occupying all the 6 item cards slots. So, 20-stars of my total 34-star power were occupied.

The Poison Gas Bomb has an area of effect of 150meters, 2 Poison Gas Bombs should be more than enough inside the lobby but I placed 3 Poison Gas Bomb. 2 bombs were for the lobby but the last one was placed inside the building main vent which was conveniently positioned by the service room next to the Security room.

Even though I had placed 4 Poison Gas Bomb my 4 Item cards were still occupied but instead of Poison Gas Bomb, the item card slots showed Poison Gas Bomb Trigger. Therefore, 20-star of my 34-star were still occupied.

When I finally detonated the 5 Poison Gas Bombs my 5 out of 6 Item card Slots were emptied and now only 5-star of my 34-star was occupied allowing me to equip C-rank Poison Soul Beam Rifle (4-stars) and D-rank Stealth Clock (3-stars) bring my occupied star power back to [12-stars/34-stars].

I entered the prison dungeon and tried to use Stealth Cloak card on Ronnie but I received a string of notifications,

[You have tried to use Stealth Cloak card on Ronnie without the permission of the dungeon master Joe Meyer]

[Prison Dungeon finds you as hostile and has automatically designated you as Invader]

[As the Invader of Prison Dungeon you are facing the following penalties,

-You are unable to summon your grimoire.

-You are unable to leave the prison dungeon without the permission of Prison Dungeon Master Joe Meyer.

-Your star power is halved.

-All your stats have decreased by 10%

-You will be attacked by Prison Dungeon self-defence, 10 F-rank Prison Guard Golems and 1 E-rank Prison Warden Golem.]

[First penalty invalid as Invader had already summoned his grimoire before entering the Prison Dungeon]

[Second penalty applied, As Dungeon Master is unresponsive Prison Dungeon automatically authorizes the second penalty. You're now unable to leave the Prison Dungeon without the permission of the Dungeon Master]

[Third penalty applied, your current star power is 17-stars [12-stars/17-stars]]

[Forth penalty applied, all your stats have been reduced by 10%]

[Fifth penalty applied, 10 F-rank Prison Guard Golems and 1 E-rank Prison Warden Golem being summoned.]

[Kindly surrender to change your status from Invader to Inmate and stop the pursuit of Prison Guards and Warden]

Reading the notifications I was impressed with the prison dungeon card and here I thought that the creationist of this world did not have imagination. A card being able to trap and halve the star power of a card apprentice was already a remarkable card not to mention the other penalties. Thanks to the notification I could conclude the following,

-Joe Meyer the guard was still under the hallucination effect of the Poison Gas Bomb, as the Prison Dungeon found its Dungeon master unresponsive.

-The Prison Dungeon card was the origin card of Joe Meyer.

-Joe Meyer was of Card Scholar realm as the highest rank of the golems was E-rank.

-Finally, unless I completely render Joe Mayer unconscious I and Ronnie could not leave the Prison Dungeon.

As I was assessing the situation, 10 F-rank Prison Guard Golems and 1 E-rank Prison Warden Golem were summoned right to my location such that the 11 golems had surrounded me blocking my exit from all directions.

I already knew that even though I was invisible the Prison Dungeon could accurately pinpoint my location within it thanks to its detection ability which I discovered when the guard spotted the poison gas bomb earlier.

The Third penalty to halve the Invaders star power was impressive ability but it did not affect me at all as my card star ratings were very low except for the abyssal bear card which had a card rating of 26-stars.

Even though my stats were reduced by 10% the 10 F-rank Prison Guard Golems and 1 E-rank Prison Warden Golem were not my match thanks to my C-rank Poison Blaster Mounted Full body Rainbow Scaled armour card which gave me the defence of a C-rank Rainbow Serpent and C-rank physical strengthening.

While carrying Ronnie in one hand I defeated each of the F-rank Prison Guard Golems with a single punch and as for the E-rank Prison Guard Golem, its body crumbled with a single punch of mine but the broken golems regenerated.

To my surprise, I did not find any core in their body to destroy them for good even after I activated my soul pupils. Considering that the prison dungeon card is the origin card of Joe Meyer then the core of the golems should be Joe Meyer himself.

Since I knew that the golem's core was Joe Meyer himself I no longer wasted my time fighting with the prison golems. Getting rid of them I ran to paralysed Joe Meyer who was laying on the chair with his eyes wide-open but those eyes looked confused, making it easier for me to knock him out without a second delay. With that, the golems rushing towards me vanished indicating that the Prison dungeon card was no longer in play.

Unconscious or not Joe Meyer was not my opponent. This is the advantage of having a higher grade grimoire and, if not for me having a silver grade grimoire I would not have been able to equip C-rank cards enabling me to defeat card apprentices with a higher realm than me even though my stats were refused by 10%.

Not to mention the Card ratings, most of the card apprentices of the Card student realm would be rendered combat less under the third penalty which would halve their soul energy making half their equipped cards useless. This was not the victory of my combat prowess but my high-grade grimoire and near-perfect cards with the lowest possible card ratings.

Using the Stealth Cloak item card on Ronnie and turning him invisible I carried him to the staff stairs, thanks to the C-rank physical strengthening effect of the Poison Blaster Mounted Full body Rainbow Scaled armour Ronnie's weight did not hinder my speed.

Climbing the staff stairs to the 1st underground floor that is used as an underground parking lot I exited the Zhang financiers Main office Building through the parking lot exit. The security guard in the booth at the exit was also paralysed and under hallucination. It seems the poison gas bomb that I placed in the building main vent worked exceptionally.

Without looking back I hastily rushed to leave this block of the south zone on foot before anybody realised the peculiarity within the Zhang financiers Main office or even worse, the arrival of Kevin Zhang along with his top goons.

Running 4 blocks faraway from the Zhang financiers Main office I finally stopped to hire a cab but could not since Ronnie was paralysed and hallucinating. I thought of carrying an antidote but did not as my item car slots were full and there was no point in carrying them since the Poison Blaster Mounted Full body Rainbow Scaled armour card gave me a poison immunity, another reason why I chose the poison gas bomb as its poison was from green horned poison frog.

Even though the poison was only temporary it would still take hours before the effects of the poison start to wear down because the poison gas was of D-rank and two realms higher than Ronnie who was only a card student, so its effects on Ronnie would last longer.

So, I could only carry Ronnie and walk to the Warehouse avoiding the main streets and crowded area in stealth.

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Date 22 Mar 2321

Time 20:23

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

“Ben you have made all the arrangements properly right, why isn’t everyone rushing out to receive me.” Asked Kevin Zhang seated in a luxurious black limousine which was parked right in front of the Zhang financiers Main office main entrance.

“I have arranged everything properly uncle, please wait let me call them to check what’s the delay.” Replied Ben Li as he hurriedly summoned his grimoire to call the goons. But to his surprise, nobody answered his calls.

Ben Li started to sweat vigorously under heart fear and nervousness. Imagining the worst he panicked and stutteringly said, “U-uncle… it seems we have a problem nobody inside the building is answering my call.”

Kevin Zhang frowned and asked the driver to drive into the building’s underground parking lot. To their surprise, the security guard in the booth at the entrance of the parking lot was laying on the floor.

One of the goons got out and the condition of the security guard only to be affected by the residual poison inside the booth. Seeing the goon who went to check on the security guard fall to the ground Kevin Zhang shouted, “Poison! Fu<k quick get out of here.”

Hearing Kevin Zhang’s order the driver did not delay and fled the scene. The atmosphere in the luminous was tense especially Ben Li he knew from today on that his uncle would not trust him with anything.

Kevin Zhang was a cautious type and because of this, he was able to survive till now in the underworld. Considering the situation the first thing that came to Kevin’s mind was to flee the scene to avoid any possible ambush or assassination attempts. It did not matter if his decision was wrong or right as long he was alive, who cares if he was wrong.

“U-uncle… What is going on just before leaving the airfield I checked on them while informing them about your safe arrival and be prepared to receive you. Everything was normal then.... What happened? Just within 40minutes...

Chapter 82: Safe

Date 22 Mar 2321

Time 20:23

Location – Sky blossom City, East Zone, Madison garden

“Uncle What do we do next almost 3/4th of our manpower were in the Main office building, if all of them are assassinated then wouldn’t the Zhang mercenaries be doomed with this.” After fleeing the Zhang main office in a hurry Ben Li and his uncle Kevin along with what remains of Zhang mercenaries seemed to refuse in Madison Garden instead of going to their houses as therein lied the risk of ambush like what happened in the main office building.

