

Card Apprentice Daily Log

Chapter 984

Mike Brown, though the rest of the city thought that he was destined for greater things, he knew better, his destiny was written before his birth, and he was just another pawn. Only the branch leaders of the Circle knew what this meant.

As the candidate for Circle's branch leader, Mike was given a lot of resources by the Circle since he was chosen. Mike always wondered why he was chosen, there was nothing special about him. He got the answer to this question when he defeated the other candidates competing with him and became one of the circle's branch leaders. He has been given this opportunity all thanks to his father, the estranged father Mike never got to meet as his mysterious father had walked out on him and his mother after impregnating her with him.

When Mike knew about the truth behind his birth, he was extremely nauseated. He felt sickened by his origin. That day he was so repulsed toward his life that he almost ended it but couldn't. He felt that he was better off as a bastard than whatever the truth was, thinking of this he could help but feel sorry for his birth mother. But the truth did not change depending on a person's comfort level so he could only choose to ignore it and pretend that he did not know the truth. Yes, he closed his eyes to the truth so he could live with himself.

Among all the resources that were available to Mike, the best were his two origin cards, the bone dragon and the Myriad devil body. If not for his origin cards he would have lost to the other candidates in the fight for the circle's branch leader position that had just become available, the branch leader of the Circle's new branch, the sun blossom branch.

Becoming one of the branch leaders, Mike learned a lot about the operations of the circle and what happened to the branch leader whose shoes he was

filling in. Learning this new information Mike did not feel like a part of something bigger instead he felt more disgusted towards his origin and the circle's part in it. After all, he learned that everything about him was a big lie and the only comfort for him in all this was that his mother was his actual birth mother and not the part of Circles schemes. So she became his anchor for him to live with himself. Despite finding himself in a position of respect and power that could allow him to fulfill all his ambition Mike continued to live with his mother as she was the only part of his life that was true. When it came to this other Circle's branch leaders thought that Mike was lucky and could not be envious of him. The life of the Circle's branch leaders was bizarre trying to make sense of it using commonsense would get one nowhere. Therefore Mike had long since stopped trying to make sense of his origin and decide to link it to the only thing keeping him sane, his mother.

His anchor, his mother was not just the reason that kept him sane from this vulgarity that was his but she also allowed him to use his incredibly powerful card, Myriad Devil Body, without losing himself to the card's ability. Despite having figured out the way to control the power of his origin card Mike did not use it frequently. Yet he had to use it today due to the unexpected turn of events, if only the Yin-yang harmony sect had not betrayed them it would not have come to this.

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Having planned to not face the boy and his subordinates head Mike thought of a way where he could complete all three of his objective without much effort. Though this plan would require him to use his origin card Myriad devil body, wasn't the situation like this why he spent all that time mastering the abilities of this card? So without hesitation, Mike decided to execute this plan.

"Bone Dragon, soar," Mike commanded the bone dragon to immediately took to the air.

Just as the bone dragon was gaining elevation its path was blocked by the sudden appearance of the phantom fleet. This was within Mike's calculation, he had already seen them in action and knew that this fleet of ghost ships

would take action to stop his bone dragon if they were to try to retreat by soaring to the sky and this was exactly what he wanted. Being trapped between the battle array formation and the phantom fleet he wanted the enemy to be confident about their strength and underestimate him so that what he was going to do would go unnoticed.

“Skill combo – fire” With Diana’s command the phantom powered by her two wind ego elementals destroyed the bone dragon to pieces creating a movement of distraction which Mike made use of by whispering, “Origin card- Myriad devil body – pebble.”

By the time all the disturbance was settled Mike had used his card to morph into a pebble and fell to the ground along with the skeleton fragments of the bone dragon. This way he was successfully able to escape the eyes of the boy and his subordinates. And now while his bone dragons clone army engaged the enemy he planned to use the chaos to his advantage and get to his two targets Ji Feng and the boy.

Just when pebble Mike was considering a plan to kill the boy and kidnap Ji Feng, he watched the boy’s subordinates control and move the battle array formation to place their boss at the center of the battle array formation to protect him from his bone dragon clone army. This move of the boy put a dent in pebble Mike’s plans. Therefore he improvised and decided to kidnap Ji Feng whose temporary partner ditched him during tough times. But that was easier said than done as he was a pebble right now.

Chapter 985 Super Pebble Mike

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[Card Name: Myriad Devil Body

Card Type: Origin Card

Card Rank: Unique Grade

Card Rate: -/-

Card Durability: -/-

Card Effect: Myriad Devil Body card was created using the corpse of the Myriad Devil giving the user the physique and abilities of the Myriad Devil.

Additional Effect: Myriad Devil Transformation, Myriad Devil's Hex, Myriad Devil Physique

Caution: The user can lose true self to the Myriad Devil Transformation.]

Myriad Devil Transformation: This ability allows the user to completely transform into any of the myriads of things and beings in existence at their will using a medium.

Note: the medium is the tiny part of any of the myriads of things and beings in existence the user wants to transform into.

Caution: The user can lose himself in absolute transformation and forget their true self.

Myriad Devil's Hex: This ability allows the user to transform any being into any of the myriads of things and beings in existence at their will using a medium.

Note: The medium can be anything from the target's hair, sweat, blood, spit, nails and flesh.

Myriad Devil Physique: this physique enhances the user's body with the growth of the user to withstand the power of the Myriad Devil and allows the user to adapt to their surrounding instantly.

Note: Myriad Devil Physique's adaptability depends on the data available.

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Why did being a pebble stop pebble Mike from kidnapping Ji Feng? Myriad devil transformation was absolute. This was possible because, when Myriad devil transformation was used, the user doesn't just transform the physical appearance but also the soul pathway arrangements, vibrations, and signature. This made Myriad Devil Transformation so effective that if Mike were to transform into any being or being, then the world's will would take a while to reach a correct conclusion.

The problem was that with the transformation of the soul pathway's arrangements, vibrations, and signature, the soul pathways of the user don't just transform to resemble the soul pathway of the said target but they also start to display the same function as the soul pathways of the target were intended to. That was to say that the soul pathways of the user will not only resemble the target's soul pathway but also start displaying the same properties. This was the drawback with the soul pathway's arrangements, vibrations, and signature transforming along with the physical appearance. This side effect of the Myriad Devil Transformation made it hard for one to categorize it as a disguise skill.

If the soul pathways of the user started to display the function of the target's soul pathway what happened to their previous functions? Were they all erased? Did the user lose the ability to transform back to the original form again? No, the original functions get backed up as a tiny but redundant part of the morphed soul pathways. The user can access them any time they want but except for the Myriad Devil body skills, most of them will not work at the same efficiency as they would with the original body. But to access them, the user's soul should not lose its true self to the power of the Myriad Devil transformation and keep the spirituality it had before the transformation.

Right now Mike was not just disguising as a pebble but he was a pebble. Thanks to his previous training, his soul was able to retain its spirituality with effort, unlike Ji Feng's soul which has lost its true self and believed that it was a pebble.

After transforming into a pebble it took Mike's soul a while to retain its spirituality. After gaining spirituality, Mike's soul could resist the confusion, memorize its past self, and recall the circumstances. From then on it would struggle to retain whatever it can of its original strength and abilities while maintaining its current form. All of Mike's original abilities were stored in a benign part of the soul pathway so accessing them without affecting his current form was a tough feat. Having trained for this, Mike could access a part of his original strength along with the abilities of the myriad devil body in record time. With that pebble, Mike was no longer pebble Mike but super pebble Mike.

Soon super pebble Mike used its spirituality to navigate its surroundings and find its targets. Discovering that one of the targets was being tightly guarded, super pebble Mike decided to act on kidnapping the second target who appeared to be struggling by himself against his bone dragon clone army.

Then using its spirituality it started to roll its pebble body towards the target. Reaching the target super pebble mike decided to access one of its myriad devil body abilities, the Myriad Devil's Hex, to transform the target into a pebble.

But to do that, it would require a medium, which could be anywhere from the target's blood, sweat, hair, nail, flesh, or skin. As a super pebble, it will not be hard for Mike to draw Ji Feng's blood but this method had the rise of exposing himself so he ordered his bone dragon clones to increase their attack on Ji Feng so that he wounded and this way Mike could gain access to Ji Feng's blood to use it as a medium to use Myriad Devil's Hex on Ji Feng.

Having acquired a medium to use Myriad Devil's Hex on Ji Feng Mike suddenly had a brilliant plan to get to his next target. Despite being transformed into a pebble it was difficult for Mike to reach his next target because the measly spirituality he was using to move his pebble body around was undetected because of the chaos of the fight. During the fight, Mike purposefully ordered his clone army to kick the dust so that he could move his pebble body around unnoticed. But this would not be possible if he were to enter the battle array formation in which his next target was located. If he wanted to get to his next target then he would require something more than a distraction to get past the battle array formation protecting his next target.

Chapter 986 Adventures Of Super Pebble Mike

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When the bone dragon's clone army kicked up the dust Mike would use it to stealth travel to Ji Feng. Even though his pebble body would come off as odd, with so much dust and mud flying around it would be difficult to notice the tiny pebble's oddness. But the same shit would not work if he wanted to get through the battle array and reach his next target.

The reason why Mike could not use the same tricks and distractions to get to his next target unnoticed was that the battle array formation heightens and connects the sense of the card apprentices that have come together to set it up. All the senses of the card apprentice that had set up the formation were near omnipotent in the formation. Therefore Mike's tricks and distractions

would not be able to get him past the battle array formation to his next target. Amidst a battle, card apprentices would definitely find a pebble that moves on its own very suspicious. Therefore Mike would have to get creative to get to his next target and the idea that came to his mind earlier was just that.

