

The Mafia 771

Chapter 771 Arriving in Seidel Kingdom

Time passed and the two months remaining between the group's previous position and their arrival in Seidel Kingdom ended that afternoon.",

After passing through the Chutha Dynasty's border with their home state, the group continued on their way to Grandis, a city just two days' journey for Onyx.

The entire group was observing the landscapes while Onyx carried them on his back, seeing the situation of the territory of their home state from about 1 kilometer above sea level.

Signs of battles and fires could be seen from above, with even a few small monster camps within sight of where the group was passing.

As she saw these signs, Lina couldn't help but sigh, thinking about how her family might be.

'I hope everyone is okay. According to Lauren, the actions of the strongest monsters to the south of the continent should only have started about five months ago. I hope they're still enduring the crisis.' She thought to herself, as she surveyed the terrain of her state with an apathetic look on her beautiful face.

Meanwhile, no one in the group was meditating or busy with anything else. They were all observing the terrain on their way, curious to know how those they had left behind were doing.

Having been out of the state for over two years, they had missed out on many things, from the Fuller family's expansionist actions to even the fights against the monsters that must have taken place in the territory.

Had the train lines been extended? How was Metal City? What about Eve and Nina?

Each of them had different questions, with even Lauren and the woman on the same level as her curious to know how the place they would call home from now on was doing.

Lauren had progressed in her relationship with the group, still acting and thinking in a selfish and negative way, but more helpful, giving what information she had.

She was still at the same level as when she had been overpowered by Vicente at Nixlas' Shadows headquarters, not having had the chance to cultivate to become stronger since that time.

Vicente was at the middle of the level of a Low-level Paragon before, having grown since then and reached the end of it. But she hadn't changed at all, not having had the chance to cultivate.

This was the only case of a member of the group who hadn't grown stronger. Over the almost a year they had been traveling together, everyone, except for Lauren, had improved.

They had traveled, for most of the last year, through high-level locations where even High-level Paragons could cultivate without difficulty. As such, everyone had benefited, with Vicente coming close to advancing to Mid-level, something similar to what Torne had achieved.

Torne was privileged. As the only one who could cultivate within Vicente's powerful consciousness space, he had a cultivation speed close to that of his master. But he was still in the middle of the level of a Low-level Paragon, behind his master.

Onyx's situation was a little worse than Torne's, while the Low-level Paragon woman had improved little in the 6 months since she joined the group.

Meanwhile, all the group's 4th stage members had improved a lot, with Rory having reached the peak of 4th stage and the rest of the team at the middle of Sky Sovereign level.

Depending on the resources they had when the effect of the vampire blood wore off in a few more years, everyone in the group could dream of advancing to the 5th stage before Vicente left for the north again.

No one in the group thought he would be leaving for the north in at least three years, since not only was the kingdom too big for him to look after, but he also had Nina and Lauren to worry about.

Anyway, the group was much stronger than when they left the kingdom, so arriving in this state again, they couldn't help but be eager to help.

"What do we do first, Vice?" Rory asked his friend, anxious to check on his mother's condition.

"We'll stop by the capital first to find out the actual situation in the state. Depending on the news, we can split up to quickly reach our different posts." Vicente replied, still not so comfortable splitting up his group amid calamity.

On the way here, they had seen some monsters with 5th stage cultivation!

As they had already imagined, not every monster coming from the north would focus its actions entirely on the central area of the continent. Some went to that area to overthrow human territories and then advance south, but others specifically passed straight through the area without getting involved in fighting there.

Because of this, it wouldn't be strange to find monsters as strong as those they saw in Trevora Kingdom, and the Kingdom of Eternal Dawn in the Seidel Kingdom.

As Seidel Kingdom was the last state on the continent in the southeast area, they believed that the numbers of powerful monsters there would be small and sparse. Even so, Vicente preferred to be cautious.

"Let's find out what areas have been lost, the human numbers and the situation of the railroad lines in the kingdom. If the state has reached the brink of collapse, we'll reclaim the kingdom's land bit by bit, starting from Scott Province.

My initial aim is to ensure the safety of the family, strengthen the remaining railroad lines and Metal City, before reclaiming territories."

Rory nodded to Vicente, eager to go to Metal City, where he thought his mother should have gone after her many pieces of advice before the group left for the north.

With that said, the group would continue flying towards Grandis, the capital of Seidel Kingdom, where Nina, Eve, Nova and the royal family should be or have been until recently, at least.

The orders left by Vicente were for the family to leave when Grandis became untenable. But had that already happened?

In a few more hours of traveling to the southeast, the group would find the answer to that question!

Chapter 772 Saving Grandis

Hours after passing the border of Chutha Dynasty and Seidel Kingdom, Vicente and his group spotted the kingdom's great capital as they left the back of Onyx to fly towards Grandis.",

As they moved, the group could gradually see thousands of black dots moving towards the city, while the sounds of cannons and explosions arose on the outskirts of Grandis.

Just as they got there, the city was under heavy attack from monsters!

Seeing the situation while flying lower and lower, Lina broke into a cold sweat as Layla and Vicente took the lead to reach that area.

Being the two fastest in the group, the couple would reach the front of the city, where warriors from the royal army were currently fighting the 3rd and 4th stage monsters in the area.

The moment they got there, they spotted King Seidel in the area, leading his men against the brutal attack that had now taken out over 100 men on the outskirts of Grandis.

Vicente saw the man, but said nothing. As soon as he was in front of the main point under attack, he revealed his magical powers, making his pentagrams appear as he attacked his enemies with one hand.

The wounded, tired and desperate men at that point of the capital's fallen wall saw the unthinkable happen right in front of them, with over 40 monsters being disintegrated by one movement of the newcomer.

Simultaneously with the action of Vicente's atomic manipulation power, the ground there shook, with several of the soldiers' weapons and metallic minerals giving rise to large, powerful sentient weapons.

In a few breaths of time, the warriors, doing their best to defend the city, stopped moving as they saw the monstrous creatures, hordes of different types of monsters, being brutalized by the Paragon with his back to them.