Hearing Ben Li Kevin Zhang trembled with anger and shouted, ” you fool I am the Zhang mercenary as long I breathe the Zhang mercenaries live and have a chance of revival. Now is not the time to mop around, we have to find who is targeting us before it is too late.”

“Uncle how about I have someone call the emergency number and report cops about the incident at the main office building, this way cops will do all the work for us.”

“You Dumbass this way aren’t you just handing our enemies enough reason to investigate us and get rid of us legally. The main office is the centre of our operation it contains all the records and material evidence of our dirty laundry. I am starting to regret handing you my life work.” Zhang was filled with rage but it was cooled down with his regret of choosing Ben Li as his successor based on nepotism.

“Uncle no need to worry, I have everything under control even if the cops tear down the building they would not find any material evidence of our dirty deeds because 4 days ago I had everything shifted to your mansion in the south zone because the main office building was like hot potato I always feared when the police will raid it. The current main office building is just an empty shell except for the few rats stored on the 3rd Underground floor.” Ben Li explained his reason for involving cops.

Hearing his nephew’s deeds Kevin Zhang felt chill in his heart because the main office building was registered under his nephews name so even if the cops raided these place Kevin could deny any knowledge or connection with shady things going on in the Main office building and use his nephew as a scapegoat. But now all the evidence had been shifted to his mansion which meant Ben Li was in clear and Zhang was trouble. The worst thing was Zhang did not know if his nephew did this on purpose or he just had an innocent foresight.

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Date 22 Mar 2321

Time 21:19

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

It took me an hour to reach the warehouse on foot while carrying Ronnie in stealth. As I walked into the warehouse I saw Corey and Susan both pacing around the warehouse with a serious expression. Turning off stealth I asked, "What happened, why are you guys so tense?"

"Ahh!..."

"Ah!..."

"Wyatt! Appearing out of nowhere out blue... You scared us..." Susan exclaimed with puffed cheeks.

"Sorry! I should have removed the stealth before entering the warehouse, I guess."

"You guess, I almost activated my Magnetic field card on you. Please be more responsible." Corey rebutted.

"But did I not inform you earlier that the rescue was a success and to prepare an antidote for green horned poison frog poison ... anyway thank you Corey for not using your magnetic field card on me." Saying that I deactivated the stealth cloak card as I placed poisoned Ronnie on the couch.

After I placed Ronnie on the couch Susan hurriedly came next to the couch and used the antidote on Ronnie and said "That should do it. He should wake up any minute now."

"By the way guys... if you guys are here, who is watching over Jackie? What if she wakes up?" Jackie was suspiciously knocked out and if she were to wake up to unknown surroundings it would have freaked her out

"No need to worry... we called a professional to take care of Jackie. Seeing how Jackie was unconscious for a long time we were troubled thinking about her being pregnant and all. Don't worry she is a friend of mine, I called in a favour." Susan explained I guess I was hastily knocking Jackie out without considering her being 5-6 month pregnant.

"Thank you." I thanked Susan sincerely for considering something that I did not think of.

"The Baby and the mother are fine and healthy, no need to worry. I will go ask my friend to wake up Jackie since the problem is solved and the situation is better now." Susan tried to console me.

“Yeah! Thank you.” I had known Susan only for a few days now but I had already become very dependent on her and she had become a part of my life. I was lucky to have made such a friend.

As Susan left towards the bedroom I looked at Corey and said, “Thank you, Corey.”

“Why are you thanking me? I did nothing to help you.” Corey replied shyly.

“No you did and you staying at the warehouse even past your working hours say it all.” Corey’s shift was already over by 19:30 but still, she stuck around accompanying Susan when she could have gone home.

“...”

“By the way! Did you both have dinner yet?”

“No, We did not...”

“Okay let this couple wake and we can all have dinner together.”

“Okay!” Corey exclaimed excitedly.

While I and Corey were chatting, Jackie ran out from the bedroom shouting Ronnie’s name and Seeing unconscious Ronnie she rushed next to him, raised his head and sat on the couch while laying Ronnie’s head on her lap she started to caress his face as she whispered, “Baby wake up! It’s me.. Baby Wake up...”

“Don’t worry Jackie, he is just unconscious and he will wake up within the next 10 minutes.”

“You lied to me... You never plan on getting help from the guild or the authorities, in the first place.” Jackie glared at me.

“You would never agree to plan anyway so I did what I had to.” I did not bother to explain my actions to her.

“But why did you knock me out... I could have helped... How could you put yourself in danger? Do you think Ronnie would be happy knowing his cousin getting hurt or worse to rescue him? No, he would not.

Wyatt I know I may be sounding ungrateful and all but how you shoulder all the sudden yourself. I may not have been able to help you but we could have shared the burden of making the choice together.

In the future please refrain from doing such things. Back in the cab, you told me Ronnie is family then we are a family let's work together in future. No more lone hero stuff anyway thank you. Wyatt, you did not just save one life but you saved three lives today."

'Wtf! Just say thank you and be done with it! Why are you spouting such cringe stuff?'

"Yes! Jackie is right Wyatt. Earlier I was very mad and angry at myself for allowing you to go alone. There were many other ways I could have helped you but at that time I could not think of any and was of no help but later I regretted it thinking of all the ways I could have helped you but it was already too late.

Wyatt as my client every time you get a business you fairly give me my share but when the times were difficult you shoulder the burden all alone."

"Susan you too? I followed the most effective method. If I needed help I would have asked you guys. Who is playing alone here? Who is shouldering the burden alone? You are giving me more credit than I deserve." I said sly, scratching the back of my head.

"Wyatt, I think they are not praising you." Said Corey.

"Umm..." while we were bickering, Ronnie regained consciousness. Excited Jackie gently caressed his hair and said, "Baby you awake... how are you feeling"

Muddled Ronnie hearing Jackie's voice hurriedly opened his eyes to be greeted by Jackie's face, shocked Ronnie tried to get but the C-rank poison had taken a toll on his body and was completely limp and unresponsive to his command, terrified Ronnie shouted, "Jackie what are doing here? Did those beasts kidnap you too?"

"No baby, calm down you are safe now... we are at your cousin Wyatt's place. See" Jackie tried to ease alarmed Ronnie.

"Hey, Ronnie don't worry! everything is taken care of... you and Jackie are safe now." I did not know this side but the Wyatt family cared a lot about him so I had to save him. I owe the Wyatt couple and son a lot, especially Mama Wyatt whose inheritance I had inherited. If not for inheritance I would be struggling to survive in this world right now.

"Wyatt is that you... why did you get involved in this? those guys are heinous and won't stop at anything." Ronnie said agitatedly.

"Cousin calm down! Right now you are safe just house on that and forget about those goons they won't trouble us in future, trust me"

"How did you bring me here? They would not leave me just like that right?"

"Do not worry about that, what you should be worried about is your parents? They will be here soon."

“What?”

“What?”

Jackie and Ronnie exclaimed together. And Ronnie, “so you inform them that I was here?”

“No! I just asked them to come here since the village was no longer a safe place for them with Jackie’s father and village guard chief out for your blood.”

“Yes! You did the right thing. But won’t the village head and guard chief know that I and Jackie are hiding here?”

“Let them, they may be kings in the village but this Sky blossom city they are similar to every other average Joe in the city. You both are legally adults and they can not force you to do anything.

And aren’t you supposed to call the village head father in law? Take responsibility man after all you did knock up his daughter and elope with her?

When uncle and auntie Wyatt arrive how about you two get married? I don’t want my niece or nephew to be born in sin.”

“Ronnie, Wyatt is right! I never once heard you address my parents as your in-laws but whereas I already address your parent’s as mother and father.” Jackie voiced her discontent.

Chapter 83: Grandpa!

Date 22 Mar 2321

Time 21:42

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

“Your father is too scary, whenever I think about calling him father-in-law I feel goosebumps rising all over my body.” Ronnie defended.

“Now you are just making an excuse, even though he is arrogant, conniving and grim-looking he is rather a soft-hearted man to the people he loves. As long as you get on his good side you will see his warm and generous nature.” Said Jackie while glaring at Ronnie but her hands still gently caressed his hair while his head laid on her lap.

