

The Mafia 831

Chapter 831 Memories

"Waaaaah!""",

The moment he heard his daughter's first cry, Vicente stopped where he was and looked at the scene in front of him, where Nova lay on a stretcher, her legs spread and blood staining the bed and the floor.

There was so much blood that it looked like the scene of a massacre!

But unlike a massacre, everyone in the room prepared for Annie's delivery had smiles on their faces, Nina and Eve holding Nova's hands as they looked down Nova's legs, at the doctor's hands.

Lauren had a smile on her face, unable to see the face of the newest member of the Fuller family, but able to feel her tiny body and her heartbeat.

The members of the medical team worked to stop Nova's bleeding, while the doctor held a newborn baby girl in his hands, a tiny creature measuring 42 centimeters long and 3.2 kilograms.

Vicente felt his heart beat faster as he saw the little one wrapped in a blanket specially prepared for her, the little one opening her mouth and screaming loudly.

"Waaaaah!"

A smile escaped Vicente's lips as he felt as if time had stopped for a moment, before he came to his senses and acted.

He displayed his magical powers, manipulating Nova's cells and heart to stimulate the regeneration she needed to stop the bleeding.

The medical team realized he was there, and the doctor handed him little Annie.

"Calm down, Annie, daddy's here." Vicente said as he held his first daughter for the first time, just before the little girl stopped screaming.

She fluttered her eyelids, trying to open her eyes for the first time.

It wasn't easy for a newborn to do it. Many of them took several days to open their eyes for the first time, and even when they did, they could see poorly.

But after five seconds of trying to look at this person, Annie opened her eyes and revealed blue eyes, just like her mother's.

However, her hair was as black as Vicente's, which was easy to notice because of the large amount of hair on her head.

A strange smile appeared on Annie's face as she completely calmed down from this traumatic situation.

Something had thrown her out of her warm and cozy, quiet and safe 'home' to bring her into this cold, noisy and strange world.

How could that not be frightening?

But amid her crisis, when she was possibly experiencing the end of her period of absolute peace, she found the warmth of the aura of someone she knew well.

Vicente smiled back at Annie before walking over to Nova's side and taking her daughter in his arms for the first time.

Already feeling much better with Vicente's help, Nova took Annie into her arms and saw her daughter's face. Tears flowed from her eyes as she didn't realize how much Annie looked like Vicente.

It was as if she was the female, blue-eyed version of Vicente!

'This guy put a copy of himself in Nova.' Eve thought to herself as she and Nina looked at Annie's little face.

"Venerable Fuller, congratulations on the birth of your first daughter. Annie is very strong and healthy. You can rest assured about it."

The doctor stopped at Vicente's side and informed the father of the condition of the newborn and what needed to be done for Annie and Nova over the next few days.

Nova would be weakened for about a week, and then her strength would gradually return. In two weeks at the most, she should be able to cultivate and fight as she did before her pregnancy.

As for Annie, as an ordinary newborn, she was fragile and had a long journey ahead of her. The first 3 months were definitely the most complicated, when she would have little control over her body and would be 100% dependent on her parents.

Nova would have to breastfeed her for a year, while for the first few months they would have to deal with Annie feeding every 2 hours and soiling herself at a similar frequency.

Only after the first 3 months would things improve as she grew enough to eat more at once, sleep longer, and soil herself less often during the day.

She would have some independence between the 9th month and her first year, when she should be able to say a few words and walk. But for that to happen, the family would have to do a lot of training and stimulation to get her to a less vulnerable state within a year.

And so began Vicente and his family's new journey in Metal City, with the women of the family all willing to help the couple take care of the little one.

Lauren took Vicente's newborn daughter in her arms and got to know the newest member of the household.

"Welcome to our boat, girl. I hope you're not as boring as your father, but don't worry, I'll be here to teach you useful things and not be like him." Lauren said as she touched Annie's little face.

The little baby smiled at Lauren, making the cold woman feel her icy heart melt as long dormant memories flooded through her mind.