"Those powers..." King Seidel saw this and couldn't help but change the tired, depressed expression on his face, seeing the young black-haired man with his back to him shining like a star, the hope of his kingdom.

"Vicente!" He shouted to the boy, momentarily forgetting he had a daughter, leaving to worry about her later.

All that was on King Seidel's mind at the moment was Vicente's frightening power, which was honestly giving him even stronger chills than vampires would!

In the blink of an eye, over 300 monsters died because of Vicente's movement, while his weapons continued to kill the monsters even without him commanding them.

His companions took advantage of the path of corpses generated by their leader's movements, finally landing in the position where the king was rushing to Vicente's side.

"Father!" Lina shouted when she saw her old man still alive, feeling a little more relieved, even though she was still worried about her family, siblings, and mothers.

"Lina!" The king remembered the existence of that beautiful brown-haired woman and couldn't help but smile at how strong she had grown after over two years of traveling with Vicente.

"You've become a Sky Sovereign!"

"How's the family? What's the situation in the city?" She asked as Low-level Paragon, Torne, and Onyx helped Vice clean up the outskirts of the city.

All the rest of the group stood by King Seidel and Lina, while the guards on the outskirts dropped their weapons to watch the end of the monsters when they were so close to taking down this city.

The locals didn't know that the monsters would never devastate their city with attacks like the one today. It wasn't their plan to do that. Their plan was more malicious: to drive the magical community to despair, keep human civilization under pressure and occasionally bring in some magicians to make the community aware that they were now sheep at the monsters' disposal.

But with Vicente's group arriving today, it still wouldn't be time for this community to learn about this current cruel reality on the continent.

"The family is resisting. We have lost no one yet. I sent them to Metal City a few weeks ago along with Nina, Eve and Nova. They should be fine there." The king said, aware that this was the case, at least until four days ago, the date of the last message he received from one of his wives.

Lina was finally free of the weight she had been feeling since they began their journey back south, relieved that she hadn't returned too late.

She herself wasn't confident of saving her entire family. But by being there, she could at least talk to her relatives and do her best to avoid loss. If something worse happened now, there would be nothing left for her to do but mourn. But at least she would have the opportunity to act, which was enough for her at the moment.

The others also felt a little relieved to hear that.

'If they were only sent to Metal City a few weeks ago, perhaps the situation in the kingdom has only deteriorated since then.' Rory thought to himself.

Casey asked. "The kingdom must be fine then, right? If things have only gotten so bad in the last few weeks, the situation shouldn't be much different from when we left."

"No, we've lost half our territory and our numbers so far." The king said in a deep tone, his wrists clenched and a grim look on his face.

"The monsters really took their time to bring chaos to the kingdom. Until two months ago, we were more or less in the situation you left us. But two months was enough for them to brutalize our forces, take over half my territory, destroy crops and even railroads.

A horde of 4th stage monsters almost brought down Scott Province three weeks ago. If it hadn't been for the structures Vicente left behind to protect that territory, we would have lost it completely.

Unfortunately, even if we didn't lose the territory completely, half of the province fell, with Saltstar City having been destroyed by the enemies."

"What?" Rory heard in alarm, and couldn't help but approach the king as a troubled look formed on his face.

"Don't worry, young man, Martell Village, Metal City and Millfall are some areas still standing and less affected. Your mother was fine until the last time I received information about her."

King Seidel knew the origin of each of the members of Vicente's group to relieve Rory like that.

Chapter 773 Situation in the Seidel Kingdom

Within minutes of the group's arrival in the capital, Vicente and his companions were in the royal throne hall, together with the city's leading figures who had stayed behind.",

With Vicente having exterminated the enemies around Grandis and healed the wounded men of the royal forces, they could all take a few hours to refresh themselves before worrying again about the dangers around the city.

"Congratulations on your advancement to the 5th stage, Vicente. You've achieved fantastic powers while traveling," King Seidel said as his men looked at Vicente with a gleam in their eyes.

"You've also developed a fantastic team... It's just a shame you didn't return sooner. But, fortunately, you're here now."

"I'm sorry about that. We wanted to return as soon as possible, but we got involved with the defense of the states in the central region of the continent to contain the arrival of stronger and more many monsters to the south."

"Oh? Were you successful?" The king asked.

"Yes." Vicente nodded positively, looking at the king and the remaining Sovereigns in the area. "But how is the kingdom? I've noticed that the situation in the city doesn't look good."

"Indeed, it isn't. Of the whole Diamond Province, Grandis was the only city that withstood the calamity brought by the monsters in recent weeks. We moved part of the population before the worst happened, but we lost many cities, mines, plantations and hundreds of thousands of inhabitants.

The safest places in the kingdom are currently in Snow Province and Scott Province. Because of such areas' train network, which is more developed in these areas, we have contained part of the advance of the monsters and save the kingdom's magicians. But the monster attacks against our state have been brutal.

It's as if they want to exterminate us!

Sigh! They've even destroyed the railway line connecting the capital to the rest of the train network. Unless we get to Snow Province, we won't be able to use their trains to travel, Vicente. That's why we're still in the capital, even though we're practically surrounded by monsters."

The group listened seriously to the King's words, noting how brutal the monster attacks had been in destroying Vicente's railway line, which could withstand attacks from 4th stage creatures. For something like that to have been partly destroyed, then many monsters, powerful monsters, had to have acted against that infrastructure.

"How were my rail lines and Metal City before the worst started?" Vicente asked, interested to know how well his plans had developed during his absence.

This was important for him to know, as it could help the kingdom recover, speed up contact between isolated cities, transport food and crop resources, etc.

The king understood the importance of the railway and said. "We've developed a lot, but without your help, these kilometers of railway wouldn't have the same level of protection as your network. Over 600 kilometers of track has been built in those two years, with 30 new trains and 20 new stations.

The railway was developed mainly in Snow Province. Here in Diamond Province, things weren't going badly, but I have to say that we've lost almost everything we've done.

The situation in Snow Province is better, although they too have had their losses so far.

As for the Metal City, it had reached 450,000 inhabitants before the calamity hit the kingdom for real. Today, it must be the largest and safest city in the entire Seidel Kingdom. If it weren't for our inability to travel there, your city would already be the kingdom's capital by now."