Ignoring Jackie’s glare Ronnie turned his head to Jackie’s belly bump and kissing it he said, “I missed you, baby! Did you miss daddy?”

A 17-year-old boy and a 20-year-old pregnant girl couple act all lovely dove. I felt my stomach churn and threw up a little. I had my fair share of girls but never met the one, one that would make me feel whole. Ah... I kinda envied these two for finding each other.

"You two! can't you control it?" I said looking at them with disgust.

"If they did... she would not be pregnant in the first place would she." Said Susan mockingly. This was new said of Susan I never thought existed in her, no matter how professional she acts she still is a single woman in her prime.

Hearing Susan's comment Jackie's face turned red with shame and embarrassment while Ronnie just laughed as if he heard someone compliment his achievement. Seeing Ronnie take pride, ashamed Jackie pinched his thigh.

"Awe! Jackie don't... you know I am sensitive in that area... we are in company, remember." Said Ronnie with a straight face.

"Perv!" Pushing Ronnie's head off her lap Jackie stood up in shame.

"Big sis Susan don't worry you will find your 'the one' soon." Corey suddenly teased Susan. I did not notice Corey and Susan had gotten that close.

"Little girl looks like I was too lenient on you, now you dare to tease your big sis" said Susan as she twisted Corey's ear.

"It hurts big sis I am sorry... please forgive" Corey begged in pain.

Releasing Corey's ear Susan said, "hope you learnt your lesson"

"Yes big sis, I will never mention your love life again..." said Corey, she felt wronged for stating the obvious.

Susan glared at Corey and menacingly she said, "looks like you need to stay for extra makeup lessons, Corey."

"Guys! I am hungry, who's up for bbq and beer?" I asked, if I left them like this they would talk nonsense till the sunrise. Today was a rather busy day for me, all I want right now is to chug chill beer and fill my stomach with bbq.

"Okay" "okay" Corey and Susan agreed simultaneously.

"Let's go! what are you waiting for?" Urged Jackie.

“*ahem* wife hearing beer you forgot your husband...you know you are still pregnant and can not have a beer right... guys, I still have not regained control over my body...” Ronnie, who was still laid on the couch said awkwardly.

Jackie was embarrassed and her face was red with shame, forgetting her husband was no big deal but her baby which she is carrying in her stomach right now, ‘how can I forget my baby. Am I a bad mother?’

This incident made Jackie second guess everything she was sure about until now. Seeing her like that, Susan tried to comfort her by saying, “Jackie don’t worry about it, it’s your pregnancy brain. It is acting up since you have been under a lot of stress lately.”

“Yes, Baby! Big sis is right. Sorry because of me you had to go through all this if only I was more capable...” Ronnie knew he had said something he should not have and apologised to Jackie and took the whole blame.

“No baby, you are the best. You can not take the blame for what those guys did. I am happy that you are safe now.” Hearing Ronnie take the blame and apologies, Jackie was touched and her heartfelt warmer.

“Wyatt did you hear that! Ronnie called me big sis. Why can’t you be more like him?” This again! Susan has been on my back ever since that day at the auction to call her big sister.

“Forget it. That kid doesn’t know your name that is why he called you big sis. As for me, just give up not happening.” I said with annoyance.

“We will see!” Susan’s eyes flashed as she said that, and added, “how about I just prepare some food right here. I had stocked the fridge in the afternoon.”

In the afternoon while I was helping Elliott create his origin card, Susan with the help of the mall management had built a bedroom, restroom with shower and a kitchen with dining hall along with required furniture in the warehouse.

“What are you going to prepare?” I asked.

“Nothing fancy macaroni and cheese”

“That’s it?” I was really hungry as I had to skip lunch receiving uncle Wyatt’s call. Mac & Cheese wouldn’t be enough.

“At moments notice that’s all I can prepare if you are willing to wait I can make something fancy. And I have two cartons of beer.”

“If you have meat and bread I can make grilled sandwiches” Jackie offered.

“Yes we do and I will make mashed potatoes.” Said Corey in high spirits.

“Great! Mac and cheese, grilled sandwich, mashed potato and beer, this wasn’t what I expected Since three beauties offered to cook for us how dare I reject.” I said

“Okay, leave it to us! dinner for 5” said Susan as the girls walked towards the Kitchen.

But suddenly a deep mellow voice sounded, “How about you add this old man too! If you don’t mind that is...”

Hearing this voice everyone was spooked and turned to the source of the voice, it was an old man dressed in tacky clothes.

“Grandpa! What are you doing here?” Corey recognised the old man and called out

“I should be asking you that! Why aren’t you heading home, do you know how worried I was? You could have at least called to inform.” William Bright said sternly.

“But I did send you a message” Corey complained.

“Did you?” Said William acting to check his grimoire because he had already read the message earlier.

When Corey did not arrive home after work as usual William was worried and thinking of the worst he headed out to check on his princess. But by the time he reached the warehouse Corey had sent him a message informing him that she would be late, what can he do he was already here and decided on voyeurism.

Knowing that Corey would be angry William chose to watch quietly hiding his presence. Apart from being happy about Corey making friends he wanted to see if she was being treated right by her new friends.

Everything was fine until this kid named Wyatt came. That kid would glance at that place he was hiding from time to time as if he could see him. Thinking it was just a coincidence he let go and continued to hide. he would have continued to hide till the end but when he heard his granddaughter was going to make mashed potatoes, to taste his granddaughter’s hand made mashed potatoes he chose to come out of hiding.

“Welcome Lord Bright, you are Corey’s grandfather, how can we refuse you? Dinner for 6 it is” Said Susan being respectful, that old man was William Bright. He was not your average rich old man, he was lord of the Bright family and a Golden grimoire holder.

“No need for honorifics and formalities, I come here today as Corey’s grandfather, a concerned guardian.” Said William humbly.

“Oldman, you finally decided to show yourself. If not for you being Corey’s relative I would have called the enforcers on you.” I said, when I returned to the warehouse I had this feeling of being monitored so I turned on my soul pupil and scanned the whole warehouse only to find a figure with large soul energy hiding in the shadows of the wall.

At first, I panicked and almost called enforcers even though I knew they wouldn’t be a match for the figure hiding in shadows but they could buy some time for me, Susan and the rest to escape.

I finally calmed down and then it dawned upon me I had seen a partially similar Soul pathway arrangement somewhere else, I tried hard to remember then my sight fell on Corey and knew that Corey and the figure hiding in shadow were related. As soul arrangements can be similar on some level if both the people are related.

Knowing that it was someone related to Corey I thought the figure was her secret bodyguard and left him alone. But never would I have guessed that the Bright family lord himself would personally guard his granddaughter.

“Grandpa! Is Wyatt speaking the truth?” Asked Corey. I thought of Corey as my friend and I would like to think Corey would not want me to hide this from her.

“Listen my princess! Let grandpa explain. I was worried and came to check on you after all you were late. Please do not be angry, forgive grandpa this once... this the last time I will act like this.” The esteemed Lord of the Bright family acted like a troubled parent and begged Corey for forgiveness.

Chapter 84: Masochist Hero

Date 22 Mar 2321

Time 21:51

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

After Corey forgave William the girls went to cook while I and Ronnie were left to entertain the lord of the Bright family.

“Old man! you have a big family, wife, children and grandchildren didn’t anyone teach you how to dress. I get that you are a golden grimoire holder but that does not give you a pass on killing proper dressing.

What’s with that blue polka dot shirt over yellow floral print pants along with a pair of white cowboy boots. Where did you buy floral print pants? Do they even make those?

Seeing how you are my friend’s grandpa let me give you advice on clothing if you think it is appropriate to wear then don’t wear them.” For someone with all the money and

power in Sky blossom city, William was dressed tacky. I am not vain to judge other people on their dressing or clothes but what William was wearing was too painful to watch, his colours of choice had left the flamboyant station and stopped at the freak station.

"Kid, you know my identity and still dare to talk to me like that. Do you think I will let this pass just because you befriended my granddaughter?" William was trembling with anger, does he not know that his dressing is not appropriate, he does. But what can he do they are the requirements of his Origin card and he cannot control them. If he can not fulfil the requirements of his Origin card in time then he will be penalised but if he does satisfy them then he gets a random boost to his stats and cards.