That was simple but brilliant. It was for him to switch places with Ji Feng. That was to say that He would transform Ji Feng into a pebble using the myriad devil's hex and he would transform himself into Ji Feng using the myriad devil transformation at the same time, this way he would be replacing Ji Feng. And using his new identity Mike would not only have a chance to get close to his next target but also gain the strength to kill him.

But to achieve this small distractions like using dust were not enough. He would have to think of something that would fill the gap of time that would take him to successfully switch places with Ji Feng. Though this time gap for Mike to transform Ji Feng into a pebble and himself to transform into Ji Feng was less than a second, for a seasoned card apprentice it was enough to be noticed.

After thinking of it a while Mike could only come up with an idea that was not sure-fire but seemed enough, that was to have his clone army suddenly surround Ji Feng completely blocking the view of Ji Feng's temporary partners. Giving Mike the opportunity to switch places with Ji Feng without getting noticed.

Having come up with a will-do-idea to switch places with Ji Feng, Mike first used the blood of Ji Feng that he had gathered to use them as the medium for his abilities Myriad Devil transformation and Myriad Devil's hex. Having made the preparations Mike hurriedly ordered his bone dragon clone army to surround Ji Feng from all sides. The bone dragon's clones acted upon his instructions and immediately closed in on Ji Feng from all sides making it impossible for others to check up on Ji Feng's situation.

Once the bone dragon's clones had played their part, Mike simultaneously used Myriad Devil transformation and Myriad Devil's hex to turn Ji Feng into a pebble and himself into Ji Feng, but just then a complication occurred.

Mike was able to use Ji Feng's blood as a medium to turn him into a pebble using the Myriad Devil's Hex but he could not seem to use the same blood as a medium to turn himself into Ji Feng. Though Mike did not know what went wrong it did mark a tragic failure of Mike's well thought and executed plan.

Mike had trained the abilities of Myriad Devil's hex and Myriad Devil's transformation countless times and each time he had used the same blood of the practice subject as a medium to train both the abilities. And all the time he was successfully able to use both abilities despite having to use the same medium for activation of the two abilities. So Mike knew that the problem did not lie with the medium he used to activate the Myriad devil transformation. And also because if the medium was at fault here then the Myriad Devil's hex should not have been successfully able to transform Ji Feng into a pebble.

At this point forgetting the chaos and confusion outside Mike got to thinking about why his myriad devil transformation ability failed. The only time his myriad devil transformation ability failed was when used it to transform into beings of a higher realm than his realm. But that was not the case here because Ji Feng was not of a higher realm than him. And if it were really the case here then the Myriad devil's hex too like the myriad devil transformation ability should have failed instead it had successfully transformed Ji Feng into a pebble as he will it to.

Was Ji Feng equipping a high-level curse resistance card? Mike immediately discarded this thought because if Ji Feng did equip a high-level curse resistance card then it would have been impossible for Myriad Devil's hex to successfully transform Ji Feng into a pebble too. Instead, only the myriad devil transformation ability failed.

Unable to find the reason why his myriad devil transformation ability failed while the myriad devil's hex was successful Mike became obsessed not even bothering with the confusion he had descended on his enemies by having their temporary partner suddenly vanish as if he was never here, to begin with.

The Myriad Devil body origin card was Mike's biggest trump card, therefore when he saw it fail for the first time he could not help but stop everything else and obsess over it. But no matter how much he obsessed with it he was not able to uncover the reason why he was not able to transform into Ji Feng using the Myriad Devil transformation ability of his origin card.

Unfortunately for Mike no matter how much he obsessed over it he will never be able to find the answer within him or Ji Feng as the problem lied elsewhere.

Chapter 987: Susan's Vacation

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Location- Sky Blossom City, Guild Association Mall, Warehouse No. 234, Asong's Dream Space

It was past midnight but at a beach, the sun was at its peak and five beauties were sunbathing under it leisurely. These beauties were none other than, Asong, Aba, Anna, Ann, and Susan.

Susan who originally came to attend to the guests was now resting on a beach alongside them. Being surrounded by important figures, Susan, despite her years of experience as a sales executive, could not help but feel nervous around them. They were very welcoming, so she could loosen up fast and relax to enjoy the bliss. Susan lay on her chest under the shade of the parasol listening to the sound of the waves and could not help but wonder how long has it been since she went on a vacation.

"Big sis Asong your origin card is so much fun. I want a card like this one," Aba said looking at the sunny beach in front of her, "Can I be in here until you leave for the capital?"

If not for Asong's multi-purpose dream space Aba would never chummily refer to Asong as big sis. She was bored and hated being cooped up in the warehouse. Compared to the warehouse preferred the dream space where she could spend time bathing under the sun at the beach, even though all this was just an illusion.

"Sure," Asong answered without giving it much thought as she was busy exploring the possibilities of her new and only origin card Life Core.

After sending two of her guards to protect the boy Asong did not leave under the guise of waiting for the boy's safe return she planned to stay at the warehouse to learn about her origin card. As back home there were too many eyes watching and she did not want to reveal too much about her origin card to the preying eyes. Asong was being this cautious because the circumstances surrounding her have changed. Her illness was cured, and she would no longer die early because of it. This news must have already spread in the capital like wildfire. This meant the various powers in the office who left her alone thinking that she would be leaving the office soon now know that she would be in the office for a long time. Asong who has been neutral for a long time now would have to choose a side among the various powers in the

office or will be forced to give up her position in the office. So right now Asong was preparing to fight, and the best way to prepare for a fight was to know oneself.

"You can always ask Wyatt to create a similar card. He may be able to make one for you if you provide the rare ingredients," Susan advised Aba, even on vacation she did not forget about networking with customers for her exclusive client.

"Wyatt and Cole did plan to start a business based on similar cards but will the card he make as good as this one?" Aba questioned. It seems she was also considering the same.

"When it comes to card creation, I guarantee you that Wyatt will not only meet your expectation but go beyond that," Susan got up and turned to face Aba. Looking into her eyes she resolutely spoke with firm eyes.

"You have to say that. After all, you work for him. But do hope that he can," seeing the belief in Susan's eyes for the boy's capability Aba shook her head. It was not that she did not want to believe Susan's words or she underestimated the boy's capability, normal cards can never be as good as origin cards, that was the universal truth.

"He will," Susan was not bothered by Aba's words because she knew her crush would prove her right.

"..." Seeing Susan's faith in the boy's capability as a card creationist Aba was not surprised as she knew that boy's unique charm was capable of doing that. She too had experienced it.

Susan's words were heard loud and clear by Anna who was resting on the beach lounge. In her years of experience, she was never the one to worry about someone stealing her crush, it was always the other way around. But nowadays she had started to worry about it, was it because she found an unfathomable enemy in Susan? No, Anna thought otherwise, according to her, her feelings were so venerable when it came to the boy because she never felt that way about any other person in her life. The only word she could think of to describe her feeling for the boy was 'true.' Just the thought of him made her long more time, time with him. As someone who has broken the mortal lifespan by miles never felt this way. She felt that even if she were to spend eternity with him it would not enough to satisfy her.

While Anna was contemplating her feelings for the boy and how much he meant to her she heard her Ann in her mind, 'How do you plan to take care of that problem?'

Anna turned to look at Ann, she knew what- whom she referred to by the word problem. And replied to Ann, 'He cares for her. If you can find a friend in her befriend her, if not stay away from her unless she plans to harm him.'

'I know he cares for her, that is the way I called her a problem. Are we going to just sit by and watch her steal him from us,' Ann did not seem to like Anna's reply one bit.

'First, I don't plan on doing or being part of anything that could hurt him or his feelings. Second, What do you mean by We and Us? Know your place,' Anna glared at Ann, she did not like how Ann just assumed that she will be sharing her love with her.

'Ssssh, don't fight it, you know it is bound to happen one or the other day, why not let it happen sooner and enjoy it while we are at it?'

- Chapter 988: Psycho Twins - Novel Fire

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'Ssssh, don't fight it, you know it is bound to happen one or the other day, why not let it happen sooner and enjoy it while we are at it?' Ann said with great confidence. She believed that if the boy could fall in love with Anna then he could develop feelings for her too. Unfortunately for Ann love did not work that way.

'Watch it, Ann. Believe it or not, I will stuff you back in the origin card for the rest of my life," Anna said, warning Ann not to test her boundaries.

'I believe you, what if Wyatt asks for me?' Ann said knowing Anna could hardly say no to the boy. As someone who shared an origin card with Anna, Ann was confident about Anna's feelings.

'Hahaha, and why would he ask for you?' Anna found Ann's words hilarious. She did not understand what gave Ann the idea that the boy would ask for her. Anna was throwing herself at the boy but he reject her time and time again, so why did Ann feel that he would ask for her?

'You will see," Ann said mysteriously.

'Seeing how you are being so helpful, I was planning to let you stay out longer and see how it works out but you had to be you and ruin it. Three months, then you are going back in the card,' Anna found Ann's thoughts crazy. There was a popular stereotype about twins with regard to threesomes out there and now Anna knew why. It was because of crazy bitch's like Ann but Anna never planned to share the love with Ann no matter what.

'Three months are enough for me to get what I want,' Ann replied confidently.