"I see..." Vicente closed his eyes, seeing that his plans had gone right and wrong at the same time.

Fortunately, the most important thing hadn't gone wrong and there was still something to repair.

He looked at the king and those Sovereigns and said. "Well, I have some important things to tell you. From now on, don't trust the Congregation of Revelations anymore. We have several suspicions regarding the guilt of this group in various events that encouraged The Purification. Not only that, we were personally attacked by a high level member of this group before we discovered some disturbing information..."

Vicente told what he knew about that group's secrets, making the entire core of the royal family worry about the actual position of the continent's former largest organization.

They thought that the Congregation of Revelations was the greatest hope for changing the continent, but if this was a corrupted force, as Vicente told them, who else could they trust in the fight against the monsters?

"Sigh! It's a shame to hear such things. But I don't think you need to worry about the Congregation of Revelations. With the fall of its leaders, this force cannot maintain its former size.

Yet, that's not so good for us. Now that many of the organization's leaders have fallen to the vampires, we have a lot of young people unable to go through the awakening."

Vicente looked at the king and assured him that this wouldn't be a problem in the future. "Don't worry, my companions and I will do the awakening of the kingdom's young people from now on. We just need a few weeks to put the kingdom in order and then we can start awakening the powers of the youngest.

But beyond that, the current state needs to leave some of its old enemies behind. Now we need Dark Path magicians more than ever. People like that shouldn't be attacked or repelled.

Apart from that, I hope I can count on your cooperation to get this state back on its feet. The ideal would be to have the capital move to my Metal City, but we have to keep Grandis standing. There are valuable resources in the province that cannot be abandoned if we want to recover the state and then counterattack the monsters."

The king's men agreed on this, not questioning Vicente's position on Dark Path magicians.

With that said, they soon dealt with a few more matters, until Vicente's group split up, with Rory, Sarah, Casey, Onyx and the woman from the 5th stage Dark Path leaving for the Metal City.

When Layla and Lina left to revisit their acquaintances in Grandis, the king's men left him, Vicente, and Lauren alone.

"Vicente, can we talk just the two of us for a minute?" The king looked at Lauren meaningfully.

Chapter 774 Lauren's Crimes and Punishment

Vicente approached the king, while Lauren had her eyes turned to the strongest remaining subject among the local magicians. A bitter smile crept onto her face as she realized the situation revolved around her.",

"Vicente, who is this woman next to you? Do you know the things she's done?" King Seidel asked with an ugly look on his face, glancing at Lauren and clenching his fists.

Vicente already imagined that Lauren had done things in the south of the continent, in particular, that she had acted against the old Paragon of Trevora Kingdom, who lived in Grandis to protect the royal family.

He sighed as he closed his eyes, seeing the problem in front of him to deal with. "She's my older sister, who I went to rescue in the north of the continent, Lauren Fuller... I know she has made serious mistakes in the past on behalf of her sect."

"Sister?" The king's eyes changed as he turned his expression to Vicente, surprised by this.

"You don't have to speak in a low voice. I can hear you clearly, old monarch." Lauren walked towards Vicente and the king, while having an annoyed expression on her face. "Tell me directly what you have to complain about. You remember me, don't you? It's me. I'm Miss Death, the one who attacked this city months ago."

The king clenched his fists as he looked at Lauren, but having heard that she was Vicente's sister, he couldn't say anything.

Vicente noticed the king's anger and gave Lauren an ugly look. "Control your language when talking to your elders, Lauren! Don't think that I won't punish you just because you're my sister!"

Vicente's tone of voice startled the black-haired girl, making her stop and feel her whole body shiver as the negative elements in her body vibrated with his voice.

"I know the things you've been doing in the south of the continent. And you'll pay for what you've done when the time comes. Now be quiet and learn your place!" Vicente brought her to her knees with his magical pressure, making Lauren press her teeth together, but unable to muster the strength to speak against him.

Vicente pitied Lauren. She was his sister and had suffered because of Nixlas' Shadows' methods. But that didn't mean he wouldn't discipline her or make her pay for the mistakes she'd made in whatever way he decided.

He looked at Lina's father and said. "Lauren still needs time to repent for what she has done and to be able to serve time for her crimes, Your Majesty. She will stay by my side for the time being, but sooner or later, she will repay the harm she has caused by serving our community."

Seeing the serious look on Vicente's face, Lina's father sighed, closing his eyes and remembering his old friend.

He said. "I just wanted to warn you, in case you didn't know the truth. But since you do, I trust your judgment to bring your sister over to the right side of the fight on the continent. I imagine she's had her own tragedies, too."

"Thank you for understanding." Vicente gestured his thanks. "Anyway, I'm going to visit some local acquaintances while your group gets ready. When you're ready, send someone to notify me."

"Hmm, go ahead." The king said as he stayed behind in his palace.

Vicente had already ordered the king's group to gather materials for him to develop weapons and armor, as well as a group to position themselves around the Grandis security area that he would build over the next few days.

Vicente grabbed one of his sister's wrists and led her out of the palace.

"Why did you do that? Am I not your dear sister? Why humiliate me like that?" She exclaimed as she walked beside him, not liking the way Vicente had just treated her after weeks of his understanding gestures.

"You're very arrogant, Lauren. What's worse, you seem proud of your mistakes. So that was for you to learn you're no longer in Nixlas' Shadows and now you're part of the community of magicians fighting monsters." He said harshly, seeing he needed to teach his sister some manners.

"You owe respect to your elders and those who have done a lot for the magical community in the past."

"Tsk! We're stronger than that old man. We don't have to act humble and try to please people like him!" She said, using what she had learned in Nixlas' Shadows.

"Humph! On what basis do you say that? What have you ever done for the magical community? Nothing! You've only hindered us! What difference does your great power make? Neither the vampires nor the magicians of the continent would miss you. Only Nina and I have good feelings for you, you fool!"

She clenched her fists, feeling like hitting her brother.