Tears formed in her eyes as she felt an extreme need to hold the little creature in her arms.

The others saw this, but didn't understand what was really happening.

Nina bent down beside Lauren and stroked the bent woman's back, imagining how thrilled her older sister must be.

She was moved, too, so Nina took Lauren's behavior as natural.

Lauren remained silent during her crying and hugging of Annie until she suddenly showed a change in her aura and Vicente took Annie in his arms.

"Go cultivate, Lauren. You're about to advance to the Mid-

level." He said as he smiled in satisfaction, not expecting Annie's birth to stimulate anything in terms of Lauren's powers.

She stood in front of Vicente for a moment, but said nothing, feeling ashamed. From there, she simply ran to the nearest cultivation room, trying to control her racing thoughts.

Lauren suddenly remembered her mother, father, siblings, and some of her early years in Martell Village.

She didn't remember everything about her life, but enough to better understand who she was before she was taken by Nixlas' Shadows.

'Mother, father, I'm sorry I wasn't there for them when they were growing up. But I'll do my best from now on!' She thought to herself before sitting down in a lotus position to cultivate.

Chapter 832 A Happy Year

Time flew for the Fuller family after Annie's birth!",

In the first few weeks of their first daughter's life, Vicente and Nova received gifts from virtually every important man in the kingdom, and even some outside allies.

The Metal City experienced a climate of hope and joy unparalleled in its recent journey, with things working out almost perfectly during this period.

Lauren advanced, becoming a Mid-level Paragon, while she, Nina, and Eve focused on helping Vicente and Nova take care of little Annie during her most tough days.

But Annie was very calm. Except for the times when she needed to be cleaned or fed, she was practically trouble-free, being a lover of sleep.

When she was put to sleep, she would sleep for an hour or two without showing any signs of distress.

After the first few months like this, she got smarter, gaining control of her body and beginning to understand who was who in her surrounding.

At about 5 months, she continued to be breastfed by Nova, but was introduced to food, mostly fruit and broth. Lauren and Nina would still be there for her, but with the decreased need for care and longer sleeps, they could gradually return to normal cultivation and training in Metal City.

Still, as Nina had promised Vicente earlier, they would stay in the city to help raise Annie in her first few months until the little one was a year old.

Thus, the two would still be in the city after the six months since Annie's birth, still helping Vicente and Nova daily, but back to their local routines.

Meanwhile, no one had any idea how Lauren had regained some of her memories. After the previous situation, she had kept her special moment on the day of Annie's birth to herself, even though her behavior had changed from that day on.

No one suspected she had remembered her past, and people like Vicente believed she was accepting her reality, distancing herself from the former Lauren as time went on.

Either way, the family had grown closer since Annie's birth.

In addition to Vicente's sisters, there were his other wives and Nova's family, who had been part of Annie's early childhood.

Layla and Lina had moved to Metal City during this time and began living with Nova, Vicente, and Annie on the Fuller estate.

The two had married within Annie's first six months and now longed to carry Vicente's children themselves.

Unfortunately, pregnancy wasn't so easy and they hadn't had the same luck as Nova. For now, they were just trying it while watching little Annie grow.

When she was seven months old, Annie said her first words before taking her first steps at eight months.

By the time Nina became a High-level Mage, on Annie's tenth birthday, she could speak in small sentences and even understood that she was in a magical world.

On her first birthday, she would stop being breastfed and gradually gain independence, learning to use the toilet and accompany her parents on activities around Metal City.

At this rate, she would finally have her first goodbye when Lauren and Nina would leave the city to return to their duties around the family's territory.

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"Bye, aunts! I miss you already!" Annie shouted to Nina and Lauren as she sat in Vicente's arms, waving as tears streamed from her eyes.

Nina felt a heaviness in her heart at seeing her niece like that, but she had spent too long in this city. It was time for her to leave for the border of her family's safe territory, to contribute to the magical community amid disaster!

Clenching her fists in determination, she exhaled and said. "See you in a few months, Annie. Until then, be a good girl and don't give your parents any trouble."