'You are crazy. Mom was right, I should not have locked you in the card for so long, you have lost your damn mind,' Anna was starting to feel more worried about Ann than Susan because, if Ann were to force herself on her crush then, he could not defend himself. Thinking of this Anna could not help but feel an impulse to lock Ann back in her card.

While the twins were having a mental conversation, Anna suddenly got a notification. Using it as a reason, Anna chose to ignore Ann and read the notification,

[You were attacked by a curse and Dummy ring has resisted the curse in your place.]

Feeling the sudden rise in Anna's thoughts, Ann accessed them and soon added, 'You sure, we do not have to be on standby?'

'Don't worry I have given Agatha that card, even if she is not able to defeat them she will bring him back in one piece,' Anna said so but her dynamic emotions said otherwise.

'Out of all the time you had to choose now to follow mom's orders,' Ann complained knowing that Anna was only in the dream space while the boy risked his life for vengeance because their mother had ordered them not to be a part of the fight.

'I am not doing this because mother ordered it. I am doing this because if we are seen helping local forces subdue one foreign embassy the other forces will start doubting Heatsend Family and its word. So I have no choice but to do this,' Anna explained, she was not saying to help Ann understand why she was doing this but to help herself remember what was at stake and to stop herself from doing something impulsive.

'For Aba's and their sake, I hope Agatha and the other two semi-demigods can ensure that no harm befalls Wyatt,' Ann said knowing that if anything were to happen to the boy, Anna would go crazy and go on a rampage. She will not only kill Aba but also everybody involved in it. Therefore, she hoped that the boy would be brought back alive. She could stop rampaging Anna but she did not know if she would want to do that if the boy were to be harmed, or worse, killed.

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Calamity daughter gem cannot be considered an individual entity. It has always been a part of the calamity soul gem. Therefore as its host Ji Feng on a technicality cannot be considered an individual, he was part of a hive.

Myriad Devil's Transformation ability prides itself as the ability for complete transformation. Using Ji Feng's blood as the medium the Myriad Devil Transformation could have transformed pebble Mike into Ji Feng as an individual but not as a part of the hive, which would not be considered a complete transformation as the current Ji Feng was a part of the hive and not an individual. Since it could not achieve complete transformation, it kept trying to achieve it, leading to its ultimate failure.

Why was the Myriad Devil Transformation ability not able to transform pebble Mike into Ji Feng as part of the hive when it was able to turn Ji Feng who was a part of the hive into a pebble using the Myriad Devil's hex with Ji Feng's blood as a medium?

When Mike used Myriad Devil's hex on Ji Feng using Ji Feng's blood as a medium, the ability did aim at Ji Feng and the hive he was part of. But after transforming Ji Feng into a pebble when the hex made its way to the Calamity soul gem through the calamity daughter gem, it was redirected toward the Dummy ring worn by the host of the calamity soul gem. The Dummy ring resisted the curse in place of the host and in a way the hex was completed.

The Hex did not spread to other calamity daughter gems because the calamity daughter gems were connected through the calamity soul gem. This meant if the Hex were to try and spread to the other calamity daughter gems it would have to first go through the calamity soul gem. This was not possible because the Dummy ring had replaced the host of the calamity soul gem to face the hex.

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Chapter 989 Series Of Coincidences

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While Mike kept repeatedly using Myriad Devil Transformation with Ji Feng's blood as a medium only to fail and obsess over the reason why only one of his origin card's abilities failed when it came to Ji Feng and not both of them, he suddenly felt a disturbance in the surrounding through his spirituality.

Reluctantly stopping his thought process for a second Mike used his spirituality to check on the source of the disturbance. When his spirituality spread, Mike was dumbfounded by what he discovered. He saw a naked Ji Feng standing in his original body. He had transformed Ji Feng into a pebble using his Myriad devil's hex ability but now Ji Feng was using his original body to reach out and grab his pebble body.

Seeing this Mike was spooked, he was not sure if Ji Feng was trying to grab his pebble body so he was a little hesitant to take the necessary actions at first but soon thinking about the series of events that did not work in his favor Mike decisively made a split second decision to burrow his pebble into the mud.

This way if Ji Feng was not reaching to grab his pebble body but something else then Mike can escape into the mud without Ji Feng noticing his actions, as a pebble sinking into the mud can be considered natural and was too insignificant to take notice of. But, if Ji Feng's hand were to still try and reach for his burrowing pebble body then Mike can prepare to tackle it.

Mike made use of his limited spirituality to monitor Ji Feng's actions, only to find out that Ji Feng was indeed reaching out for his pebble body. Having figured out that Ji Feng was indeed aiming for him, many thoughts ran through Mike's head but now was not the time for him to spare thoughts to contemplate this matter so he put these thoughts at the back of his mind and immediately increased the speed of burrowing in the mud.

But feeling that the speed of his pebble body burrowing was not enough, Mike immediately decided to use the Myriad devil transformation to morph into an E-rank steel back worm. And soon his tiny pebble body morphed into a 1.4 cm long worm body that burrowed into the world's crust like a fish diving in the water. Closely escaping Ji Feng's grasp.

After escaping from Ji Feng's reach, Mike did not stop instead he continued to burrow deep into the earth's crust until he felt safe. The reason's why Mike chose to escape instead of confronting Ji Feng were obvious.

Reaching a safe place, Mike began to contemplate what just happened. He had never seen a Card Lord break his ability as Ji Feng did. Until now he was under the

impression that it was impossible for the card apprentices in the lower or the same realm as him to resist or undo his Myriad Devil's Hex. He was not wrong to think so because it was indeed impossible for the regular card apprentices in the lower or same realm as him to be able to negate his ability. After all, even if its level was reduced, Myriad Devil was an existence that even the demigods tremble in front of, so an origin card created using its body as an ingredient was not something to be judged by the regular rules.

First, the Myriad Devil Transformation failed and now the Myriad Devil Hex too, Mike was shocked, he used to believe his origin card was invincible in the same rank but he was proved wrong in the worst possible situation.

Now, the first order of matter for Mike was his survival, now that his survival was achieved temporarily, he planned to contemplate why his origin card betrayed him. Was it because the enemy had figured out about his origin card? That was highly unlikely because except for the supreme leader who helped him create his origin card nobody that he knew of knew about it, not even the other branch leaders.

As much as Mike would want to put all these questions aside and focus on the other two of his priorities, that was to kidnap Ji Feng and kill the boy, he could not run at them blindly not knowing what the enemy knew about him and how they planned to deal with him. The enemy has performed beyond his expectations time and again. This time he barely escaped being captured, next time he may not, or worse he may be not alive to regret it. So even if it meant him doing nothing but hiding and contemplating his losses while licking his wounds, he preferred it because this battle was not something he could win with the strongest fist he had to be smart about this.

This was not just about him anymore, he had to capture Ji Feng to figure out the real culprit that was backing Ji Feng's betrayal and kill the boy who showed promise enough to become big trouble for the Circle.

Therefore even if it meant waiting while his bone dragon's clone army was getting annihilated by his enemies Mike's thoughts ran wondering if the enemy had really figured out his origin card and if they did then how did they figure it out? Mike felt the answer to this question will help him more than understanding how was the enemy defending against his origin card. The latter was also important for the fight but the former played a greater significance not just to him but to the entire circle. As the information on his origin cards' ability was highly confidential even in the core of the Main branch of the circle if the enemy were able to get their hands on such information, the enemy's means may become a problem to the entire Circle.

But after a while Mike did not find any concrete evidence pointing that the enemy knew the ability of his origin card, everything felt like a series of coincidences. This scared Mike even more.

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Chapter 990 Series Of Coincidences Indeed

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Mike considered himself a realistic and practical guy but also understood that sometimes coincidences were possible but not enough to believe in a series of coincidences that looked like the entire universe was coming together to work against him. One or two coincidences in a day were still believable but a series of them under an hour, if he were to believe that then there wouldn't be a bigger fool than him.

At this point Mike had decided that he would only rest if he had a clear understanding of how much the enemy was prepared against him, was it just Ji Feng or all of them that were able to resist his Myriad devil body origin card? And the only way he could think of to find out that was to use his origin card on others. Therefore he ordered his bone dragon clone army to collect a blood sample from one of the enemies for him to test his origin card on.

Surfacing above ground worm Mike waited for the clone of his summons to return with a blood sample. Soon a clone bone dragon returned with a bloodied skeleton tail. Then the E-rank Steel back worm body Mike scraped a few samples of the blood on the skeleton tail and used it as a medium to test if his ability will work on this unlucky enemy of his.

This time too Mike used the blood medium to simultaneously cast the two abilities of his origin card, Myriad Devil Transformation, and Myriad Devil's Hex, onto the unlucky victim who was unlucky for being the one to be chosen out of their peers. Without much suspense, Mike's abilities worked, after the activation of the Myriad Devil Transformation his body had transformed from a worm body to a humanoid body. Then he immediately used his newly found ample spirituality to check on the enemy side.

Mike found that the battle array formation set up by the boy's subordinates had broken as one of the pillars of the battle array formation suddenly went berserk as they had suddenly morphed into a D-rank Twin-tailed Desert cat monster. Seeing the results, Mike was very much satisfied but he felt pain in his ankles. When he checked he found

himself wearing high heels, learning this Mike's face became hideous as if he had swallowed a fly. He had transformed into one of the female subordinates of the boy, between the shame of having transformed into a woman Mike could not help but wonder how was that lady able to fight while wearing these when he found it difficult to stand in them.