Vicente continued his corrective words. "You must learn your place in this society. You have nothing. Your power is useless. You have no influence—"

"If you weren't restraining me, I doubt that—"

"Do you want to shout to the world how strong you are? That's not power, Lauren. I have issued no threats to the king, and he's willing to follow all my orders. That's genuine respect, Lauren. If you want that, change your attitude. Take your place and start acting quietly.

When you've done enough to pay for your crimes and deserve some respect, you won't need to use your powers to make everyone obey and respect you. Until then, respect your elders and those who have fought real wars.

There are Mages in this city who have better combat stories than a young girl who has been helped by Sovereigns of Nixlas' Shadows her entire journey. How easy can it be to grow up with a battalion ready to help you?"

She formed an ugly expression on her beautiful face, listening to Vicente practically tell her she had achieved nothing on her own and was inferior even to the local Mages.

"It seems you have no respect for your older sister!" She used her only weapon.

"Act like it. I'm still waiting for a mature attitude from you. Maybe I'll behave like your younger brother when you show yourself to be an older sister."

He moved on after delivering this blow to Lauren's morale, with her following him in silence, full of anger in her heart.

Chapter 775 Facts Discovered by Layla

After Vicente's words, Lauren followed behind him, unable to stop thinking about how he saw her as an immature young woman who needed to shout to the world that she was strong and should be respected.",

'Does he see me in this pathetic way? Fucking Vicente! You really enjoy teasing me! One day I'll teach you a lesson!' she thought to herself on the way to Vicente's next stop.

'I'm not what you think I am! Do you think I needed the help of those useless Nixlas' Shadows men? I saved my teammates several times! They were the ones who needed me!

What do you know about Nixlas' Shadows? You spent all this time having fun in the weak Seidel Kingdom. It was easy to grow up here!' She focused all her mana on Vicente, 'seeing' only him as she walked through the streets of Grandis.

As she thought this, people on the outskirts of the capital made way for Vicente to pass, many locals greeting him with signs of admiration or optimistic comments.

Some were expressing gratitude for his return, acknowledging the help he had already started providing to the community by aiding many warriors in their recovery.

The first people to say things like that to Vicente didn't catch Lauren's attention. But after four minutes of walking behind him, all the while listening to the locals' comments, she couldn't help but put her thoughts aside to pay attention to such reactions.

She couldn't see, but all her other senses were sharper than they would have been if she still had her sight. She could feel in their voices how happy they really were that Vicente was there.

Compared to the feeling people had always had towards her, people's reaction to Vicente seemed to be colorful, full of strange shapes, while the reaction to her had always been gray, with the same shapes.

She clenched her fists tighter as she felt this again, feeling as if she were walking behind a giant amid masses of bewitched people.

When Vicente arrived in front of the Awakening Temple, all the members of that post, who were still in the city, were lined up in the temple's steps to welcome Vicente.

"Welcome to the city, Altar Master!" Jasmine's father said while sweating, having already received information from Layla about what was going to happen.

Aware of Vicente's current power, that man would not stand in Vice's way of ending the Congregation of Revelations in Seidel Kingdom.

Vicente stopped in front of the 233 members of the temple, including Jasmine, who was still there, and Layla, who had chosen to stand next to her friend.

He looked for a second at several faces he already knew and announced. "From now on, the Congregation of Revelations will no longer be welcome in Seidel Kingdom. I see you've already made your choice, but I'm going to say it anyway. Those who do not join the Cataclysm Order will be abandoned outside the city.

Is there anyone here who doubts their choice?"

No one moved, while everyone there felt their hearts beating faster, sweat forming on their bodies, as they avoided looking at Vicente.

"Well, you've chosen well. Get ready to leave this post in 7 days. Layla is now in charge of your group." He showed the gray-haired woman, making everyone turn their attention to her.

With that said, he headed off to collect the Magic Gems from the Awakening Platform, with Jasmine and Layla following behind him and Lauren soon after.

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"Vicente, what happened? Layla told me that your position towards my organization has changed, but I don't understand how. Why all this?" The pink-haired woman, an Earth Sovereign, asked with a shocked expression on her face.

Everyone at the local temple was thinking more or less the same as her. Vicente had left as an ally and now seemed to be an enemy of the temple.

Layla had had little time to explain Vicente's motives to them, so Jasmine and everyone else were very curious.

"The Congregation of Revelations caused all the current calamity on the continent, Jasmine. Are you aware that your organization can monitor most magicians who have awakened their powers within your temples? Did you know your leaders could sacrifice the lives of Dark Path magicians to become stronger? Did you know they had an agreement with the vampires?"

All this was fact now, not just theories. Layla had already found records of the Congregation of Revelations in Trevora Kingdom that talked about the generation of the Temple Master, who supposedly became a Magus, and then disappeared.

The organization had become much stronger in that era after the destruction of the Cataclysm Order, with many Paragons who had not advanced in cultivation for decades improving their strength very quickly at that time.

Something like this could only be possible through the technique created by the vampires, or by consuming the bodies of superior vampires with the cultivation of at least High-level Paragons.

This second possibility could not explain what had happened to these women's religion, since there were no magicians strong enough to deal with vampires like that. Even if there had been, in order to justify strengthening the organization at that time, the group would have had to have killed dozens of superior 5th stage vampires, which was irrational.

The only rational justification was that the Congregation of Revelations had got the vampire technique and sacrificed Dark Path magicians. By doing so, they had weakened the continent in the fight against the monsters and certainly had a secret deal with the vampires.

Listening to Vicente's questions, Jasmine didn't know what to say, since she knew nothing about it.

"That..." She looked at Layla, trying to get help from her friend.

"Sigh! Unfortunately, that's the truth. I'm very disappointed too, Jasmine. I wanted to prove otherwise, but everything I've found out so far leads us to these confirmations. Everything Vice said came true." The gray-haired woman sighed, no longer so willing to defend this corrupt organization.

"I can't believe it! Why would they do all this?" Jasmine exclaimed, feeling as if her belief was under its worst trial.