William's Origin card's demands are always too embarrassing and shameful to fulfil but the more the shameful and embracing requirements the stronger the boosts William gains, these requirements refresh every week and are random.

Because of this Origin card, William was at odds with his father and elders but once he rose to power and became family lord he was now at odds with his beloved wife who happens to be a very vain person, she almost divorced him if not for him threatening her with suicide.

She loved him that's the reason she married him in the first place but she could not stand William embracing and making a fool of himself on the weekly basis and gaining the nickname masochist hero in their friend circle. People did not dare to call the majestic Bright family lord by that name but the other family leaders and association leaders were not afraid and even dared to taunt her with her husband's dark secret.

Because William's wife loved him too much she fought hard and sort the Card scraping card for her husband to scrape off his blasphemy of an origin card. But William did not agree with her because even though his origin card made him do shameful and foolish things it gave him great strength enough to challenge opponents at a higher realm than himself. This great strength provided by his origin card was one of the reasons the family elders who hated him because of his black history due to his origin card did not oppose to him becoming the family lord. Since William was not will to scrape his origin card William's wife threatened him with divorce to which William threatened her with Suicide.

But now a junior of the card student realm dared to do what the rest of the city dreaded to do, William was angry beyond any words could describe if not for his granddaughter's sake he would have obliterated this young ignorant calf who did not fear the tiger in front of him.

"Old man are you angry, good now that I know that you do have some dignity and resistance felt even after being abused by your Origin card for a lifetime, I will offer you a chance,

What if I were to offer you a way to control your origin card? Do you have the guts to take me up on that offer? I am willing to bet my life on this gamble old man, what about you... are you willing to come out of the shadow cast on you by your origin card!"

William was quite a famous figure in sky blossom city even before he became the lord of the Bright family, thanks to his origin card. William was one of the lucky ones how found his fated ingredient as soon as he contracted a grimoire. But since that day his black history began.

At first, the conditions mentioned by the origin card were just childish mischievous act which made him gain the public wrath of the entire Sky blossom city, bright family elders had to come out to explain the situation to the public but as Willaims strength grew the conditions mentioned by the origin card became crazier and crazier but never included harm to others or self-harm. Another reason for the sky blossom city tolerates him apart from his insane prowess.

Thanks to William and his Origin card's popularity it was not hard for me to gather information on William's Origin card. Though I knew about the conditions, penalty and rewards of his card I did not know what William's origin card real info my info was base on what the bright family elders disclosed and the rumours floating around in the grimoire network.

But this info was more than enough for me to be interested in William's origin. I was curious about this card because I heard that thanks to the strength of this card William single-handedly cleared the A-rank dungeon. I was about to create my second origin card and this is the last origin card I can ever create. After this, there are no take-backs until I find a card scraper of the corresponding level.

Since I can only create one last origin card I wanted this card to be the best out there able to face any card thrown at it seeing how there are many varieties of card which could kill me without me knowing. This is the reason why I taunted a bull-like William, I wanted the secret hidden in his origin card.

"Hahaha! Kid, you cracked me up, I will forgive you once considering my granddaughter's face but if you try your tricks on me or my granddaughter once again even good will not save you from wrath." Threatened William, as suddenly out of nowhere I felt thousands of tonnes of pressure pressing on my soul. My soul was like a rubber ball that would be quashed any second now.

Only one thing came to my mind feeling this pressure Intimidating Aura no Intimidating aura only works on a person's mental state it does not directly affect a person's soul, this pressure was different it felt like if Willam wanted to he could separate my soul from my body. I know this feeling I have felt before, yes it was when I died in my past life as my soul left my body.

“Fuck the rumours were true you are a monster even for a golden rank grimoire holder. Is this the boost provided by your origin card, to be able to attack the opponent’s soul no wonder you don’t give up on this origin card? With this, you could easily kill the opponent beyond your realm.

Coloured me impressed, my gamble still holds good Old man. I bet on my life I have a way for you to control your card to a certain extent without affecting its power.” The pressure on my soul was enough to send me to a temporary coma if not for me having experienced soul striping pain during my death in my last life.

William was shocked, this was the first time he had seen someone of the card student realm withstand a direct attack on their soul. Before, if William thought Wyatt was just boasting and was ignorant, now he was impressed but not enough to believe Wyatt had a way to control his origin card.

William’s eyebrows raised and he wanted to see if how much of the soul pressure this ant in front of could withstand, so he slowly began to increase the pressure on Wyatt’s soul without hearing the words that came out of Wyatt’s mouth.

Feeling the pressure on Soul increase I knew what William was doing, this bastard took my life as entertainment to satisfy his curiosity. But I did not regret my approach to gain William’s attention. Rather I was more determined than before. I knew people like William if they do not acknowledge your strength they will not buy even if you were selling the secret to become good.

But finally not being able to withstand the pressure on my soul I gritted my teeth and said, ” you lewd granddaughter loving pervy old man! you forced me, COREY YOUR GRANDPA IS KILLING ME!!! HELP!!!!”

Hearing Wyatt shout Williams’s mouth twitched and wanted to quash Wyatt’s soul once and for all but he controlled himself. He did not want Wyatt’s suffering to end here, how dare he sully his pure love for his granddaughter, Wyatt had to suffer! Suffer for eternity.

Chapter 85: Soul Splitting Pain

Date 22 Mar 2321

Time 22:03

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

The more I knew about various types of cards available in this world, the more I felt as if I could die any moment while I would not even know the reason for why and how I was dead. This also had many psychological effects on me leading to me feel like I was back in my past life where I could not trust anybody or relax for a second or let down my

guard because it would cost me my life. I thought I could live a new life in this new world but the more involved I got in this new life more of my insecurities surfaced.

Recently I no longer had the sense of security as I felt a constant threat to my life which kept me on alert therefore I always felt that I had to get stronger but I seem to have not enough time to get stronger, so I decided on creating my second origin card which would be the fastest way I could become stronger.

I had everything in place for my second origin card, the Viltronian soul pathway arrangement for a human core, Dungeon Calamity seed, Soul Jades, resources, capital and had decided to create my soul pathway tonight but who knew that fate had other plans for me instead of increasing my strength I ended up spending all my money and in knee-deep debt creating cards for an infiltration and rescue mission.

[C-rank Rainbow Scale full body armour Item card x1 -\$14.2million

C-rank Shoulder Mount Blaster Item card x1 -\$7.32million

C-rank Core x1 -\$125,000

C-rank Green Horned Frog Poison gland x2 -\$9.12million

C-rank Soul beam Rifle Item card x1 -\$6.78million

C-rank Physical strengthening skill card x1 -\$8million

D-rank Stealth Cloak x1 -\$6.805million

D-Poison Gas Bombs x5 -\$7.65million

Total Cost -\$60million]

Yep! Ronnie's rescue cost me freaking \$60million... otherwise rescuing him wouldn't have been as easy as it took. Fuck! I poured all my money like water to rescue this shit I don't even know just because I owed mama Wyatt.

It would have cost me less if I chose to directly kill all the Zhang mercenary goons and step on their corpse to rescue Ronnie but then I would become a wanted man and would have been on the run just like in my past life.

Fuck! I tried to calm myself by thinking about the different ways I would take my revenge on the Zhang mercenaries but it did not help as taking revenge in legal ways was boring. Revenge on Zhang Mercenary was no longer young Wyatt's revenge, it had become personal because if not for them kidnapping Ronnie I would not have to pour what was left of all my wealth in on Ronnie's rescue mission.

I had made \$86million while working with Fine Gold of which \$20million was used to pay the loan given by Corey's pretentious aunt, and another \$20million was used by Susan to purchase a D-rank Parallel Thinking card leaving me with \$46million.

Adding the \$4million I had left from the auction money after buying the hoverbike ingredients for \$2.15million I had an approx total of 50 million dollars bank balance which I wanted to use to create my second origin card because the faster way to become stronger than having strong cards is to have a strong origin card.

But who knew all of a sudden out of nowhere I had a cousin whom I would end up rescuing which would cost me 60 freaking million dollars. Not only did I use all my money for the rescue I ended up taking a \$10million loan in Susan's name. Why take a loan in Susan's name you ask because she has better credit points than me so she gets better interest rates than me. Who would you loan money to, a high schooler with a silver grade grimoire or an auction manager at association guild mall? It is obvious.