Lauren put a hand on Annie's head and said. "When I come back, I'll bring you presents, little one."

"Is it a promise?" Annie's eyes sparkled.

"Hmm." Lauren smiled before kissing the girl's forehead.

Vicente looked at his sisters, seeing Killian next to Nina and Lauren right in front of him. "Good luck on your travels. I'll join you in a few months."

"Hmm, don't rush, or Annie will be sad," Nina said to her brother.

"Unfortunately, I don't have a choice..." Vicente sighed as he looked at Annie. "But I'll try to stay as long as I can."

Then he looked seriously at Nina and Lauren and advised them both.

"Nina, be careful. Your power is potent and you could become an Earth Sovereign quickly. Don't take any unnecessary risks while you are at the border.

Lauren, be careful when you go to the Chutha Dynasty. There are magicians from the Congregation of Revelations who would love to find a Dark Path magician like you. Besides, the enemy forces in this state aren't easy to deal with."

"Got it. I won't kill myself. I'll act from afar, and if any problems arise that are bigger than I can handle, I'll retreat." Lauren said to calm her brother. "Anyway, I hope I can help you stay together as long as possible." She said to Vicente, Nova and Annie.

Nova nodded as Lina and Layla joined her, while Vicente was with Rory and Casey to his left.

They saw the departure of Lauren, Nina, and Killian, who left with no plans to return. Sure, they would visit in the future, but that would be it.

With no expectation the disaster would end in the short term, they all had to sacrifice for the sake of their plans and the community!

Rory and Casey watched the three leave, both very close to becoming Paragons, the same situation as Lina, Layla, and Nova.

They hadn't used the many resources Vicente had helped to produce by giving vampire organs to the alchemists in their city. They couldn't use those resources for a few more months because of the vampire blood they had absorbed earlier.

They were stronger because of Vicente's sacrifice of the monsters in the city, which had maintained a rich concentration of mana and elements in Metal City.

But while they didn't use these resources, some of Vicente's family members and allies did, and they made some breakthroughs.

This was the case with Benson, Bart, Eve, Newton, blacksmiths like Lukas, and many others who advanced to become Earth or Sky Sovereigns in the year since Vicente's return.

Chapter 833 Time to Leave?

After Lauren and Nina left, the security of Scott and Snow Provinces would increase in the following months.

With Lauren going to the Chutha Dynasty and Nina going to the borders of Snow Province and Diamond Province, the two would work for the peace of Vicente's territory as soon as they arrived in these two areas.

With their Dark Path powers and their current strength, they could both make a big difference in the places they wanted to act in the short term.

But they would not be the only ones to help Vicente's domains become stronger and safer. Like Lauren, several high-ranking members of the Fuller family forces would leave their safe territory to stay on the border or go further in search of stronger enemies.

After Vicente's attack on the capital of the Kenyith Empire, tensions in the region grew as vampires moved from place to place, the creatures becoming more defensive and bloodthirsty wherever they went.

With the monsters more agitated than ever, traveling the continent was now even more dangerous, with greater risks to safe cities.

To deal with this, Vicente had already sent Onyx and his state's 5th stage beasts to hunt down powerful monsters near his territory.

But it was not only the 5th stage beasts that were acting for the good of the territory. With the security of the family's main territory being maintained for months, as well as the growth in the number of specialists, weapons, ammunition, and armor, it was not interesting to have all of this growing force stationed in the same place.

Since Annie's birth, groups of men in 5th stage armor had been leaving the area to hunt monsters in the Diamond Province, the southern tip of the Kenyth Empire and the southwest of the Chutha Dynasty.

Almost every week, men would leave and return to the area, continuing or completing their hunting missions.

In this way, Vicente tried to contain the worst of the crisis, to give his people more time, not only to grow stronger but also to have little Annie by his side.

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On Annie's one-and-a-half birthday, Vicente was still in Metal City.

He was walking beside Nova, holding Annie in his arms, on his way to the local government office.

As soon as he entered the meeting room where he had a meeting this morning, the three saw everyone in the area rise from their chairs to greet them.