"Out of greed. To reach the 7th stage, what magicians wouldn't do? I won't judge the members of your faith, Jasmine. But I can't allow this organization to be in my domain either. So this is how things will be from now on, whether you like it or not." Vicente said firmly as he collected the Magic Gems from this post.

Chapter 776 The Congregation of Revelations

Jasmine was silent for a moment, unsure if her organization was to blame for the continent's current problems. However, she had agreements with Vicente and trusted Layla a lot. If the two were taking this approach, she had to at least give them a vote of confidence and try to understand the matter better.",

"All right. I understand." She sighed and decided to study the case on her own to come to her own conclusions.

It was pointless to argue with Vicente and Layla. She had nothing to use in defense of the Congregation of Revelations in relation to young Fuller's attacks. For now, the best thing to do was to back off, accept the situation, and gather information.

Layla saw the look on her friend's face and figured Jasmine would try to do what she herself had already done. She then pulled out a spatial ring from her storage item and handed it to her friend.

"All the traces I found in the temples our group passed are here. You can look over them in your spare time and come to your own conclusions."

Jasmine looked into Layla's gray eyes and felt even more doubtful about this woman's behavior.

Vicente dropped the subject and asked. "Do you know anything about the Congregation of Revelations after the fall of the northern region? We have some information from when we passed through the Kingdom of Eternal Dawn. But we're not privy to many details."

Even if she wanted to, she couldn't hide anything from him. So she sighed and said. "I know that the new Congregation of Revelations headquarters is in Tamor Dynasty, the south-westernmost state of the Polaris Realm.

The temple in that state's capital is now the organization's headquarters, and it currently has 11 Paragons: one High-level, three Mid-level, and seven Low-level Paragons.

Their plan is to protect themselves against the wave of monsters that began with The Purification and to prepare for the next moves of the high-level vampires. They're recruiting new members for the organization and calling the principal members of temples around the south to the dynasty.

If you'd taken another month to return, you probably wouldn't have found me here. I, and you too, Layla, have been called to the capital of the dynasty."

"Eleven Paragons? It seems the Congregation of Revelations has fallen on hard times." Vicente muttered to himself, feeling the impact of the vampires' attack on this continental force.

"Yes, unfortunately. Demien Bloodthorne attacked the City of Angels personally, killing over 60% of the temple's experts. From what I heard, he alone killed over 100 Paragons that day."

Layla clenched her fists, affected by this information. It didn't matter if the Congregation of Revelations had betrayed the magical community. Losing 100 Paragons to a single opponent was terrible for the entire continent.

If Demien Bloodthorne was that strong, then defeating him would be a big problem for their group!

"That's a shame," Vicente said with sincere regret.

Ultimately, whether they had betrayed and used the continent's forces, the Congregation of Revelations would still be important to the continent if they hadn't lost so much.

He walked ahead of the two women, towards the exit of the Awakening Platform, with both of them following behind him without delay. Lauren was clearly with Vicente, listening to the group's conversations in silence, still thinking about the correction she had suffered earlier.

"What do we do now?" Jasmine asked. "If Layla and I don't move, it'll only be a matter of time before we run into trouble. If what you said is true, then they'll be able to find us whenever they want."

"If they can do that at this terrible time, let them come. But I doubt this will happen. It would simply be too dangerous to move around for months in dangerous terrain on account of Sovereigns."

"You don't intend to ally yourself with them in the future? After all, they still have a lot of Sovereigns and a few Paragons. As far as I know, Tamor Dynasty isn't doing so badly.

It's kept several of its Paragons and can be considered the last safe haven for magicians on the continent," Jasmine said as she looked at Vicente.

"If they can keep working against the monsters, good. However, I won't ally myself with those responsible for the current calamity. And I'm not sure that the dynasty will remain the last refuge for magicians on the continent. Soon Seidel Kingdom will be an even better alternative!"

With that said, he left Layla and Jasmine at the entrance to Grandis' temple before heading with Lauren to Seidel Magic College, where Newton was supposed to be.

Vicente didn't understand why Newton was still in the capital if Nina had gone to Metal City. But he could clearly feel the magical aura of the guy he wanted to talk to now.

He'd soon be passing through the gates of the college, where students and family members of students who hadn't left Grandis in time were currently living.

Classes at Seidel's Magic College were continuing, despite everything. The institution that had previously only been present in the kingdom's capital was now also present in Metal City, where half the teachers were teaching the students who had moved there.

The other half of the teachers were in the capital, working to keep training magicians so that the kingdom could get through this difficult period in its history.

After passing many huts and tents built to house the families of the students left behind, Vicente arrived at the main classroom, where he soon came across Newton giving a lecture to a group of 40 students.

"Professor, I'm sorry to interrupt your class." Vicente said as he appeared at the entrance to a small amphitheater, drawing everyone's attention.

Newton looked at Vicente and his eyes lit up, looking at this young man and realizing who the black-haired girl next to Vice was.

"I see... You've succeeded in your journey north." Newton murmured with a smile on his face, before turning to his students and saying, "Continue studying from where we left off while I talk to my friend."

He went ahead and greeted Vicente, then took the two youths to his office, which was just a short walk from the college's teaching area.

Chapter 777 Newton's Opinion

"You must be thinking about Nina, right?" Newton said as he sat in his armchair, facing Vicente and Lauren.",

He knew that Vicente's focus in life was his little sister, so it was pretty clear why he was there.

"Among other things, yes." Vicente smiled at the professor, who had become an Earth Sovereign while he was traveling in the north of the continent.

Newton explained the situation. "At first, I was going to go with Nina and the rest of the family to Metal City. But with the college moving to that city and the young people who needed to study in the capital, I decided to stay and help out.

Our best teachers have gone to your city, but we need young warriors here even more than in Metal City. Nina's already pretty advanced, so I let her go it alone for now.

She arrived in Metal City a few weeks ago, along with Eve, Nova, and Benson. Until her last update, she was a level 5 Acolyte."

"Oh, a level 5 Acolyte? It looks like she'll soon become a Mage." Vicente smiled when he heard that.

"She'll probably become a Mage before you see her again. Nina is really picking up the pace." Newton commented with a smile.