My shop just went online on the grimoire network today morning and I was already knee-deep in debt. I had 11 Soul Jades given to me by Elliott, I could sell one of them and all my money troubles would be gone, poof! Just like that. But that would be dumb because I could not buy a soul jade even if I wanted to for twice the price I would be selling my soul jade for. Knowing that I had all this wealth but I still had to take a loan in my friend's name frustrated me.

I could pay off all the debt by selling the C-rank poison blaster mounted full body armour, C-rank Poison soul beam Rifle and the D-rank Stealth Cloak since I no longer had any use for them but to get the best price for them I would have wait for next mall auction.

Within a day I went from a millionaire to debtor, in my last life even though I was on a run I never had any shortage of money but in this world no matter how much money I earned I still ended up with debt. I started to believe that Lady Fortune did not favour young Wyatt. I needed to get stronger for that I needed money that's when the walking treasury walked into the warehouse, the lord of The Bright family William Bright.

William Bright had right what I wanted,

A butt load of money, check.

Mysterious and powerful origin card, check.

Dire problems which I could solve, check.

William Bright was like a godsent answer to my prayers. Ever since I knew about his Origin card I wanted to know more about and solve all the mysteries behind its power and make them my own. From the rumours of Williams origin card, it was one of a kind as it was able to initiate a conversation with the card apprentice and put forth demands

if not satisfied it could even punish the card apprentice, which is unheard of as the card apprentice are the masters of the cards and grimoires and origin cards are supposed to be a part of the card apprentice.

Even a small discovery in solving this card's mystery can mean a huge boost in the strength of my second origin card because what I had planned for my second origin card was more than just a human core or dungeon calamity it was a game-changer and I think the mysterious of Williams origin card can help me further achieve my goals. This is the reason I did not hesitate to taunt this pervy old man even at the cost of my life.

"COREY YOUR GRANDPA IS KILLING ME!!! HELP!!!!"

My cry for help was so loud that Ronnie who was sleeping peacefully on the couch jolted and fell on the ground. As for Corey, it took a while for her to process my words but she rushed to my rescue. Jackie rushed behind her too but was stopped by Susan who asked her to hide just in case for the worst possible scenario while Susan herself rushed to my rescue.

Thinking about the safety of the unborn baby in her belly Jackie listened to Susan and stayed behind as even a small disturbance in her soul pathways could lead to severe consequences for the baby whose soul pathways are in the process of being formed.

"COREY YOUR GRANDPA IS KILLING ME!!! HELP!!!!"

"Shut it brat! Do you think Corey can save you? if you don't close your trap believe it or not I will crush your soul to powder." William was frustrated this was the first time someone dared to sully his love for his granddaughter by comparing it to a paedophile.

The Rage William was feeling was beyond words, he wanted Wyatt to suffer not just for a moment but for eternity, he wanted to leave an imprint that would teach this smart-mouthed noisy brat not to mess with someone who can kill you with a thought or you are not capable of killing.

Blinded by rage William did something which he would not wish on his enemies he started to use to slice apart a small piece of Wyatt's soul.

Feeling his soul being sliced, Wyatt who was sweating like he was in a sauna suddenly slumped to the ground and rolled in pain from actual soul splitting.

Ronnie, who just woke up did not know what happened all he knew from Wyatt's cry for help was that the old man in front of him was killing his cousin. Without giving it a thought he summoned his grimoire and using his E-rank physique enhancement card he threw the couch next to him at the old man.

William did not even dodge the couch as once it neared 3 feet to him it burst into powder. William was having his share of fun slicing up Wyatt's soul but before he could

even finish he heard his beloved granddaughter shouting, "Grandpa stop it right now! Otherwise, I won't speak to you anymore for the rest of my life..."

Chapter 86: Dungeon Reversal

Date 22 Mar 2321

Time 21:36

Location Sky Blossom City, B-rank Blue Blossom Lake field dungeon.

110 military-grade cargo helicopters were hooked to 10 small container Vessels as they carried the 10 small container vessels in the clear black night sky filled with sparkling stars.

Inside the leading container vessel, the leaders of all three Sun Boars, Raven and Tyrant guild were having a meeting and the atmosphere in the conference room seemed to be heated.

"Shit! Boris this is not what we talked about! Why did you not get the floater container vessels instead you brought these antique ships... have you gone mad!! This is not what we agreed upon" A blurry Middle-aged man wearing nothing but pants shouted at the Scholarly middle-aged man in a black bodysuit.

"Shut up Mark! I already told you back at the yard if you don't like my arrangements you can just leave. Stop bitching and listen for once" the Scholarly middle-aged man named Boris was annoyed by Mark. This fellow since entering the shipping vessel has not stopped moving his damned mouth, why this... why that... he would just complain about every little inconvenience like a spoiled little prince. Everyone had a limit and this muscle brain was edging his limit.

"Who are you calling a bitch you little skinny assed fool believe it or not I squeeze your brain and make myself a milkshake....." Mark was the 3rd gen Guild Leader of the Sun Boars guild. The guild was named sun boars because of the origin card passed down to every generation of guild leaders. He was known for his anger and right now he was very angry with Boris for not keeping his word.

Boris is the current guild leader of the Raven guild only he knew how much pains he went through to arrange for these 110 cargo helicopters and 10 small shipping container vessels, seeing them not appreciate his work instead acted arrogantly and blamed him Boris was also very pissed.

Seeing that the situation finally was going to go sideways, Van decided to no longer stay quiet and said, " Calm down you two... do not forget our purpose all three of our guild's future depends on us clearing this dungeon.

Mark calm down Boris must have his reasons for not choosing the floater vessels. Let him explain. Since you and your guild members have gotten on these shipping vessels then I believe you trust guild master Boris's decision, stop throwing a tantrum."

"..." Mark just grunted and looked at Boris for an explanation

"I had already rented 10 floater vessels but at the last moment, the company from which promised me the vessels retreated." Said Boris

"What?! How could they?" Shouted Mark

"Boris, you are a smart man, you would not have made a mistake in choosing a trustworthy company. What happened?" Unlike Mark, Van was calm and collected and asked straight to the point.

"You are right Van. The company which I hired for renting the vessels was one by a friend of mine and he is not the one to backstab me like this." Said Boris

"Are you implying that someone powerful had pressured him into breaking the contract? Do you know who it could be?" Van understood what Boris was trying to say but he thought it was too far-fetched why would someone do that.

"Even though my friend did not say much, he did warn me to watch out for the Gemma Guild." Boris answered pinching his forehead.

"Gemma Guild! Why would they do that weren't they busy clearing A-rank Venus Rain forest field dungeon. Their hands are already filled with trying to clear the A-rank field dungeon. why would they interfere with us?" Van did not get why would a guild like Gemma Guild target them, they did not seem to contradict each other in any way.

"At first, I also thought the same thing until I saw the dungeon schedule for the B-rank Blue Blossom Lake Field dungeon. Turns out they are next on the schedule to use the B-rank Blue blossom dungeon." Boris explained

"What's the point in this, the dungeon will automatically refresh after 3 weeks no matter the results of our dungeon expedition." Van was confused, what if they are next to use the dungeon it will refresh after 3 Weeks anyways why take such underhand methods to delay their dungeon expedition.

"I know why and that is the reason I hurriedly arranged these 10 shipping vessels and 110 cargo helicopters." Said Boris with a brilliant smile on his face.

"Wow! It seems to be something good! Then why so much drama guild master Boris. Spit it out." Seeing Boris's facial expressions turn to excitement Van slapped himself on his forehead and thought 'Boris you chose the wrong career, you are a born actor brother.'

“Two Words! Dungeon Reversal” said Boris stretching out two fingers.

“Dungeon Reversal!!!”

“Dungeon Reversal!!!”

“Yes! My fellow guild masters the B-rank Blue Blossom lake field dungeon will undergo dungeon reversal.” Said Boris excitedly

“Are you sure? What makes you think that the B-rank Blue Blossom lake field dungeon will undergo dungeon reversal?” Van did not let the excitement get to him. He remained rational and asked more about the dungeon reversal.

Dungeon reversal is a natural phenomenon that exclusively happens to field dungeons. In dungeon reversal, the field dungeon overlaps on another plane with sentient beings. There the field dungeon appears like a gate dungeon.