Vicente smiled and gestured for everyone to sit down before stopping next to Heidi Point at one end of the table.

"How are our plans?" He got right to the point as he sat down in the seat reserved for him.

Heidi said with a serious look on her face. "Well, despite the problems.

We currently have 150 groups in the southeastern part of the continent, with groups operating in 5 states. With each team having 5 components armed with 5th stage armor, they are having excellent results in killing hordes of monsters and gathering resources in devastated areas.

However, it's not all good news. We have more and more signs of monster unrest in the south, with more powerful creatures, more devastating actions against our community, and more kidnappings than ever before.

Some monsters have also been using formations and weapons in combat, increasing the difficulty of our men's missions.

In addition, inferior vampires have been attacking more and more."

"We believe the vampires have reached a point in their plans where, if they can't control all the human territories they want, they will bring chaos and terror to everyone's lives." Said another member of this council, responsible for managing the groups and missions of the men of the provinces.

The vampires' original plans were to force the humans against their cities and keep them under pressure. The vampires didn't want to bring constant fighting and conflict to the entire continent. Nor did they want to live through constant war.

But as Vicente's actions helped give the magical community breathing room to counterattack, the vampires dealing with the disaster adjusted their plans.

If they couldn't force the humans against the walls of the human cities, then they intended to stir up the continent and unleash more of their high-level beings to attack human groups, cities, etc.

As a result, the number of clashes, sightings of powerful monsters, and other data related to the intensification of the conflict increased over time.

Although the security of the Snow and Scott Provinces had indeed increased in recent months, those outside of that area were fighting more and more and against stronger and stronger enemies!

"So that's the situation..." Nova sighed as she looked at Vicente, wondering if it was time for him to leave.

Vicente had intended to live in Grandis before heading north again, since he would be closer to his enemies in the capital. But with Annie's birth, going to the capital was no longer a viable plan.

So the moment he left this territory to travel, it would probably be the moment he went north, a journey with no date for his return.

The stronger he became, the greater the danger for those around him, so he definitely couldn't return as long as there were vampires stronger than him.

Annie looked at her father without understanding the situation, while Vicente sighed deeply.

'I managed to stay here long enough.' He looked at Annie before closing his eyes, feeling the pain of having to separate from those he loved.

"I see. Looks like it's time for me to take the chaos north." He muttered as everyone in the chamber fell silent, looking at him with anticipation, anxiety and fear of what would happen after his departure.

It was undeniable that the community needed him traveling to the north. But his presence in the south was also a safe haven, at least for the time being.

Everyone had complete confidence that as long as Vicente was in Metal City, no monster would come near this place to put them in danger!

"It's time for me to leave. Start making your preparations. I'll be leaving Metal City in two weeks at the most." He announced his decision, firm and confident it was the right one under the circumstances.

He looked at Annie and regretted it, but since he had no choice, he couldn't avoid this moment.

It would happen sooner or later, he knew that. Even so, as he looked at Annie, he couldn't help but feel a pang in his heart.

Chapter 834 Farewell

After the previous decision, Vicente would spend the next days as much time as possible with Annie, Nova, Layla and Lina. ",

None of them would accompany him on this new journey, as they were too weak to go with him, but they would also be crucial to protect Annie and her domains in this area in the far south of the continent.

Other than that, he would have little else to do, having already produced weapons, ammunition, and armor in large quantities in the last 18 months he had been in the area on Annie's behalf.

He had already upgraded the metal cities to the maximum level his powers allowed, making them even stronger and more resistant. Unless a superior 5th stage vampire attacked the cities, only 6th stage beings could overcome their defenses and reach the interior of these cities.

Knowing this characteristic of his cities, Vicente was confident he could leave his wives and daughter to continue his external plans.

The two weeks of Vicente's farewell would pass quickly, living with his four favorite girls in this world and dedicating himself 100% to them.

After the 14th night of his decision, it would be time for him to leave the safe territory of the community!