Earlier Mike's thoughts were occupied by the doubt of whether his ability would work on the boy and his subordinates or not, were they too prepared to counter his origin card like Ji Feng, he did not have the leisure to spare thoughts to minor details. So he forgot to consider the fact about the blood sample brought by his summon could belong to an opposite gender and now that he knew his worries were unwarranted Mike could not help but spare thoughts to the details.

adapting to the high heels Mike came to the bold conclusion that the boy's subordinates were not equipped to negate his origin card like Ji Feng. Mike would never come to such a conclusion with minor evidence but a series of minor evidence were pointing at the same so he decided to be bold and came to a conclusion. The boy like his subordinates unlike Ji Feng was not equipped to negate his origin card. This was only a part of his conclusion.

Mike had begun to believe that the boy was not the real mastermind here, the boy was here only out of sheer thirst for vengeance. The boy had a good lineup of subordinates equipped with powerful cards but other than that he would never have been able to be a threat to the Circle's sun blossom branch until Ji Feng's betrayal came into the picture.

Apperately it was Ji Feng who sought out the boy for cooperation, it was Ji Feng who helped the boy make use of the Desolate punisher array to slaughter all the members of the Circle's sun blossom branch and it was Ji Feng who was prepared to negate his origin card, from the looks of it the boy had no idea about his origin, Mike thought as he looked at the boy and his subordinates at a loss when they saw one of them transform into a cat monster amidst an enemy siege.

From start to end if not for Ji Feng, the boy would never have been able to get past the desolate array formation without paying a hefty price. No matter how Mike saw it all the evidence pointed at Ji Feng as the mastermind who made use of the boy and his thirst for vengeance to destroy the Circle's sun blossom branch.

Mike had already concluded that Ji Feng was just a puppet of some unfathomable force or the Yin-yang harmony sect itself. Now he was sure that it was force backing Ji Feng, they were the real mastermind behind this.

Speaking of unfathomable, Mike was reminded of the organization that gave circle the intel about the boy attacking the Circle's sun blossom city branch. If it was that organization then Mike can understand how every unfortunate event that led to his loss looked like a series of coincidences. Only that organization had the power to get away after committing the biggest crimes without even leaving a clue behind.

If it was them then Ji Feng's betrayal was understandable. If it was them Ji Feng being prepared to counter Mike's origin card was understandable. If it was them then they were the only ones to profit the most if the circle were to fight either the Yin-yang harmony sect or the Southern royal family.

Mike suddenly felt like he was enlightened, until now his main suspects were the Yin-yang harmony sect and the Southern royal family. But these two forces had a lot of bad blood between them they wouldn't join forces, even if it was against the circle. In the end, it turns out that the circle too was a pawn in that organization's game.

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Chapter 991 Expanding Search Parameter

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Taking control over pebble Ji Feng through Hive AI, I used the calamity daughter gem's restructure skill to restore his outer appearance to his original body. Then I controlled him to pick up the suspicious pebble I believed to be Mike in disguise.

When Ji Feng's hand reached out to pick up the fishy pebble, it suddenly began to sink into the mud. To an unattentive eye, it would look like the pebble was indeed sinking into the mud but if you were to pay attention to the pebble and its surroundings you would realize that the pebble was not sinking instead it was burrowing into the mud like a living creature. Seeing this I was certain that this pebble was Mike in disguise.

So, I controlled Ji Feng to move at the fastest speed possible to catch the pebble before it escapes into this world's crust. And Just as I was about to grab hold of the pebble, it suddenly morphed into a tiny worm monster. Then burrowed and escaped into the mud at an incredible speed before I could even process what I just saw.

Seeing Mike escape deeper into the world's crust, I had no choice but to give up on capturing him. Then I let my salve consciousness, also known as Clone 1, take control of Ji Feng's body and resume fighting the bone dragon clone army. And I returned to

searching for Mike knowing that he could completely transform into anything with a thought.

I say this base on what I have gathered about Mike's ability while his escape. When disguised as pebbles, the soul pathway arrangements, vibrations, and signatures of Mike and Ji Feng had completely transformed into that of a pebble. A similar case was witnessed when Mike transformed into E-rank Steel back Worm in under a second as he escaped into the world's crust. If not for me having seen that the pebble had transformed into a worm monster, I would still have doubts about my approach to this but now I was certain that Mike had a card that allowed anyone he wishes or him to completely transform into anything or any being at his will.

If this were true then Mike had one dreadfully overpowered card in his possession. But I believe that this card like other cards too has limitations to what it can do, I say this because if Mike could really transform anyone he wishes into anything he desires then we would not be having this fight right now. Instead, we all would have been turned into pebbles by Mike as he did to Ji Feng. Since we weren't then it was safe for us to assume that Mike's card had limitations to using it. This was good news.

As time passed the new method to incinerate the skeleton remains of the bone dragon to not live any remains for the creation of new bone dragon clones, the extermination team slowly managed to bring down the number of bone dragon clones to half of its original size.

Though the new method was effective in stopping the bone dragon's remains for creating more clones to add to the clone army, the number of fire rule ego elements at the disposal of the extermination team was too little, therefore during the fight, sometimes the extermination team got overwhelmed by the number of attacks focused on each of them which resulted in them killing the bone dragon clones instead of trapping them for the Fire rule ego elements to incinerate them. This led to the formation of new clones that added to the existing clone army. For the exterminating team, it was like taking two steps forward and then taking one step back. Hence it was taking them longer than expected to annihilate the entire bone dragon clone army.

Unable to find Mike, I partially activated the Gigamite physique to summon two floating heads. I could summon a total of three floating heads but clone 1's consciousness was busy controlling Ji Feng's body to keep up the act, I could only summon two floating heads of the Gigamite physique at the movement.

The reason I summoned these two floating heads was that I planned to use them similar to the network tower back on earth to extend the coverage range of the search for Mike.

I instructed both the floating heads to fan out to the ends of the area my spirituality could cover at a 60-degree angle, this way I and the floating heads were positioned to form an equilateral triangle. Then I used the Hive AI to connect my spirituality to the spirituality of the two floating heads. This way I increased my range of search by half of

the original range. Then I instructed the two floating heads to move around me at the same speed maintaining the same distance between each of us. This way I could cover an extra search range of half of my original search range in every direction for a regular interval of time.

In order to make sure that I did not miss anything, I order the floating heads to increase the speed of them revolving around me. Thanks to the presence of the Hive AI, which helped the floating heads do the math and kept recording the surrounding data collected I did not have to worry about missing anything.

Having increased my search range by half or the original range, I began to go through the data processed by Hive AI and so I found an E-rank Steel Back Worm with the same variation in its soul pathway vibration that I record in the pebble form Mike and Ji Feng. Then I Instructed the floating heads to stop revolving around me and just focus on the direction where the anomaly was noted.

Pretty soon I was able to confirm that the steel back worm monster that Hive AI recorded was indeed Mike in disguise by double checking the variation in its soul pathway vibration and wanted to act immediately but stopped seeing one of the bone dragon clones separate from the bone dragon clone army and head towards the worm monster.

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Chapter 992 Back To The Start

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The reason I stop taking immediate action after seeing a single-bone dragon clone leave the clone army and head towards the small worm monster was because of the blood dyed on its skeleton tail. The bone dragon clone's on the edge of the clone army encircling us have not even been given the chance to attack either of us so it was impossible for the bone dragon clones at the edge of the clone army to have blood on their tail this meant that the bone dragon clone that left the clone army to head towards the small monster worm was a bone dragon clone which had fought in the front lines

against the battle formation set up by the extermination team. This told me that Mike was up to something.

If Mike wanted a bone dragon clone, he could have summoned one from the edge of the clone army but why did he call back this particular bone dragon clone? This seemed impractical without a reason. Therefore Mike must have had a reason as to why he called this particular bone dragon clone from the front lines instead of the one at the edge, and I had a feeling that the blood on this bone dragon clone's skeleton tail was the reason.

I say this because the blood on its tail was the only thing that differentiated it from other bone dragon clones. I reached this assumption after having checked its soul pathway arrangements, vibration, and signature, nothing was out of place. By every means it was the same as the other bone dragon clone in the clone army, so the blood covering its skeleton tail was the only thing that set it apart from other clones. Hence my conclusion was that Mike was after the blood covering the bone dragon clone's skeleton tail, that sounded like a valid reason for him to call a bone dragon clone from the frontlines instead of the edge of the clone army that was closer to him.

I continued to monitor the worm monster and the bone dragon clone that left the clone army. Pretty soon the bone dragon clone made its way to the worm monster and then present its tail to it. The worm monster was not afraid of the appearance of the bone dragon clone and instead began to scrape some blood samples from the bone dragon clone's skeleton tail proving my conclusion earlier that Mike was after the blood covering the bone dragon's skeleton tail.

At this point it was already too late for me to stop Mike from doing whatever he was planning, I could only continue to watch what he was up to. After a few breaths, I noticed the monster worm's body suddenly grow and started to mold into a humanoid shape. Next movement the humanoid shape became gained more details of a feminine figure, these details become more defined, and then the end result resembled Diana. From head to toe and to the clothes she wore, she looked exactly like Diana.

Seeing this I could not help but marvel at what I just saw. I have seen a fruit turn into a fairy so this should be nothing new to me but still, it was marvelous to know that Mike was comfortable with it. I wanted to continue monitoring Mike but had to leave that to my floating heads and check on the disturbance I felt next to me.

When I withdrew my vision from the floating head's vision back to my own I saw that the battle array formation had broken and the extermination team was having a hard time trapping and incinerating the bone dragon clone army so they could only resort to killing bone dragon clone even if it meant adding more clones to the bone dragon clone army. All this happened because Diana, one of the pillars of the battle array formation, had suddenly morphed into a cat monster.