Meaning the Field dungeon will become a gate dungeon in some other world. When this happens the people who entered the field dungeon to clear it will become the dungeon monsters and boss for the gate dungeon that appeared on the alien planet.

The field dungeon becomes the gate dungeon and the adventurers become the dungeon monsters to protect the dungeon from the invasion of the sentient beings from the alien planet.

Dungeon reversal has its advantages and disadvantages. But the advantages outweigh the disadvantages. Because new sentient species meaning new civilisation means new unexplored and undiscovered knowledge.

Every time a dungeon reversal has happened it has been recorded in the course of history. Dungeon reversal has marked the rise of many people who gain various knowledge which does not exist in the current world. One can keep the knowledge obtained for himself or share it with the government for a handsome reward.

Knowledge has always revolutionized the way humankind thinks for centuries allowing it to be the top predator even in this apocalyptic world. Humankind has always been greedy for knowledge over power or wealth or anything else allowing it to survive everything the world has to throw at it.

Gemma Guild is one of the sky blossom cities top most guild and also been rumoured as the dog of ‘The Circle’. It is so powerful that even the three guilds Sun Boars, Raven and Tyrant guild combined cannot compete with it.

Being in higher standing has its privilege, thanks to that Gemma Guild knew that B-rank Blue Blossom field dungeon was going to undergo dungeon reversal but unfortunately

the next in line to use the B-rank Blue Blossom field dungeon were the three Sun Boars, Raven and Tyrant allied guilds.

Though the three Sun Boars, Raven and Tyrant allied guilds were no match for the Gemma guild but currently Genna guild could not afford to clash head-on with the three guilds because most of their forces and guild leader were busy clearing A-rank Venus Rain Forest field dungeon.

Dungeon Reversal was too good for them to just let it go so they decided to hinder the three Sun Boars, Raven and Tyrant allied guilds from entering the field dungeon itself. In this way, they can enter the B-rank field dungeon next. Without having to go through a fight with the three guilds but who knew that their action would leak the info to Boris, Who would rather take 10 antique shipping vessels and 110 cargo helicopters for the dungeon expedition than accept defeat.

“How did you know that the B-rank Blue blossom lake field dungeon is going to undergo Dungeon reversal” asked Van.

“You must have heard of the deputy guild leader of the Genma Guild who lost his shot as the Gemma Guild leader just because he was a bastard born to the ex Gemma guild leader. He leaked the news to me but the cost was not cheap.” Boris Explained.

Mark who was quiet till now finally spoke, ” I get all this but what I don’t understand is why did you not rent floaters from other companies”

“There is no company that is willing to provide us with 10 small floater vessels at such short notice.” Explained Boris.

“What about Fine gold they seem to have 700 something floater vessels?” Asked Mark

“Are you stupid or born dumb! Why would you want to invite a wolf to your own house? If that woman knew about the dungeon reversal she would not care for rules and regulations she will directly kill all of us to be able to enter the B-rank Blue Blossom Lake field dungeon.” Shouted Van even before Boris.

Chapter 87: Why?!

Date 22 Mar 2321

Time 21:57

Location Sky Blossom City, B-rank Blue Blossom Lake field dungeon.

When the three guild leaders were lost in the heat of the argument, there was a knock on the conference room door,

‘Knock! Knock!’

“We are at our destination guild masters” reported the guild member.

“Good, Gentlemen let’s stop our discussion here and win a fortune for ourselves, shall we.” Said Boris looking at the other two guild masters.

“I can’t agree with you more” Mark agreed, while Van calmly nodded and said, “let’s head to the deck.”

All three of the guild masters left the conference room and headed to the deck. Reaching the deck of the vessel they looked down at the B-rank Blue Blossom lake field dungeon entrance.

“Van you were right the southern part of the B-rank Blue Blossom lake field dungeon is less populated with monsters. The water is so still and calm I thought it would be bubbling with monsters and beasts.” Boris praised Van for his foresight.

“No! The southern side of the dungeon is less guarded by the field monsters but it is not this calm it’s as if there are no monsters in the lake.” Said Van acting humble.

“You two isn’t it because of the Dungeon reversal. There aren’t any monsters in the dungeon that are supposed to undergo dungeon reversal, and you call me dumb.” Said Mark feeling proud for noticing what Van and Boris did not notice.

“You idiot!” Shouted Boris and Van simultaneously. And Boris continued “Other times you forget to use your brain but out of all of those moments you choose right now to use your brain”

Both Boris and Van knew why the B-rank Blue Blossom lake field dungeon was empty but they acted as if they didn’t because of the turbulent soul energy in the atmosphere which caused them to be suspicious and cautious, maybe they are not alone here.

“Enemy attack!!! Sound The Alarm! All hands-on deck! Rise the shields.” The turbulent soul energy had sudden sharp change feeling this change in the surrounding soul energy Van shouted hurriedly but he was still too late.

Boris felt the abnormalities in soul energy in the surrounding atmosphere, maybe the abnormality is because of the Dungeon reversal he thought but he was still on alert and after listening to Van shout in panic he directly summoned his grimoire and activated a card, “Immovable Mountain!” Pretty soon a huge Golden mountain shaped soul energy covered the complete shipping vessel he was standing on.

‘BOOoooM!’

One by one all the 9 vessels behind the lead shipping vessel were bombarded and blew up, the 99 cargo helicopters carrying them also met a similar fate after the shock of the sudden bombardment. Even 2 of the 11 cargo helicopters carrying the lead shipping vessel at the rear blew up in the aftershock but thankfully the remaining 9 cargo helicopters could still lift the weight of the shipping vessel otherwise even though the vessel survived from bombardment it would be crushed plummeting to the earth.

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“Targets in sight, awaiting order!” Reported a mysterious man dressed in a special combat force uniform while standing on the deck of a stealth floater speedster.

“Hold the position!” Ordered the half black half white clown masked man in a special combat force uniform while watching the surveillance feed in the convoy floater monitoring the three guild leaders who were talking on the deck.

“Sir the cannon’s are powered up to 100%.” Reported a logistic analyst.

“Good! Are the cannon’s locked on the targets?” Asked the half black half white clown masked man. The analyst reported, “cannon’s locked on the targets!”

“Fire!” Ordered the clown masked man.

‘BOOoooM!’

“Reporting stats! 9 out of 10 targets down! Cannon’s reloading!”

“Send the troops to take care of the survivors, I will take care of the last target.” Ordered the clown masked man as he jumped off the convoy floater and summoning his grimoire he chanted, “Summon! Twin Winged Cursed Lizard!”

“Roar!!”

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“Mark! Boris! Get hold of yourselves. It’s not time to mourn.” Shouted Van, looking at his allies who looked like they had lost their soul watching their trusted comrades die an unjust death.

“Sarah!!!” Shouted Boris as his bloodshot eyes looked at the wreckage of the shipping vessels that were free-falling to the ground.

“Sun Boar Possession” Mark activated his origin card and jumped off the shipping vessel towards the free-falling wreckage.

Boris also wanted to jump off the vessel and search for his beloved Sarah but he could not because once he moves the golden Mountain shaped soul energy protecting the vessel will be deactivated.

"Shit! All guild members hurry and save the survivors" Van cursed seeing Boris jump off the vessel and added, "MF! Mark come back! Sarah... she is!! Fuck!! I asked her not to come... that stubborn girl"

"Roar!!" The Twin winged cursed lizard roared attracting the attention of Van and Boris. *clap**clap* "do you regret coming on this expedition!!!" The Clown masked man standing on the head of the Twin winged cursed lizard clapped excitedly as if he was enjoying the firework display.

"You!... half white half black clown mask! You are from the circle! Why are you targeting us? We did not hurt any of the circle's interest...why?" Roared Boris in despair, it was as if he saw the dead-end in the half black half white clown mask.

"Your existence itself is a nuisance to the circle's interest." Said the clown masked man and continued, "the circle gave you a chance but you dared to neglect it and rush to your grave in these antique shipping vessels."

"Is it because of the Dungeon reversal! I was told the Circle had no interest in exploring the Dungeon reversal." Shouted Boris, as he was the one who got the info on B-rank blue blossom lake field dungeon reversal according to his source the Circle was not interested in it but the Gemma guild was and had paid quite a lot of resources to keep the info hidden. But nobody can order a clown mask except for the circle.