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At dawn in Metal City, the day was as usual for areas where such cities existed, with overcast skies, large gray clouds with purple tones in the sky, and lightning appearing here and there.

Given the electromagnetic effects caused by the powers Vicente attributed to his cities, one would hardly see a clear, bluish sky in these areas.

But despite everything, it wasn't raining in the city, while most of the locals were slowly waking up to a new day.

Amid the day's activities, a group of 40 people stood at the western exit of the city, where a tall, strong, black-haired young man was finishing saying goodbye to his people.

Layla, Lina, and Nova did their best to hold back their tears, while little Annie couldn't do the same as she watched her father prepare to leave for the first time since she was born.

Vicente had made trips within the two provinces under his rule during the 1.5 years he had been with Annie. But these were trips he made back and forth on the same day. Now, however, he was leaving without a return date!

"Daddy..." Annie looked into Vicente's eyes as she pouted, her eyes red, tears dripping from both of them.

Vicente felt the pain of having to leave his family, but it was for Annie's own good. He smiled at her and said. "Don't worry, I'll be back before you know it. And I'll be much stronger. In that time, we'll finish the damn vampires, Annie." He kissed the girl on the forehead.

"You promise?"

"Hmm, I promise." He showed her his little finger before making the agreement official.

"Then I'll get ready to help you, Daddy."

He nodded at her before looking at his wives and sighing. "Don't take any unnecessary risks while I'm gone. Rory and the others will help you if necessary."

Rory, Casey, Eve and Benson nodded in agreement as they heard Vicente's comment, each of them with a solemn expression on their faces, serious about Vice's departure.

Vicente wasn't going straight north now. His plans were to travel through the south and then return to the central region of the continent. But since there wouldn't be much time left before the awakening of the first 5th stage vampire, there wouldn't be much room for him to return to the city before heading north in search of his fourth pentagram from the Throne of Darkness.

Since this was supposed to be a naturally formed pentagram, he had to get ahead of the game to find this essence!

"Go in peace on your journey, my friend. Let's do our best to make the most of the opportunities you've given us these past few months. Metal City will still be here when you return." Rory said, before hugging his old friend.

"Hmm, take good care of them and the territory. We can't accept losing this area, no matter what the cost." Vicente said as he looked at Rory.

Of those who had accompanied him on the hunt for pentagrams, Rory and Casey had already reached the 5th stage!

The two of them had even hunted their new green pentagrams, while Lina and Layla were close to advancing as well. Sarah was the only one who wasn't expected to advance anytime soon due to her inferior talent and older age compared to the others.

Onyx had become a Mid-level Paragon, as had Torne during the period of peace when Vicente had been at Annie's side. But even Bart, who had been left behind during the pentagram hunt and was now in the city to protect it, had strengthened to the 5th stage.

With the help of Vicente's technique of sacrificing creatures and temporarily enriching areas like a city, everyone in Metal City, Ironcrest, Millfall, Martell Village, and the other cities in the family's domain had become much stronger in those months.

Eve, herself, along with Nova, had reached the peak of the 4th stage, and Vicente expected them to advance to the 5th stage during his absence.

With that, he said goodbye to everyone before turning his attention to the west and setting off without looking back, heading straight for his destination with only Torne at his side.

'Where are we going now, master?' Torne asked in Vicente's mind.

'We're going west, the Tamor Dynasty. I'll use the road to build altars to the order in four states on the way there, and then help strengthen the dynasty's human resistance.'

Considering the strength of that region, there should be more enemies there than around the Seidel Kingdom. After eliminating some of them and strengthening the cities in the area, I'll go in search of the vampire lairs in the southern region.

Time to go after them!'

Torne agreed with Vicente's plans, eager to see his master complete this part of his journey and finally head north.

'If we're lucky, you'll be able to get your fourth pentagram and advance to the high level before we have to deal with the 5th stage vampires. This will be crucial to our further plans, master.'

Chapter 835 Situation in the Tamor Dynasty?