Being unfamiliar with the new body, Diana, who was scared by the sudden changes, was having a hard time controlling and moving her body around. If not for her spirituality being strong she would have lost her soul's individuality like Ji Feng and acted like a cat monster believing that she was a cat monster. Thankfully Diana had a firm will but still, she was barely holding on to her individuality.

To make things worse the two wind rule ego elementals that Daina summoned and her phantom fleet had been recalled to their cards after she morphed into a cat monster. With the battle array formation broken and a powerful card lord such as Diana gone, the pressure on the extermination team increases considerably. Though the bone dragon clones were not strong they had large numbers and their number kept increasing with time. They were starting to overwhelm the extermination team if this continued extermination team could no longer hold down the fort. Thinking of this I decided to bring the battle to Mike. Only by killing him could I put a quick end to this bone dragon clone army.

Before that, I summoned my five stone viltronian monsters and sent them to protect Diana and help the extermination team. I was saving them for the summon armament card but it seems circumstances will not allow it. Even without them, I could make do with the Eight-handle energy saber card to make up for their absence.

With the addition of the stone viltronians and the stone troll minions the extermination then finally had room for a breather. And once again they resumed trapping and incinerating the bone dragon clones. But all the progress so far was lost as within seconds, the bone dragon clones multiplied back to their original numbers.

Then I instructed the stone viltronian to access the second form of the calamity daughter gem. This way they could buy more than enough time for the extermination team to create a new battle formation without Diana.

"Summon Beezalbub's wings," Chanting that I immediately head towards Mike who had transformed back to his original appearance.

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“Summon, six handle energy sabers,” I chanted since six energy sabers were enough for my six arms.

“Boy, aren’t you gutsy? I thought you will hide behind your minions until each of them died,” Mike said looking at the boy who looked more like a demon than a card apprentice with his monster ears, feline fur covering his body, a pair of identical floating heads adjacent to his head, a couple of pair of floating hands each holding an energy sword behind him, feline tail, and a pair of demon wings.

“Say the old man hiding behind an army of clones,” I retorted. I did plan on hiding behind my subordinates until Mike was drawing his last breath, but in life, not everything goes according to one’s plan.

“Boy, I am really impressed by your bravery. I didn’t think that you would choose to fight me when I displayed my platinum grimoire. It seems I had underestimated your stupidity,” Mike mocked.

“I am here knowing that I am more than enough to deal with the likes of you,” I was planning to launch a sneak attack on Mike using the hop additional skill of the Beezalbub’s wings but something told me that Mike wanted me to do just that. So I held back and continued to watch his actions.

“I would be impressed or even deterred by your confidence if I had not known about the semi-demigod hiding in your shadow. What is she? Your nanny, if you are to lose then she will help you kill me. Is that where your confidence comes from? When I see you, all I see is a rich spoiled kid trying to act like an avenger with help of the powerful force backing you, people like you sicken me,” Mike said pointing at my shadow.

“Think what you want, but the semi-demigod is here for my protection, she will not interfere unless people from your side provoke her,” I said to Mike searching for an opening to sneak attack him.

“Oh, really? But I don’t hear you saying that she will not act when you are desperate,” Mike scoffed.

“Stop the stalling, Mike,” seeing Mike argue instead of attacking me despite him feeling that he was stronger than I made me believe that he was stalling.

“If you are that eager for a fight then feel free to come at me, I am standing right here,” Mike no longer pretended, his words made it clear that there was a trap waiting for me.

“Good,” I glared at Mike and then chanted, “Blood rule powered saber, active.”

The neon blue sword blades of the six saber handle’s in my hand vanished and were soon replaced by neon red sword blades that let out a daunting aura.

“Rule Item,” Mike blurted in surprise, seeing me use a rule item but his expression continued to remain playful. As if rule energy did not raise alarms in his mind, he seemed confident in his defense or whatever he had prepared.

“Hexa Blood rule slash,” I used the used energy slash additional skill of the Eight handle energy saber to send six consecutive blood rule slashes at Mike.

In face of the six blood rule slashes, Mike’s expression remained unchanged. He looked eager to be attacked by them and Just as he was about to be hit by the blood rule slashes, I heard him chant, “Myriad Devil Transformation – Echo Slime.”

Mike suddenly morphed into a transparent slime creature which was soon bombarded with six consecutive blood rule slashes. I was expecting to see the slime creature blow up into a small rain shower of slime but contrary to my expectation, the slime creature did not explode instead when the six consecutive blood rule slashes came in contact with the transparent slime creature they were absorbed into its body.

After absorbing the six consecutive blood rule slashes the slime creature was no longer transparent instead its body had turned red and glowed with a neon-red hue. Seeing this I was shocked because I do not know of any slime monster that was able to absorb rule energy. But reconsidering it for the second time Bloodette came to my mind, though I knew she was a supreme being, the form I had seen her closely resembled that of a slime taking a humanoid shape.

I had Hive AI bring up the information on Echo Slime I heard Mike chant before morphing. Yep, the information on Echo slime on the grimoire network also agreed with me that Echo slime or any other slime known to the card apprentices was able to absorb rule power. So I believe this change must be the doing of one of Mike’s cards.

“Is that all you got,” Seeing me not continue to attack the Slime monster morphed Mike suddenly spoke up showing confidence that he could handle whatever I had to throw at him.

“So you can take a good beating that proves nothing,” I said looking down at Mike.

“Could you repeat that?” while yelling, the slime creature suddenly changed its shape to that of a cannon and then fired a red beam of blood rule power aiming at me. To my surprise, the blood rule power contained in the red beam shot at me was exactly twice the amount of blood rule I poured in the six consecutive blood rule slashes I attacked Mike with.

“Hop,” using the hop additional skill of the Beezalbub’s wing card I immediately dodged the incoming blood rule beam by hopping behind the Slime creature. Having already located the core of the slime creature using my soul pupils I used my blood rule sabers to sneak attack and destroy its core.

Just as my blood rule sabers were to come in contact with the slime creature, I suddenly heard Mike chant, "Minor Duo Array mirror activate." With that, the figure of the slime creature vanished and was replaced by my reflection.

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Chapter 994 Pointing Fingers

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Echo Slime monsters were popular for absorbing physical and soul energy attacks and using the energy gathered from them to attack their predators with twice the power. This ability of theirs made them one of the strongest slime monsters known to card apprentices. But like any other slime monster out there, Echo Slime also had one common weakness: its core. Though its slimy body was difficult to deal with, once its monster core was located killing it would become a simple feat.

Therefore having located Mike morphed Echo slime's core, I did not hesitate to target it, but it seems Mike's transformation to Echo slime was not the trap that Mike prepared for me, it was a field card minor duo mirror array. The smaller version of the duo mirror array. Since the field card was not activated before my soul pupils did not pick it up. I guess Mike too was being cautious knowing that I had mama Wyatt's origin card, Aura sight, which could discern any trap or field with a single glance. So he waited till I choose to attack him to deploy the minor duo mirror array.

After attacking me with the blood rule that it had absorbed from my attack the Echo slime returned to its original transparent color. One would think with Echo slime's transparent body it would be easier to locate its core but that was not the case as its monster core too was transparent, blending with its transparent body making it very hard to locate it even in broad daylight.

So I focused my attack on the transparent monster core but soon I noticed that the figure of the slime creature vanished and was replaced by my reflection. Then my blood rule saber clashed with the blood rule saber and I was forced to take a step back because it seems the attack of my reflection even though the copy of my attack seemed

to have more power to it. Using this opportunity I decided to get a distance between myself and the Mike morphed Eco Slime but it was too late, as I was pushed back by my reflection's attack, Mike immediately rushed out of his field card having transformed into a Flame Wyvern and aiming at me he launched a flame breath.

I did not panic seeing Mike morphed Flame Wyvern attack me with flame breath as I believed the defense of the elusive spirit would gather the wind and negate the flame breath. But I had underestimated Mike, the flame breath was made using the fire rule. As shocked as I was to see a Flame Wyvern use the fire rule, I immediately covered myself with the blood rule and made full use of the elusive spirits' evasion ability and Beezalbub's wings to escape the flame breath.

Thanks to the blood rule power covering me, I could escape unscathed despite coming in contact with the flame breath for a few seconds. But I was not out of the bind yet, Flame Wyvern continued to follow me no matter how much I tried to get rid of it. If not for the exceptional evasion ability of the elusive spirit possessing me, I could not have been able to escape the fire rule fireballs it kept shooting at me from behind.

"Hastex2," I chanted twice, activating the haste additional ability of the elusive spirit and the Beezalbub's wings. With the two haste stacked enhancements to my agility, I easily threw the flame Wyvern off my back and then used hop additional ability to get behind it and they once again attacked it with Hexa Blood Rule Slash.

Seeing the target in front of it vanish the flame Wyvern was at loss but it suddenly felt immense danger from behind it. Feeling the imminent danger behind him Mike did not hesitate and decisively morphed into a flame harrier and used its flicker skill to appear 100 meters away successfully evading whatever managed to ring his danger sense.

Mike finally managed to see what was it made him feel immense danger, it was the boy who had suddenly vanished from his field of vision. The boy seemed to have a card that allowed him consecutively disappeared and sneak behind their target. Mike knew this was not possible with a teleportation card but whatever it was, it was proving to be troublesome to get rid of the boy so yelled, "Your Majesty, please do not interfere, this between us juniors."