He felt Nina could have an even better future than Vicente, because she had all his support while he had had to grow up practically from scratch and without help.

"What's your relationship with Nina?" Lauren asked, curious about this guy with the strong magical abilities and various elemental affinities.

"I'm Nina's master, Lauren." Newton looked at Vicente's sister, curious about their journey north.

"Then you should be with her, and not here." Lauren replied coolly, not liking the way Newton didn't seem to have Nina as his top priority.

"Nina is so talented that I can't help her much longer. My work in the capital can help her a lot more than if I were at her side. This is a great opportunity for me to build up some important contacts for my apprentice." Newton replied calmly, not taking Lauren's comment personally.

Vicente agreed with Newton. A master didn't always have to be by their disciple's side. With the kingdom in the current situation, it was really important for the kingdom's college to do what they could to train as many warriors as possible.

Newton was really talented and capable. He could handle the workload of about four different teachers at the college, which would help the teachers who are now divided into two hubs.

"Unfortunately, the monsters destroyed the railroad that connected us to Scott Province and Snow Province. So now we're more isolated than ever, and my work in the capital is more important than ever to the kingdom." Newton looked at Vicente and explained his motivation.

"That makes sense. If we lose our future professionals, this place is finished." "You've done a great job." Vicente said before looking at his sister, letting Newton know the other reason for his visit.

"Professor, I'd like you to look at Lauren. Casey tried to figure out what was going on and get her to remember things from her past. But Nixlas' Shadows left her mind in a pretty awful state.

We couldn't get rid of the seal by losing her memories because it's connected to some important parts of her. To remove it, we'd have to make her suffer a lot and risk her sanity, or even her life."

Newton got up from his seat and walked over to Lauren. He was interested in her case because he'd studied a lot of brainwashing cases in recent years at Vicente's request.

"Lauren, I'm not like Casey, so I need your help to look into your situation further." He said as he stopped next to her, watching her move away from him when he tried to touch her head.

"No way."

"Lauren, just do what Professor Newton says." Vicente raised his voice, and the young black-haired woman stopped flinching instantly. "That's for your own good. Or would you rather I called Casey?"

"Don't be like that! Vicente, you're my brother. What kind of brotherly love is this?"

"It's because I love you that I haven't tried to invade your mind since we realized the problem."

"Take a deep breath, Lauren. My abilities aren't quite the same as Casey's. You'll just feel like I'm giving you a head massage. You won't feel any pain," Newton said as his four pentagrams appeared.

All of Vicente's allies, who had stayed in Seidel Kingdom and advanced in cultivation over the last two years, had gone after their pentagrams. With the start of The Purification almost two and a half years ago, the kingdom had gained a lot of creatures with green pentagrams. This meant that newly promoted Sovereigns didn't have to go far to hunt their new pentagrams.

Newton had added a new ability to his powers since Vicente left. He started using it on Lauren right away, along with his four previous powers.

Vicente watched Newton examine Lauren's body for the next 10 minutes, while the woman only felt fingers massaging her head.

She wasn't exactly relaxed in this situation, but she didn't make things difficult for Newton. She didn't feel any malice from him, and she didn't feel pain.

After a few minutes of work, Newton changed his expression every so often and retracted his hands from Lauren's head and his pentagrams into her body.

"I think I get your sister's situation, Vicente." He mumbled as he walked over, covering his mouth with one hand as he thought about what he'd noticed about Lauren.

"What's the situation with her, professor? How bad is it? Is there anything we can do to help her?" Vicente asked as Lauren focused on Newton.

The gray-haired man was silent for a moment and then said, "Well, I can't say for sure. I'd have to be a Paragon with my fifth pentagram to be sure of Lauren's situation.

But I can say with about a 70% chance that there is a way we can help her recover her memories."

Chapter 778 Treatment Method for Lauren

"If we help Lauren become an Archmage, she can undo the seal of darkness on her mind by herself, without risking any damage to her mental structures. Advancing to the 6th stage would also help recover the structures of her mind that were damaged by Nixlas' Shadows' men.""

Newton was quick to suggest the only way he could see ahead for Vicente to help Lauren rid herself of that negative stigma.

"Advance to the 6th stage? Is that the only alternative?" Vicente asked as he frowned. Having an alternative was good, but Lauren had just advanced to the 5th stage. An advance to the 6th stage, considering her talent, could take ages!

"I'm sorry. This is the only alternative I can think of at the moment. Your sister's situation is serious for a few reasons, Vicente.

Someone brainwashed her as soon as she awakened her powers. Her mental structure was very malleable at the time, and any action could leave marks extremely difficult to remove. But it was an Archmage who did this to her, which only makes matters worse.

And that's not all. If she were weaker, perhaps someone weaker could help her. But since she's already a Paragon, anyone who would help her would have to be stronger than her.

Even then, there would be no guarantees.

Whoever did this to her was cruel and powerful. Reversing it won't be easy. I'm afraid even if you became an Archmage, you wouldn't be able to help her much.

However, that's the reality for third parties. If Lauren makes it to the 6th stage and gets a cyan pentagram, there's a good chance she'll be able to remove all the darkness from her mind and reverse her current problems."

Newton explained the situation to Vicente and Lauren, sincerely regretting he couldn't do more than identify this possibility. This was a hope, but it was a long shot and totally out of his control.

Lauren looked at him, sensing her brother's feelings, even though she couldn't see the sadness in his eyes.

"Forget about it, Vicente." She said to him. "You and I aren't meant to be. You should take care of your little sister and forget that I exist. Don't worry, I won't stand in your way or even ally myself with the vampires. Just let me go and get on with your life."

Newton remained silent, leaving the siblings to decide what they were going to do with each other.

"When we meet up with Nina, I'll get Casey to pass on her memories to you, too. Maybe that will help in some way." He was determined to keep his family together and not give up.

"Maybe you won't remember us fully until you become an Archmage, Lauren. But maybe you'll be able to understand who Nina and I are before you remember everything for yourself. I won't give up on you."

She clenched her fists, hating the fact that he was so insistent. "You'll only make that girl suffer even more if you present me to her as I am," Lauren advised, thinking of Vicente's weak side.