Four months after Vicente's departure, all of his allies in the kingdom, and even in the neighboring states, were aware of his departure to begin clearing the south of the continent.",

Not only had the Metal City group alerted their men in the south of the continent, but after the first few weeks of travel, Vicente's actions had already helped people in various areas who began to spread the word.

Four months was enough for Vicente to cross the south of the continent, leaving the southeastern end of this vast area and heading toward the southwestern end.

As he had planned, he passed through four states on his way to the Tamor Dynasty, places where he spent 7 to 14 days of his time to help strengthen the areas and build places for the magical awakening of young people.

He visited secret outposts of the Cataclysm Order in these areas, leaving behind men and resources to help strengthen these outposts.

As large as the Cataclysm Order had become during these years of his ministry, and with the end of the Congregation of Revelation, the order was still absent in several states and had much to grow.

He wanted to use this trip to help the order spread throughout the south and center of the continent, to give young Dark Path magicians a chance to grow amid chaos, and, sooner or later, to bring hope to the community.

Four months was enough for him to help four states on his way and to cross the long road between the Seidel Kingdom and the Tamor Dynasty.

Now he was in the area the survivors of the temple had chosen as a refuge and headquarters for their organization years ago.

The strongest part of the country in the south of the continent, but also the most populous and least affected by the disaster, finally had Vicente in it to help organize the area!

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Arriving in the capital of the Tamor Dynasty this afternoon, Vicente was not surprised to find this place completely different from the areas he had passed through in his years of traveling through the center and south of the continent.

Already knowing that things were going well for the people of this dynasty, he wasn't surprised to find a society that lived more or less as one would expect from cities before The Purification.

There were also a lot of powerful magicians in the area, with at least 15 Paragons in the city, something extremely rare to see in the south of the continent these days.

But that was only a fraction of the number of Paragons this place had before The Purification. Even the wealthy and privileged Tamor Dynasty had suffered from the monster-induced disaster.

"Venerable Fuller, welcome to my humble city." Said the High-level Paragon behind the dynasty, the only one of his rank in his family's entire territory.

Vicente greeted the local monarch, an ally who had previously visited his city in Scott Province and started the friendly relationship between their families.

At the time, this man was only a Mid-level Paragon. But like the people of the Stuart family, he and his family had taken advantage of the opportunities provided by the disaster to boom. Growing up in the 5th stage was difficult for everyone. But with valuable resources available in basically the same proportions as before, but with much less competition, level advancement was available to anyone who wanted to venture out!

Of course, you would have to process the resources you found, absorb their essence slowly, and use your own special characteristics to grow faster. But under the current circumstances, one would have to be very untalented or unwilling to advance not to become stronger.

"Samuel, I am surprised at the condition of your city. I'm afraid not even Scott Province has such a good and safe area." Vicente complimented as he shook the man's hand.

Samuel sighed and said. "Unfortunately, all is not as it seems, Venerable. I'll be honest with you, the city looks better than it is.

As the crisis deepens and the monsters become more chaotic, many of my men are lost. As much as the city seems peaceful and tranquil, it is a place in constant mourning. Every week, the bodies of our men return to the city in coffins, and sometimes they don't even come back.

The peace in the area is lasting, but I wouldn't say this population is doing well. They are certainly far from having peace of mind. Living in mourning is also a form of terror."

"Is your situation that bad?" Vicente frowned as he looked earnestly at the monarch.

"Your weapons and armor have helped us a great deal. If it weren't for them, I'm afraid I would have lost control of the state by now and the situation would be even worse." The king sighed sincerely as he walked with Vicente through the entrance of his palace.

As they made their way through the main garden of the estate, Vicente asked. "What are your numbers of men and weapons?"

"I have 22 Paragons in the dynasty, and 33 5th stage armors in use by Sky Sovereigns. In addition, I have 500 4th grade weapons and 89 4th stage armors used by High-level Mages. The Earth and Sky Sovereigns who are not armed with any of these artifacts have been working to support the Paragons or those who are armed with these artifacts."

"I see... You've lost several of your artifacts since the beginning of our agreement." Minos muttered, already expecting some of his allies to go through this.