"Hey, watch what you say," I said.

"Boy, be honest this is the second time your semi-demigod bodyguard helped you escape my attacks, I know you are shameless but don't force a respected semi-demigod into doing your shameless bidding," Mike was not worried that his words would anger the semi-demigod protecting boy because if they openly took action against him then this would no longer be considered as a fight for vengeance but a pre-planned act of terrorism toward one of the circle's embassies in the southern region.

“Mike, aren’t you the shameless one here? You just want to know the card info the card I am using to evade your attacks right,” deducing the ability of the opponent’s card played an important part in any card fight to not fall for the same trick again and again.

“Now you are pointing your fingers at me to cover your shameful and immoral practice in a war,” Mike did not show even an iota of shame with his real intentions being uncovered by the boy.

“You-” Just as I was about retort to Mike he interrupted me saying, “This fight is being recorded by my grimoire so even if I were to die here today the main branch of the Circle will know what transpired here. So I advise you if what you claim about you being able to evade my attacks because of the abilities of your card is true then just name that card to avoid any misunderstanding.”

Telling the name of your card to the enemy was no different than telling them the info of the card. If one were to know the name of the card it would not be difficult for them to get the card info unless it was a custom card. Therefore many card apprentices practice haste chanting or whisper chanting to activate their card without revealing their card name to the enemy. But haste chanting or whisper chanting was not easy to master.

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Chapter 995 Giving Up?

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Haste chanting or whisper chanting, these two have proved to be effective and unique ways for the card apprentice to activate their cards without revealing their next move to their enemy but not many chose to master them because of the difficulty in mastering them and also because of the presence of a better alternative, the wordless chant.

The wordless chant was a method where the card apprentice activates their cards by commanding their grimoire with their thoughts. Though it was a better alternative than haste chanting and whisper chanting, the difficulty in mastering this method was twice as much as required to master the other two chanting methods. Still, it was worth the

effort. And it has been noticed that the wordless chant was easily grasped by the card creationist and array master community since they have strong spirituality compared to the card apprentices in the same realm.

“Kid, don’t waste my time. Either reveal the name the card claim to use or just have your semi-demigod bodyguard kill me right now and save us all a little trouble,” Mike yelled fearlessly as blaming the boy and his semi-demigod of mal-practice bought him enough time while avoiding the actual battle. Knowing that the boy seemed to have deduced his transformation ability, Mike no longer planned to kill the boy, knowing he will be interrupted by the boy’s semi-demigod bodyguard.

The only reason Mike was so confident about taking Ji Feng into his custody and killing the boy was that he believed in the abilities of his myriad devil body origin card. With its absolute transformation ability, he wanted to use the element of surprise to his advantage and achieve his priorities before the semi-demigods watching over the body could react. But now circumstances had changed. If the boy can deduce his card ability, so can his semi-demigod bodyguard. Losing the element of surprise Mike believes he no longer had the opportunity to kill the body without his semi-demigod bodyguard rescuing the boy at the last second.

Knowing that this battle held no meaning with the semi-demigods protecting the boy, Mike was no longer so keen on fighting. The only reason he chooses to face the boy head-on instead of escaping using his origin card was that he was working on another safer and faster plan for his escape. As the presence of Ji Feng made his origin card’s advantage in fleeing moot. Ji Feng somehow seemed to be able to find him despite his complete transformation this became apparent when earlier Ji Feng reach out to grab his pebble body out of all the other pebbles in the surroundings. This meant if he tried to escape he would become prey to Ji Feng and the organization backing him.

The high probability of involvement of that organization had put a damper on Mike’s plans as it make his only priority of survival bleak. And he did not like the idea that he and the semi-demigods from the main branch of Circle would be pawns in that organization’s game, helping it achieve its motives at the expense of them becoming enemies with both the southern royal family and the yin-yang harmony sect.

“Fine, I will leave” a voice sounded throughout the sky. Feeling the voice familiar I immediately check my shadow only to find that Agatha had left my shadow.

“Well, this is unexpected,” Mike blurted hearing the voice. He never expected that his baseless accusation would result in the semi-demigod leaving the boy’s shadow. This put an end to his reason behind stalling so he thought, ‘Nothing ever goes my way.’

“There, you got your answer. Now, let’s resume the fight” yelling that I strengthened the blood rule energy covering my body and chanted, “Hop.”

Soon my body vanished and appear right in front of Mike's and attacked him with Hexa blood rule slash. At point-blank range, even the evasive spirit would have a hard time dodging all six blood rule slashes. But Mike instantly transformed into an Echo slime by chanting, "Myriad Devil Transformation – Echo slime."

Absorbing the Hexa blood rule slash the transparent body of the slime turned blood red with a red hue as it continued to free fall and soon the red hue intensified as Mike chanted, "Detonate."

"Fuck," I cussed curling into a fetal position and encasing myself within a cocoon made of blood rule. Despite the distance between the explosion was just too strong for me to defend against it using my mortal body.

Under the impact of the Echo slime's self-detonation, the blood rule cocoon was sent flying into the sky. Inside the cocoon, my head buzzed. It felt as if it was being hammered by hundreds of hammers simultaneously. Even with help of Hive AI, it took me a while to return to normal. When I retracted the cocoon, Mike used the time as an opportunity to hide.

Echo Slime's detonation ability allows it to detonate its body with help of the energy it absorbed from its enemy's attacks. It was a strong AOE attack as it exploded with nearly three times the power of the energy it gathered by absorbing the enemy's attacks in its body. But the detonation of its body came at a price. After detonation, it takes considerable time for the Echo slime to regrow its body.

But considering that Mike morphed Echo slime was able to absorb rule power attacks, I don't know what all other feats it was capable of. Which could involve an ability to regrow its body instantly. To understand this I had a theory, that the reason the monsters that Mike was transforming into were able to use rule power unlike the original monsters was because of his ego gem. This was similar to how my stone viltronians were able to comprehend rule power thanks to the Calamity daughter gem.

Knowing that the Mike-morphed Echo slime was able to absorb rule-powered attacks because of his ego gem, it became apparent to me that there were pretty much no more changes to what the Mike-morphed Echo slime could. Meaning after self-detonation Mike-morphed Echo slime must have spent a considerable amount of time regrowing its body which meant, Mike must have hidden somewhere around here.

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Realizing that Mike did not have time to hide further from here, I immediately tried to scan the surroundings using my soul pupils but suddenly felt a scorching heat and a massive blow strike me on my back. Since it was an ambush at point black range, instinctive evasion of elusive spirits' possessing me was of little use here.

Fearing my aura sight, with not many places to hide in the sky, Mike chose to morph into something proficient in flight and stealth planning to sneak attack me once I come out of the blood rule cocoon protecting me. Thanks to the blood rule covering me I did not take a lot of damage but I lost my stance, which Mike used as a perfect opportunity to attack me relentlessly with flame breath while remaining in stealth. Without even giving me the room to gain a footing to strike back. I could only defend helplessly while running evasive spirits abilities to their maximum hoping that I will get an opportunity to use the Beezalbub card's additional ability hop.

Being forced to defend I don't know how much longer the blood rule covering my body could hold up against the fire rule flame breath so I made use of soul pupils to see through Mike's stealth and uncover what creature he had transformed into.

Rainbow-winged flame butterfly monster, that was what Mike had morphed into. This monster was popular for its potent stealth ability and flame breath ability which was commonly only seen in the dragon family. Apart from these two skills the part about the Rainbow-winged flame butterfly monster that was making things difficult for me were its eyes. It had a dynamic vision. Which not only aids it in escaping its predators but also to hunt its prey. And right now I was its prey. With all my moves within the range of the Mike morphed Rainbow-winged flame butterfly monster's dynamic sight evasion was proving to be difficult. Especially because the flame breath was a wide-range attack so there was very little room for me to maneuver. So I could only wait for an opportunity hoping my blood rule cover will last long enough.

"Hastex2," the opportunity I was waiting for came as both the haste skills of my elusive spirit and Beezalbub's wings were out of cooldown time.

With the aid of gravity and stacked haste effect, I plunged down at full speed, and eventually, the Mike morphed Rainbow-winged flame butterfly monster was unable to match my speed and could only watch as I escaped. Reaching a safe distance I once again wanted to use hop to launch a sneak attack on Mike, but learning from my previous failed attempts. I decided to save it for when I required it the most. Even though the cooldown period of the hop skill was small, I could not use it when under attack so I could only save it to escape to a safe distance under enemy attack.

When I circle back to engage Mike, I found that Mike had morphed into a demon. It had buffalo horns, Dragon wings, and horned lizard tail appendages attached to its grey-

colored humanoid body. It stood 7 feet tall with a robust muscular body. Fire rule power covered its entire body oozing an intimidating aura in its surrounding. The Mike-morphed Demon looked at me with a sneer and said, "Kid, this time I will come at you for real."

"Oh, yeah. Same here pal." My body grew 7 feet tall as I unlocked the complete potential of the gigamite physique achievable for two additional souls as I still needed clone 1 to continue acting as Ji Feng.

Without wasting any further time the demon body Mike attacked me head-on with its fist. Seeing this I used two of my left floating hands to block its attack and formed two fists using the two right floating hands to attack him as a bluff while I used my hands to punch Mike aiming his face and throat.

When my fist came into contact with Mike's body I felt the blood rule and kinetic energy behind them were being absorbed by this body. At the same time. Mike's left hand was blocked by my two left-floating arms and his right arm blocked my two right-floating arm's attack, both suddenly seemed to have become soft like a sponge and were absorbing any and all energies applied to them. This feeling was the same as the one I got while fighting against the Mike-morphed Echo slime.