"I don't know I am just a hunting hound who kills whomever my Master points at no questions asked." Said the clown masked man.

"But why!!!!..." Boris screamed not being able to comprehend where he went wrong. He did not feel much if he and his comrades fell here because they were adventures and prepared for their death but Sarah! She was innocent and yet to see the world, she did not deserve to die here.

"Enough Boris! get it together! Forget about Sarah! Call Mark back... we both are not his match maybe together we can stand a chance." Said Van stressing with eyes but Boris was too agitated to get his signal.

"How could you say that...." In the midway of his shout, Boris finally read Van's eyes and what they were trying to signal. And continued, "...You bastard that girl loved you more than her blood relative...but... once this crisis is over I will settle the scores with you."

"Good! Let's do that. Now call that idiot Mark back... I will try to buy us some time." Seeing that Boris finally got his signal Van ordered Boris to call Mark while he engaged the hostile.

"I do not know what you are planning but you are correct you two are not worth my time maybe three of you together can barely scratch the surface of my power. I will wait for you to call your bear of a comrade" the clown masked did not take the three guild leaders seriously, their power combined was not enough to threaten him.

He was bored waiting in the base and finally got a chance to come out. He wants to enjoy his time out so the only way to do that is to prolong his mission as much as possible.

Hearing the clown masked man both Van and Boris felt belittled but they endured their shame because they both combined were not an opponent of the clown masked man and their only option was to get rid of him with the help of mark.

Boris was busy contacting Mark but under the Sun boar possession Mark's intelligence decrease, making Mark more of a beast than a human causing difficulty for Boris to contact Mark.

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Date 22 Mar 2321

Time 22:07

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

"Grandpa Stop it right now otherwise I will not speak to you for my entire life!" Corey threatens William in the only way she could think of.

William's wrath or curiosity had not yet been satisfied because the more he toyed with the ant at his feet the more it dared to struggle, unlike other ants who accept their fate. This makes William more angry and curious about the ant. Angry because he the lord of the Bright family could not take care of a card student and curious cause there was something mysterious about this ant that gave it the strength to fight its fate.

This was so much fun but because of his beloved granddaughter, he had to leave this ant alone for now, " What am I doing Corey! I am innocent...ask him I was just teaching him how to behave, that's all. To think one day my beloved granddaughter would threaten me for a boy...."

Corey did not care for her grandfather's words and directly rush to Wyatt and helped him up to sit on the couch. Seeing this William's nerves popped. Wyatt could feel the killing intent William so he hurriedly sat and let go of Corey's support.

Just when Wyatt let go of Corey and distanced himself from her and sat on the couch a figure suddenly appeared out of thin air in the warehouse right above Wyatt.

Except for William, no one was aware of the figure which suddenly appeared above Wyatt. The figure neared unguarded Wyatt at a fast speed but William ignored it as he already wanted to kill this bastard who made his granddaughter threaten him, so Wyatt's life was none of his concern.

Chapter 88: Demi-God's Bestowal

Date 22 Mar 2321

Time 22:09

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

'Bang!'

"Argh!... WTF!" After facing the soul splitting I was already exhausted mentally and needed to rest. So distancing from Corey I made myself comfortable on the couch when suddenly out of thin air an 80 pound something fell on top of me, shouting in pain I pushed the thing off me only to be dumbfounded knowing what the thing was.

Not just me Susan, Ronnie and Corey were perplexed, how can something just appear out of thin air and fall on top of someone indoors. So they suspiciously looked at William, especially Corey. She was already very disgruntled about what her grandfather did earlier. But when they saw what the thing was they no longer knew what was happening.

Seeing the trio gaze at him suspiciously William spread his hands and shook his head as if telling them he was innocent and was dejected that his granddaughter suspected him. Other than that he was disappointed that the figure in black was not here to assassinate Wyatt.

"Wyatt, you okay?" Susan asked in concern, after all an 80 pound something just crashed onto him.

"I am fine! Who the hell is that? How did she get in here?" I said looking at the teenage girl in a black bodysuit, she was the 80 pound something who fell on me, I think my ribs were bruised due to the crash.

"..." Susan, Ronnie and Corey also wanted the answers to those questions.

"You are asking the wrong questions! What you should be asking is why did she fall on top of you instead of the rest of us here. That will also answer the rest of your questions." Said William looking at Wyatt with great interest, today was an interesting

night for him as he met a very interesting and special ant. To think that the fated encounter chose an ant out of all the powerful and capable people in the Sky blossom city. It seems the destiny of this ant has something great in stores for him.

"Old Man! since you know what is happening? why not just explain the situation to us?" I told William. To Which he replied with a snarky playful smile pasted across his ugly mug.

At first, I thought it was just a coincidence that the girl fell on me but hearing old man William it seems it was more than just a coincidence, old man William should know what is happening here but looking at his playful smile it seems he will not just tell me everything he knows.

Thankfully I had his kryptonite on my side. Corey looked at her grandpa with puppy eyes and pleaded, "grandpa, please... I will make mashed potatoes for you!"

William's playful smile melted forming a warm smile but looking at my victorious glint in my eyes he grunted. But no matter how displeased he was with me he could not say no to his granddaughter over a pity grudge, so he explained, " you children should have read the stories about Princess/Prince in trouble living a pitiful life suddenly encounter a prince/princess who rescues them from their miserable life... that one encounter turned their fates entirely... that encounter is termed as fated encounter. What if I were to say that there is a card for the 'Fated Encounter'."

There are many children fairy tales where the Prince/Princess is put under a curse to sleep for eternity or live as an ugly animal or beast but when the said Prince/Princess have their fated encounter they can change their miserable fate just like that to live happily ever after, too overpowered but not surprising for a fairy tale.

"What?! There is such a card." Corey exclaimed, astonished by the info she just got.

I was also astonished and frightened to be completely honest, just when I think I have seen the limits of the cards I am slapped on the face with a reality check.

How can such a card exist? what ingredients and knowledge would one require to create such a card? Even if that card is possible wouldn't it be priceless? Looking at the girl she is just at the card soldier realm... how can she afford such a card or is her identity special to use such a card.

I had too many questions to ask but I suppressed them to ask once William was done explaining cause I had felt the more I showed interest in this the more tight-lipped William will be.

"Grandpa tell me more about the card." Asked Corey, being a real-life princess the fated encounter card fueled her curiosity, though she was trying to change and experience life, bad habits are hard to get rid of.

Since his princess wants to know William could only oblige and illustrated the Fated Encounter card info,

[Card Name: Fated Encounter

Card Type: Demi-God's Bestowed card (passive)

Card Rank: C-rank, Uncommon grade

Card Rating: 4star

Card Durability: [100/100]

Card Effect: This card is Bestowed to Irene George the 6th by Romantic Card Demi-God. When the host receives eminent life-ending damage he/she will be teleported within 10,000miles to a person who can positively change their fate. Additional Effect – when the card is activated the host will be healed completely of any injury or debuff.

Restriction- 1. The card can only be used by Irene George the 6th, her descendants and people trusted by them. 2. If no person can positively affect the host's life within then thousand miles the host will randomly be transported to the safest place within the range. 3. This card can only be used one time by one person in his entire life.

Caution: Card can not be used by people with negative emotions from Irene George the 6th or her descendants or people trusted by them. If forcefully used there is a probability of gaining the attention of Romantic Demi-God.]

"The current known descendant of Irene George the 6th is Van George the Current Guild Leader of Tyrant Guild. You guys are lucky I was here because except for the Tyrant guild leader I am the only person in sky blossom to know about this card. This was supposed to be a secret between me and him but seeing how the card has been used there is no point in keeping it a secret." Boosted William and added, "he pawned this card to me when he first came to Sky blossom city to open his guild."

Van George is not an original resident of sky blossom city, but a refugee who fled to the city when his home was destroyed in a dungeon break. Starting a new life in Sky loss city he wanted to open a guild here but he needed a lot of money for that so to gain the capital to establish his guild Van pawned the Fated Encounter to the lord of the Bright family.

The card had many restrictions to it but since Van had willingly entrusted the card to William, William found no reasons to give up on such a treasure. William then sighed and looking at Corey he said, "I wanted to gift this card to you when you contracted the silver grimoire but Van finally paid his debt by then and had retrieved the card. If not for the restriction alas..."