"Nina's not a child anymore. She'll understand my motives." Lauren's attempt did not sway Vicente. "Anyway, in the future, I'll kill new vampires. Who knows, maybe when I kill a superior 5th stage vampire, their blood can help you not only advance faster, but also remember the past better."

"A superior 5th stage vampire?" She narrowed her eyes.

That wasn't bad for her. Lauren had never absorbed vampire blood, so if she could use the essence of a 5th stage vampire, it was possible that she could become a Mid-level Paragon easily if she did that with her current level.

She smiled and said, "Good luck with that. Even with your Throne of Darkness, killing a superior 5th stage vampire won't be easy. But I'll take the blood and whatever else you give me from such a vampire."

"Throne of Darkness?" Newton listened to this with curiosity, eager to find out Vicente's actual situation after these years of traveling away. "What's that about?"

Vicente looked at Newton, leaving the subject of Lauren aside to talk about his improvements. "I'm sorry, Professor Newton, but I've kept part of the truth about myself from you for years." As he said this, Vicente stretched one of his hands forward, causing a small throne of darkness and two pentagrams to emerge from his hand.

Newton's eyes widened at the sight, spotting Vicente's second Magic Gem glowing on the young man's forehead. That strange magical form made him feel like he was standing in front of darkness itself.

"That..." He stammered, but contrary to Vicente and Lauren's expectations, it did not frighten him. He was just speechless at seeing something so impressive in front of him.

"That's why you could absorb a yellow pentagram when you were just an Acolyte!" Newton looked into Vicente's eyes with a smile on his face, remembering the conversation from years ago when Vice had asked him what it was like to have two Magic Gems.

"It seems I was fooled by a young Acolyte back then." He laughed as he returned to his refined posture, gesturing for Vicente to retract his second magical form. "I now realize the source of my mistakes. You're actually the continent's first dual magician!"

"I had to hide from everyone because I couldn't even control this magical form until a few months ago, professor. Before that, I always ended up badly when I used the throne." Vicente was honest.

"That makes sense. Two magical forms are not a simple thing. One of them is your main magical form, and it's the weaker one. The stronger one is harder to master, so you'd need a solid magical foundation to control it."

'He really is clever. He easily understood your situation,' Torne commented in Vicente's mind, while the young man smiled in agreement.

It was precisely because Newton was so capable that Vicente was there to talk about Lauren's situation!

"Vicente, please show me your first magical form. I think you've become a monster over the years, haven't you?" Newton asked with anticipation, his heart racing with excitement at the discoveries he was making.

Chapter 779 Vicente's Disappointment

Vicente showed Newton his first magical form, revealing to the teacher the five most impressive pentagrams a Paragon could possess.",

Faced with these five essences, Newton couldn't help but stare at the monstrosity called Vicente, seeing how this young man had surpassed all his expectations.

With three cyan and two green pentagrams, Vicente was certainly as strong as an Archmage of the human race.

'When he reaches his sixth pentagram, and that essence is cyan, he will most likely reach the level of five pentagrams of that quality and a single green one. By that time, he'll probably be even stronger than superior 6th stage vampires!'

Newton clenched his fists as he silently watched and felt Vicente's powers.

"You can already withdraw your essences, Vicente." He smiled as he motioned for the young man to stop what he was doing.

"Your first magic form is fantastic. It's obviously not as powerful as your Throne of Darkness, but when it has 5 cyan pentagrams and 1 green, it will be as powerful as your throne is now.

If you absorb all the missing pentagrams into your second magical form, it's possible that by becoming an Archmage, you will achieve the structural and spiritual quality of a Magus!

By then, not even Demien Bloodthorne will stand in your way!"

Vicente smiled at Newton's optimistic comment, even though he knew it was possible.

The problem was he had to reach the 6th stage and get all the missing pentagrams. It wouldn't be easy, nor would it be quick, and there would certainly be a variety of problems that would endanger his life before he had the chance to complete these requirements.

"I am far from that level. I'm not even a Mid-level Paragon yet," Vicente said with a bitter smile. "Meanwhile, the enemy could easily kill me several times over, considering the way I am now."

"It won't be that easy for them, either." Newton commented seriously as he looked into Vicente's eyes. "Even vampires have their limits, otherwise they would have conquered the continent long ago.

The cultivation of these creatures is much slower than that of humans. A Paragon or Archmage of their race can take several years in seclusion to absorb opportunities that would take us magicians weeks at most to do the same. That's why our race has dominated the Polaris Realm for so long.

Besides, we're not the only ones on the continent. Even though the vampires have a lot of power now, there are still creatures that can impede their plans. If they're careless, it's possible that some of these creatures will leave their lairs to stir up trouble.

Given the worst variables for this race, I wouldn't be surprised if we don't have to worry about high-level vampires for the next five years.

That's probably all the time you'll have before you head north again."

"I see..." Vicente clenched his fists, imagining that in five years Nina's situation would be much better than it was now, and the Seidel Kingdom would be stable again.

"Thank you for your answers, Professor. I hope you're right. It will still be very difficult the way you predict. But there will be a chance for our race if the future turns out as you see it."

"Hmm, I hope so too." Newton stood up with Vicente and Lauren, then walked back the way they had come minutes before.

"What are you going to do now?" He looked at Vicente as he stopped in front of the entrance to his classroom.

Vicente closed his eyes and sighed. "I will take care of the capital, rebuild the human position nearby and then return to Metal City."

"Good luck with your plans. If you need anything regarding your sisters, I'm at your disposal."

"Hmm, see you later."

Vicente and Lauren left the building of Seidel's Magical College, her mind going back to the conversation about her earlier.

"When will you let me cultivate again? I won't get stronger with my cultivation sealed, which will prevent me from regaining my erased memories." She told him, a smile on the corner of her lips.

Vicente looked at her, a little depressed, as if someone had taken something away from him.

'I probably won't see Lauren fully recover.' He thought as he looked at the green Magic Gem on her forehead.

Lauren becoming a Paragon was already an impressive miracle, probably a sign of how much Nixlas' Shadows had invested in her. But from now on, she wouldn't be able to level up so easily, even if she cultivated in the northern region.