Understanding what was happening here my expression changed. Meanwhile, Mike's horns shot two beams of blood energy aimed at me. Thanks to the elusive ability, I escaped sideways but only to take a heavy punch to my face. With that, a continuous barrage of punches followed. I felt each of the punches despite the blood rule power covering me and my gigamite physique.

This time Mike's fist felt harder, a lot harder compared to our previous exchange, clearly, he had instantly switched the ability of his body from that of an echo slime to something with hardening skill as he attacked me.

Despite the pain I felt, I could not help but feel excited about my current circumstance. The more promise Mike showed the more excited I got. The reason I immediately attacked Mike as soon as Agatha left was that I no longer had to worry about how to plunder Mike's card ability while escaping Agatha's eyes.

I was not worried about the other two semi-demigods monitoring me because they were not right next to me like Agatha. As long as they were not near me, I could think of hundreds of ways that I could use to do my deed without raising suspicion in the eyes monitoring me.

"Six-handle energy saber," retreating to a certain distance I once again summoned my sabers as it was proving disadvantageous to fight Mike with fists. His ability to instantly switch between various monster physiques, traits, and skills was proving to be very troublesome to deal with.

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Summoning six energy saber handles, tightening my grip on them I powered them with blood rule power, seeing this Mike chanted, "six armed ape monster – nine appendages,"

Soon Mike morphed Myriad Devil Body and grew two extra pairs of hands, now he had a total of three pairs of hands. And the number of appendages on his body grew to a total of nine appendages without counting in its horns, wings, and tail. Mike was not done there he chanted, "Hellfire Imp – Flame Forge."

With his chant, Mike used Hellfire Imp's Flame Forge to forge six swords using fire rule power. Showing that Mike had a wide range of monster and demon abilities stored to choose from. But I was not discouraged because the only way Mike could create a demon transformation card was by using a demon's body parts as a card ingredient. Which meant someone had killed a demon with this ability, so it was not impossible for me to do the same. I need to be patient and deduce the limitation of Mike's card's ability and use it to my advantage. And so far all I have gathered was Mike cannot use the same type of ability simultaneously. This I inferred by witnessing Mike switch between the physique of the Echo slime to defend against my attack and the hardening physique to attack me. Later to gain the six-armed ape monster's nine appendages physique he let go of the hardening physique instead of stacking both of the physiques. This showed that he could only mimic one monster's physique at a time. I don't know if the same was true for skills and traits but I would like to think it had to be. So in his demon form, Mike could copy the monster's physique, skills, and traits from different monsters, simultaneously too, but he could not stack them.

Having deduced a rough idea of Mike's ability, I decided to see if it were true in my fight against Mike without proper evidence proving that Mike cannot copy and stack skills and traits of different monsters similar to their physique I needed to be careful, because this could be something that Mike was leading me to believe and when I go after him believing the misleading information that he had fed me, he could suddenly burst out with unexpectedly high levels of power, catching me off guard and finish me when I am least expecting it.

Well, least expecting- sounded far-fetched but if I went after him then it would be that I was expecting a different result, something like me killing him certainly not expecting any surprises especially not me dying by Mike's hands.

While I contemplated the shortcomings and limitations of Mike's card he came at me while swinging his words, I used my sabers to clash with his swords enthusiastically. Honestly, I was kind of looking forward to something like this happening, and Mike did not disappoint me.

After clashing swords for a while, Mike and I separated, honestly fighting with six cards was taxing, even though I had two slave consciousness and Hive AI assisting me. I did not know how Mike was fair but considering that he has gained the physique of a six-armed ape, it should have come with perks that allowed the six-armed ape monster to maneuver its six arms. Still in the clash earlier, I held the clear advantage as unlike Mike's extra arms that are fixed to his back, my extra pair of arms had more leeway when it came to mobility and freedom. Despite holding the advantage in the exchange, Mike was able to remain unscathed as he held the advantage in fighting experience. No matter how my floating arms ambushed him, he fended them off as if he was used to fighting multiple enemies. His fighting style gave me the feeling that even if I were to have another extra pair of arms Mike would still manage to fend off, but it would have taken a greater toll on him.

When I planned to engage again, I saw he was vibrant and filled with energy, as if he just got up from a peaceful and refreshing nap. Clearly, he had made use of some unknown monster's trait to being his stamina and mental health levels back to their peak. Seeing this it became I started to get a feeling that Mike planned to prolong this fight. But this was more disadvantageous to him than to me. yes, he could instantly recover health, stamina, and mental health which allowed him to fight long battles but even though his abilities favored prolonged battles but his current circumstance did not. The extermination team and the stone viltronians had already annihilated two third of his bone dragon clone army, and it will not be long before they laid waste to the rest allowing join in this fight. Making prolonged battle unfavorable for Mike. Not knowing what was going on in his, I shook my head deciding to take initiative and engage him to deduce more about his card's ability. But Mike suddenly spoke, "Kid, ever since I learned about you. I always wondered why the southern royal family was willing to accommodate you and your revenge despite the political shitstorm it would brew. But after fighting you, and personally experiencing you being able to stand toe to toe with me while I am in my demon form despite the vast realm gap between us, you have proved that you are every bit what I read about you, maybe even more. For that, you have my respect."

Mike became chatty for someone who said he would come at me for real. I thought when Agatha left, Mike was going to go all out to try and kill me. But that wasn't the case I could feel that he was not keen on fighting me and was a little distracted, the question was why was he continuing to stall? For reinforcements from Circle, if the Circle was planning on sending reinforcements shouldn't they be here by now?

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Chapter 998 Slaves Not Employees

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“Gray fur, what’s the holdup? Why aren’t the semi-demigods from the circle not acting? What are they waiting for? Don’t tell me they are not here?” Flower thief complained. In this team of five, besides him, the other three did not dare to question Gray fur as such, not even the hothead Sniper.

Compared to the codename flower thief’s attitude weak’s ago, this was- different. Knowing his origin card’s worth to the organization and Matron herself, the flower thief had gotten used to a unique special threat that was not available to anyone in the organization. Codename flower thief was a degenerate so it did not take him long to get comfortable with his second identity as a codename flower thief of the paw clan. This was the main reason behind Matron’s unique recruitment process.

“They have already arrived and are hiding from the array formation covering the southern region, in case the southern emperor is watching,” Gray fur answered.

“Aren’t they here to fight, what’s the point of hiding?” Flower thief asked.

“They are in hiding because they need a legitimate reason to explain their arrival in the southern region without prior permission from authorities,” Gray fur replied patiently. The idea that a new recruit was being given more privilege than him, did sicken Mike but he did this babysitting job without any complaints because it paid him extra merits.

“I know that, wasn’t a semi-demigod hiding in the boy’s shadow reason enough?” what the Flower thief said was true. The semi-demigods from the circle were supposed to use the fact that Agatha was hiding in the boy’s shadow while he wreaked havoc in their branch as a reason to justify their arrival at the southern region without prior reason but the Circle seems to not be following the script for some reason.

"Yes, they were supposed to do that but I too don't know what they are planning," Gray fur did not know what the Circle was up to. The plan was the semi-demigods from the Circle would keep the three semi-demigods guarding the boy and Mike would use this opportunity to kill the boy. This plan had been agreed upon by both the Circle and their organization but just in case Mike failed or hesitated considering the consequence of killing the boy then they planned to make use of the flower thief's origin card to lend a hand. But the semi-demigods from the circle did not show any sign of acting as agreed so far.

"Then are we going to continue and wait for them to act or will you contact them to learn what's the holdup?" Though it seemed like the Flower thief seemed to be asking Gray fur but the other three teammates begged to differ. Seeing that even the cunning Gray fur was tolerating the newbie they did not dare to voice their thoughts. Not that they were afraid of offending codename flower thief, they were afraid of losing the extra merits they got for babysitting the newbie.

"The circle doesn't know we are here. Though Matron did offer to help will giving them information, the circle rejected it. So we have no choice but to continue to wait and watch how this play's out," Gray fur said without revealing much about what he had discussed with the Matron before returning to the south to finish their unfinished job.

"Fuck," codename Flower thief cursed knowing that this mission might more time than they believed it would. And then added, "Can't the Matron talk to them? To ask them for an update or something?"

Hearing the Flower thief's words the rest of his team looked at him with grim expressions, for them what the Flower thief just spoke was equal to taboo. Had it been somebody else they would have beaten the shit out of him for spouting such blasphemy. They were here to do Matron's bidding for her not the other way around. Thankfully the newbie spoke these words to them and did not act on them.

"Flower Thief, don't let the special treatment get to your head. Remember, we are here to serve Matron, not work but serve. I think you know what the difference is and don't need me to explain it to you," Gray fur said reminding Flower thief that despite their freedom, they were Matron's slaves, not employees who held the privilege to quit if they wanted to unlike them whose memories would be whipped clean and replaced with new ones at any sign of rebellion.

"I know that already and have accepted it. That is the reason why I think that Matron would not mind helping us serve her better," The Flower thief argued.

Gray fur gave the flower thief a hard look wondering if the newbie was being serious and then ordered, "We continue to wait and observe."