While William was Explaining the card, Susan explained the situation to Jackie who was hiding in the kitchen and arranged the Unconscious girl in the bedroom. And even brought a few cushions for me to rest comfortably. Seeing Susan's action William was puzzled and asked her, "why are you tending to the unknown girl, just hand her to the enforcers, it will save you from a lot of trouble."

William was a well known and respected figure, Susan did not know how to answer him without being rude to him. How could she explain to him that she would not just abandon a person in need without her words being taken as rude? If she said that it would mean she is implying that William is heartless.

"Old man! aren't you forgetting something... this is our place, we decide how we do things here." I said directly to Willaim's face, this asshole was one cruel S.O.B. You sliced my soul in anger, I understand that but slice it to the end.

Due to the interruption of Corey William did not completely slice a small part of my soul but he left halfway through. If he had sliced apart the soul completely I could consume a soul Jade to regrow the sliced part of the soul and expensive yet easy remedy. But he only did it halfway leaving a tear in my soul. Now I had to mend my soul to heal the tear which is a very painful process but cheap.

Now that I think about it may be intentional because if he wanted to he could just slice it off within seconds even with the interruption from Corey but he did not do so instead he chose to leave halfway leaving a tear in my soul knowingly, William you conniving old bastard.

I had many questions like, what is Demi-gods bestowal? What are the ingredients used to make this card? Why is it just an uncommon grade card even with such overpowered stats? What does the card mean by gaining the attention of the Demi-God?

Chapter 89: Pawn

Date 22 Mar 2321

Time 23:17

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

"Now that was one awkward dinner!" I wanted to reward myself with a nice dinner and chilling beer after a productive day but a few uninvited guests made it awkward but thankfully beer is perfect for any situation, your parents getting divorced here have a beer, your girlfriend broke up with you here have a beer, your cheating husband gave you an std here have a beer, you hot for you cousin here have a beer, your boss screwed you over here have a beer.

"Man! Beer does fix everything." I said, throwing the crushed beer can into the bin."What? I ain't afraid of you old man, Man for someone who is tamed by a card for decades you sure have a lot of pride."

William was glaring at me maybe because Corey gave more priority to my appetite than her grandfather, not just Corey even Susan and Jackie made a plate for me together. The macaroni and cheese and grilled meat sandwich were good but Mashed potatoes were a bit overdone, overall the dinner was satisfying except for William giving me the death gaze the whole time. I did not shy away because of one weird look I became more proactive adding fuel to William's Jealousy as the old man had to behave in front of his granddaughter.

And did not forget to bring up the topic of William's origin card once again. During the dinner, even Corey personally recommended me and boasted about my card creation to William but he did not seem to budge. I tried taunting him, gambling with him, gaining his recognition, even used Corey but nothing seems to work.

I had huge plans for my second origin card in a way it is a bit overpowered thanks to the dungeon calamity seed. But after knowing about the features of William's origin card I wanted to add it to my Origin card. Especially how his card had independent conscious, many cards have beast will or artificial will but these will are only active when the card apprentice is using them but William's card is active on its own.

I want this feature of Williams origin card because I wanted a card that did not need me to tell what to do but it would actively work for my betterment. Think of a card that is watching over and protecting me 24/7 yeah, of course, the card has other powerful effects otherwise I wouldn't call it overpowered.

For this feature, I wanted to explore Williams origin card under the ruse of helping him create a card to control his origin card but this old man is too stubborn no matter what I do he doesn't even consider my offer. Unless there is something about the card that makes William not even consider my offer. What can it be? Is there any other restriction to the card?

Yes, there has to be no wonder this old fellow refused without even considering my offer. This restriction must be something others can use against him otherwise he would not try to hide it from the public. If nobody knows about the restriction then nobody can use it against him. These damned sly foxes, now I know why the elders of the Bright family did not hesitate to reveal William's origin card info, they were helping William by covering the complete restrictions of his origin card using incomplete but true card info.

Now that everyone knows that Williams origin card has him satisfy weird conditions, whenever William acts out of the ordinary all of it will be credited as conditions put forward by his origin card and never will anybody doubt that maybe there is more to Williams Origin card than told. Maybe many leaders in the city suspect that there is

more to William's origin card but they will never know until they forcefully take the matter into their hands.

Now that I knew why William would not budge regarding his origin card I no longer wasted my breath on him. My only concerns right now were gathering capital for my second origin card creation, then Uncle and Auntie Wyatt and the unknown Girl currently lying unconscious in my new bed and her 'Fated Encounter' card. Especially the card type Demi-God's Bestowal I had never heard or read of till now.

Since I knew that the girl had something to do with the Tyrant Guild Master, I will send her packing to the Tyrant Guild after she regains consciousness and tells me more about the card. As for Uncle and Auntie Wyatt, I could only wait and hope that they reach here safely.

Now all that remains is raising Capital for my second origin card, but the best way to raise Capital currently was to pawn a soul jade and I happened to have a pawn star glaring at me right now. It's nice when everything works out in your favour.

"Old man, since you are not up for it let's forget about the gamble. how about we make another deal."

"Deal? kiddo! deals are made between equals, now tell me do you think you are equal to me?" William sneered, Wyatt's words sounded like a child acting adult to him, not to mention what can an orphan high schooler offer to interest him.

"No! You are right we are not. How can I a young card creationist with a limitless future be the same as an arrogant old man with a leg in the coffin?

But I don't mind being on the losing side since you are Corey's grandfather." I should have thought of pawning a soul jade earlier but I had to try my hand on William's origin card.

"Fuck! How about I cut your limitless future right here! right now!... Brat do not test my patients after all Corey will not be there every time to help, you got to sleep sometime.

That is when I am used to hunting the damned beasts." William had enough of it, this ant was talented but he has seen many talented ants get quashed before they even matured.

"Damn it, Old man! If you keep threatening me... I will just marry your granddaughter for good. believe me, I will."

"That's it! I had it with you! I will slice your soul into thousand slices, don't worry it will be slow and painful..."

"Grandpa!! Stop it!"

"What? What am I doing?" William looked at his granddaughter aggrieved and in disbelief? 'That jerk just told me he will marry you and I am the bad guy here. Melinda was right...My granddaughter is unfilial'

Speaking of Malinda, didn't she say Corey is in good company. Did she not see how shameless this bastard is... what I was worried about for years is not far from coming true.

"Grandpa just listens to what Wyatt has to say... please for me okay" said Corey holding the hands of her grandpa.

William's mouth twitched as he thought 'no! my worries have already come true.' Holding his granddaughter's hand tighter he said, " be quick I am very busy"

Everyone in the room rolled their eyes as a busy person wouldn't bicker with someone 1/3rd of his age for hours.

"Okay, I will also stop playing the game and come straight to the point. I am short on cash and want to pawn a soul jade with you for cash." I said since testing the water to save myself the embarrassment of being rejected was not working.

"\$100million that's my offer, anything more I am out. Don't think because of my granddaughter I will just give you money. Usually, I do not do small deals like these but considering that you are my granddaughter's colleagues I will help this once." Said William with a grunt showing his disband for me openly.

"Okay! I promise to return the money within a week. Don't get comfy with my soul jade" I promised sincerely as William was doing me a favour here.

"Brat, this jade is just a grade 1 soul jade, grandpa here owns 10s of grade 1 mine." William Smirked.

Now that I had enough funds for the creation of my second card I did not want to waste any and get to the card creation but considering the gravity of the card towards my strength I decided to revise the plan again and proceed with card creation when I am at my peak condition mentally and physically.

It's a pity that I did not get to explore the mystery behind William's Origin card but it was not going to happen anyway cause even I wouldn't trust an orphan high schooler with something so important to me no matter how talented he was.

It was already nearing midnight Sasan and Corey decided to head home, surprisingly William offered to escort Susan home of course Corey will be tagging along too.

Since that mysterious girl was sleeping on my bed, I had to head home too but considering the bounty on Ronnie's head, we decided to order two beds at the mall

which were delivered right then since we are practically living at the mall. Yes, we were spending the night at the Warehouse considering Ronnie's safety.

While I was about to sleep my grimoire sounded with a notification,

[You have received a message from William Bright. Open/ Mark as read/ Delete]