Being in the southern region, especially in the weakest area of the continent, it would be quite difficult for Lauren to become an Archmage and regain all her memories during Vicente's time on this continent.

He already imagined that he would die or become a Magus before she reached the 6th stage!

Feeling a weight on his conscience, he stopped in front of her and put both hands on his sister's shoulders before embracing her.

"I'm sorry, but I'm going to have to force an agreement between us. Unfortunately, I can't trust you completely." He said into Lauren's ear, squeezing her body while she saw it wouldn't be easy to get away from him.

"Is that what a brother should do to his sister?" she asked coolly. "You could have just forgotten about me up north!"

Seeing her break free of his embrace and run away, Vicente sighed, but didn't change his mind.

"One day she'll understand you, master." Torne appeared outside Vicente's body and looked in Lauren's direction. "An agreement to limit her actions against the magical community isn't bad. I'm sure she'll understand your motives once she's fully recovered. Just do what's necessary to make sure she has the chance to remember everything one day."

"Hmm, I know. I will. It's just a shame that it has to be like this," he muttered as he closed his eyes.

"Someday it will get better. Maybe this is just a small terrible phase in a long, happy journey. You're still young; so is Lauren. Things are hard now, but I'm sure the future will be bright."

"I hope you're right."

Chapter 780 The Limits of the Book of Death

After Lauren left him, Vicente went alone to the Blacksmith Association, where the best materials in the city were to be found.",

The king and the strongest men of Grandis had interesting resources and were already gathering things for him. But Vicente wanted to see for himself what was in the association.

He went there, leaving the local forces to prepare for their conquest of the capital.

In addition to the association, Vicente wanted to see to the recovery of the wounded citizens, as well as find out about the situation of his Fuller family.

At the end of the day, he would learn about the victories and defeats of his group, which had grown in the Seidel Kingdom until five months ago, when they controlled Scott Province, Snow Province, and half of Diamond Province.

Half of the kingdom's resources were being transported by the family's railroads back then, while the Seidel family was the only one with more trade agreements with the kingdom's nobles than the Fuller family.

Everything changed in the last five months, as the family lost control of the Diamond Province, retreating to their original territory, which they had failed to protect.

Half of the cities in Scott Province had fallen in recent months, while over two-thirds of Snow Province had fallen.

The family's business was now concentrated in the small safe area between Scott Province and Snow Province, and the group had lost contact with the capital.

There was still a group of the family living in Grandis, but they were practically independent, allied with the king's forces.

The only major positive was that the number of men in the family had not diminished and was at its highest level since Vicente's departure.

With 3,000 magicians in the kingdom, most of them in Metal City, the Fuller family was second only to the kingdom's army in numbers, outnumbering the combined forces of all the remaining nobles!

From what he had heard, Bart, the great Basilisk, had become a Sky Sovereign months ago, the same level Nova had reached. Eve was now an Earth Sovereign, while the Lamia Vicente had left behind, Prische, had become a Sky Sovereign.

Several other family members had become stronger, as had old allies like Shelby, who had recently become an Earth Sovereign shortly after moving to Metal City.

Millfall was still standing, but the head of the Staples family had moved to Metal City at the same time as Nina and the core of the Fuller family.

She now held the title of Count on behalf of her brother Levi, who had recently awakened to his powers but was still under Shelby's control.

Anyway, despite the chaos in the kingdom and the family's losses, Vicente was more happy than disappointed, because with people alive, he could still repair the family's shattered structure!

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The next morning, Vicente left the city with Lauren, Torne, and a group of 300 men.

He had already made a Magic Agreement with Lauren to limit her actions if she tried to act against magicians of their alliance. As a result, she no longer used the previous restrictive items, having cultivated and restored all of her mana the night before.

For the first time since their reunion, Lauren and Vicente would finally fight the monsters side by side!

As they made their way towards the first enemies along the way, Vicente couldn't help but ask her about her abilities.

"How does your Book of Death work? How do you use it to kill monsters? Don't you need to know the names of your targets before you act?"

He looked at his sister while the three of them were dozens of meters ahead of the troops who were there to take over the conquered territories.

She answered sincerely, though her expression was still unhappy about the agreement she had been forced to sign. "If I have the name, the magical fluctuation, and the appearance of my target, I can act against them even if I'm dozens of kilometers away from them.

But I can use the Book of Death to kill those whose names I don't know as long as they are within my field of vision, and I can sense their magical fluctuation."

"Is there a limit to how many opponents you can handle at the same time?" He asked curiously.

"My limit is my writing speed and my magical power. Now that I'm a Paragon, but I only have four pentagrams, I can probably kill a few hundred nameless opponents per minute."

"That's impressive! It's no wonder Nixlas' Shadows invested so much in you. They really wanted to create a weapon of mass destruction!" Torne commented excitedly, feeling Lauren's power would help them a lot to regain lost territories and to keep what was regained from now on.

"But I'd only be able to do that for 30 minutes at the most, if the enemies were as weak as possible. After that, I would have to retire to cultivate for a while," she added.

If her enemies were Paragons, she could barely kill a few of them before she would be exhausted. But if they were Apprentices, she could probably kill an entire city before she used up all her mana.

Vicente understood his sister's limits and was eager to see her in action.

"I'll let you take out your frustration on our opponents until you get tired. From then on, I'll take the lead in our action today."

Lauren didn't mind and positioned herself at the front of the group, flying with a bloodthirsty look on her face.

As soon as they spotted the first groups of monsters moving near Grandis, she summoned her magic artifact form as her pentagrams solidified in the air.

As Lauren opened her arms and the mana in the area changed, frightening some of the weaker men in her battalion, words appeared on the pages of her book as the witnesses saw 2nd, 3rd, and 4th stage monsters fall in droves.

In just one minute, 325 monsters within range of the eyes of these over 300 magicians fell nearby, leaving their bodies intact, but no longer the terrifying sensation capable of making the weakest or those of the same level feel oppressed in their presence.

Thus began Vicente's journey alongside his older sister!