Hearing Gray fur's decision the other three sighed in relief seeing that Gray fur did not follow the flower thief's bullshit. There was a reason why Matron created this

organization and that was to have them do her bidding without getting her involved in it. To keep her hands clean by having totally unrelated strangers do the crime that results in her benefit. This way even if she were to be investigated with nothing to connect her with the crime or the criminal it would appear as if she was just lucky, a series of coincidences just happened to work in her favor. And right now, what Flower thief was asking them to do was totally against the very idea this organization was built on.

“If you guys are going to be such pussy about it, I will call her. Since Matron took the risk to contact the Circle to give them the information, I don’t think she would mind asking them for an update. But it will be a different story if the boy were to live to see another sunrise.”

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Chapter 999 Better then Us? Don't Kid Yourselfes

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The flower thief spoke his mind and felt he said nothing wrong. By now it was obvious to his team and him how obsessed Matron was with the boy. He felt that Matron would not mind breaking a few of her rules to see the boy die. But seeing the expression on his teammate’s faces he knew they did not agree with him. So the Flower thief can only shake his head thinking, ‘except for following orders these expendables know nothing.’

“Flower thief, I am in charge of this team and I say we wait,” codename Gray fur said sternly. He knew this day was bound to come while receiving extra merits from the organization just to make the codename Flower thief welcome in the organization and develop no hard feelings about the recruitment process.

Gray fur was proud to be the team leader but he never let himself forget that in the organization’s eyes he was just another expendable, maybe that was why he has been able to remain a team leader for a long team and contact Matron directly. Despite his pride, Gray fur did not have a problem with giving it up to the Flower thief or someone else. But right now he stood against the Flower thief because he did not agree with his

actions and believed that if he continued to entertain the Flower thief's willful actions the whole team will be punished severely except for the flower thief himself.

Remembering Matron's dreadful ability the Gray fur unconsciously trembled in fear and then wondered why she treated the Flower thief and others with handy abilities differently unlike them. With her ability, she did not need to do this. But he can only halt his thoughts from going further.

Hearing Gray Fur put his foot down on this matter the Flower thief gave him a look, 'Oh, really? Just watch me.'

Except for the mind-numbing recruitment process, the Flower thief's time in the organization has been nothing but rewarding. The VIP perks available to him were not something the likes of his teammates could imagine. He was an asset, unlike his expendables teammates. So it wasn't a surprise that the flower thief would look down on his fellow teammates and feel that he was better than them, especially Gray fur.

Ignoring Gray Fur's orders, the Flower thief summoned his grimoire and began to call Matron. Seeing this the other three teammates looked at Gray Fur with great interest. Even though they were all a team it was not like they did not have some grievances against each other. Especially for Gray fur and the flower thief, who acted like they were better than them despite being stuck in the same quagmire as them. So what if you were a team leader? So what if you were given extra privileges? One was a diligent slave while the other was a spoiled slave. In the end, they all were slaves struggling to behave. Begging the question, Where do they get off acting all high and mighty? So when the two of the most hated- envied people on the team were metamorphically grabbing each other's collars the other three reached for popcorn.

"You have her personal contact info, when did that happen," Gray Fur asked the flower thief in surprise as he had to contribute a lot to finally get the privilege to directly contact Matron yet the Flower thief got it just because of his special origin card.

"Duh, doesn't everyone have access to it?" the Flower thief answered without much thought.

Hearing this, Gray Fur's face became hideously unsightly. Something he took pride in was not even worth being considered a privilege by others. At this point, Gray fur knew he had lost. Trying hard to not have thoughts that could be considered rebellious by the organization's standards and decided to let the Flower thief do as he pleased.

"Matron, this is the flower thief," the grimoire call soon connected, and the flower thief introduced himself respectfully.

"Norman, state the purpose of your call," Matron did not waste time exchanging greetings and directly asked the purpose of the call. Even though she knew exactly why the codename Flower thief was calling her.

Since the moment her husband had brought up adopting the mutt that her late best friend gave birth to, Sansa had cleared her schedule for the day and hatched her nefarious plans to bury the mutt seven feet under before her husband brings it home and makes her carry it on her head. Having implemented her plans Sansa has been monitoring the memories of her cronies monitoring the live update on the ongoing mission. There has been little action with the progression of the mission still she patiently monitored her cronies' memories without blinking. So the dispute between Gray fur and the Flower thief was known to her.

Seeing Gray fur being aggrieved as the organization rewarded his diligence with shame and embarrassment Sansa felt satisfied. And a sadistic grin formed on her face as she watched Gray fur time and again forced himself from thinking badly about the organization or Matron. The heated altercation between Gray Fur and the Flower Thief, and the reactions of the other three in their team, were very entertaining for Matron, it helped improve her mood a little. Especially the part where Gray fur breaks down learning that what he took pride in was worth too little to others.

Why was Matron handling the likes of the flower thief and others with handy origin cards with care when she did not have to? This question of Gray fur caught Matron's interest. If somebody interviewed her and ask this question she would say, 'Because I can.' But the truth was far from it.

'Even though we can never get our childhood back, it stays with us till the end and defines our every action.' This saying was best used to explain Sansa's sadistic preferences.

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Chapter 1000 Tickle Monster

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"Honey, is this not your like? Do you want to eat something or somewhere else?" A middle-aged man brimming with soul energy asked 5-year-old Sansa who was too quiet for someone who begged him to bring her to bring to the prestige hanging gardens.

"Now daddy, it's fine," little Sansa answered half-heartedly.

How could a father not see that his little princess was mentally not present with him? So he picked her up in her embrace and said, "Tell daddy what is bothering my little princess?"

"Nothing," suddenly lifted by her father Sansa was surprised and did not reveal to him what was bothering her.

"Oh no! Sansa, the tickle monster is trying to break free, quick tell me what is bothering you otherwise come out to tickle you," Sansa's father spoke exaggeratedly as he comically moved his free, which seemed to badly want to tickle little Sansa but was being held back by her father.

Hearing her father call her hand the tickle monster, little Sansa laughed and said, "Daddy don't be silly that is your hand."

"My little princess, do not be fooled by its appearance, it has been possessed by the tickle monster and it is threatening to tickle you unless you tell your daddy what is bothering you," Sansa's father said as he continued to act comically using his free hand.

"But I don't want to," Sansa said in a low voice.

"Why does my princess not want to tell me? I thought we shared every little thing with each other," Sansa's father said continuing his act.

"Because, because you will get mad, then sad and start drinking that smelly stuff again," little Sansa replied truthfully why did she not want to share what was troubling her with her father?

Hearing his daughter say that Sansa's father immediately knew what was going on and in annoyance, he said, "Is it the Baylor's boy again? What did he do this time? I swear to god I am going to give that boy a good ass whooping one of these days."

"Bad daddy, you can't say that word," little Sansa said with puffed cheeks referring to the word ass.

"My bad honey, daddy got carried away. I promise I will not happen again," hearing his cute daughter, Sansa's father felt his annoyance wash away.

Then for some reason, his daughter acted shy and added, "and- and he is a friend you can't scold him like that."

Hearing his daughter call him a bad dad for a boy Sansa's father's bravado broke into pieces like shattering glass. Suddenly Sansa's father for a moment as card emperor felt deep jealousy and hatred toward a five-year-old boy. He felt like destroying the hanging

garden but he controlled himself from doing so. As he knew even if he was head of his family, the family members will abandon him if he were to destroy a property prestige in its name.

As Sansa's father was trying to control his spiraling feelings, he felt a stare at him. It belonged to his daughter. She stared at him with a worried gaze. Seeing the worry in his daughter's eyes Sansa's father's grievance suddenly vanished, he would rather eat his jealousy, hatred, and other feelings, than see the worry in his little darling's eyes.

So suppressing his feelings, Sansa's dad decided to be the ear he promised his daughter he would be. And immediately a forced smile formed on his face and he said, "Daddy is sorry for his behavior. I promise this won't happen again. But remember you can talk to me about anything that bothers you, I will always be there for you and no judgment," Sansa's father's words were genuine. As he realized that his feelings about his daughter's love life were his burden, it did not have to be her problem. But he was indirectly making it her burden. This would only lead to one end: his daughter closing herself to him and never really being open about anything to him ever again.

Besides his daughter was just Five years old, and this was her first crush. The whole thing will blow over soon anyway. There will be others but none will be the same as him. He was worried over nothing. He should stop overreacting when it came to his daughter. How can a puppy love compare to her father? He will be the most important person in her daughter's life, that was given.

"Hehe, I forgive you daddy and you can also always tell me everything," little Sansa did not understand what her father said at that moment but it would when it mattered.

"Good, I will do that. My little princess knows just the right words to make daddy happy," Sansa's dad rubbed his nose on his daughter's causing her to laugh feeling ticklish. Hearing her laughter, Sansa's dad felt that his life had a meaning and he was embracing it right now.

"Daddy it's ticklish," little Sansa said but continued to laugh carefreely. The visitors to the prestige hanging garden looked at this lovely scene and suddenly felt that the prestige hanging garden fell short compared to the father and daughter pair.

"Now that we have gotten that out of our system, no tell daddy what happened," having uplifted his daughter's spirit Sansa's father did not forget about the boy who made his daughter sad.

"He promised me that he will visit the garden with his father today but he changed his plans because went to see Ellen's house to see the pet monster her parents bought her," little Sansa got depressed with every word she spoke.

“How could he,” Sansa’s father impulsively wanted to curse at the Baylor family kid but held back and then added, “It doesn’t. let’s go to the guild association mall, we are going to buy you a pet. So that tomorrow he will come to our house to see your pet.”

“Really?” Little Sansa asked cutely.

“Yes, we are. Have I ever lied to you?”

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