He had sent at least 45 pieces of 5th stage armor and 140 pieces of 4th stage armor to this state during the over 2 years of their alliance.

"Yes, unfortunately, some of our men died in battle while carrying these armors. We could not recover these artifacts, so they were lost or destroyed."

Eath armor in question had a conscience. But if they still hadn't been recovered, then they were destroyed or too damaged to return on their own.

"Well, then I'll help you a little. Prepare your materials for me. In the meantime, I think the time has come for your inhabitants to reawaken their powers." He clapped a hand on the man's shoulder.

"Sigh! I have people in the city who have been waiting for over a year to awaken their powers. The end of the Congregation of Revelations was abrupt and took a lot out of us."

"Don't worry, in a week at the most, I'll have all the young people in your city with magical powers awakened."

Thus began Vicente's journey to Tamor Dynasty, his first long stop on his journey before going in search of the 4th stage vampires in the region!

Chapter 836 Nina in Action

Meanwhile, in one of Vicente's metal cities on the border between the Snow Province and the Diamond Province...",

From this city, one could see a large, long dividing fence in the distance, with one side of the fence being a green area with plenty of human presence, and the other side being a grayish desert area.

But this absence of beings on the gray side of the fence was not synonymous with peace and quiet. Given the reality between these two worlds, the outside of Vicente's domains near the right ones were not casually used by monsters.

In the shadows and hard-to-see places of such areas, there were certainly monsters watching and waiting for human groups to move in.

These monsters were definitely not going to attack the border between Vicente's domains and this 'free' area, but neither were they going to allow the other side to be so peaceful that there were no dangers on their 'doorstep'.

But today, as was the case almost every day in this coastal city, another group left the town to go outside Vicente's domains.

A group of 12 people left the city and ran in formation toward the exit of the fence, where there was a watchtower, about 5 kilometers from the city.

Of these twelve individuals, all of them wore armor, half of them Earth Sovereigns and the other half High-level Mages, all of them wearing 4th stage armor.

Among them was a girl with long black hair, a well-developed body, and eyes as black as night. Her gaze was serious, and the 7 men and 4 women there respected her deeply.

This was obviously Vicente's younger sister, Nina!

"Make way for Mrs. Fuller's group to pass!" shouted one man in the watchtower as two men at that post opened the main gate for the group of 12 to pass.

Nina and her companions walked on without looking back or talking to the guards in the area.

"Is Mrs. Fuller on another mission near the border? Things seem to be getting worse. She has moved 6 times in the last month, whereas 2 months ago she only moved 4 times." Said one of the six men in charge of this post for the next few hours.

Another person sighed and said. "The crisis is getting worse. Although there is a growing sense of peace, it is only because of the efforts of groups like Mrs. Fuller's. They have been working more and more for the people."

"How much longer will this go on? I've heard the mortality rate among members of such groups is rising again." One of them expressed this doubt.

The death rate of groups traveling outside the safe areas of cities or domains protected by Vicente's fences had decreased during the crisis with the advent of his armor and firearms. Recently, however,

reports of deaths among members of groups like Nina's had resurfaced, and the dangers to teams were once again on the rise.

"Sigh! Who knows? The head of the family is out there fighting the monsters, so I imagine things might improve after a while. But for now, all we can do is hang on."

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While the men at the guard post talked about the most important topic among the warriors in the southern region, Nina's group slowed down and increased their caution as they explored this land without an owner.

As soon as they left the protected area, Nina activated one of her abilities, causing small mana parasites to emerge from her body and instruct them to hunt monsters in the area.

The monsters may have been hiding, but the moment these mana creatures emerged from Nina's powers, their locations became obvious not only to these artificial beings but also to their creator.

"There are 47 3rd stage monsters and 7 4th stage monsters nearby. Let's take care of them before we continue towards our destination..." she mumbled to her group before talking about the locations of the enemies and how they should split up to deal with these 54 opponents.

With Vicente's 4th stage armor, they all had peak Sky Sovereigns combat capabilities, so dealing with this group wouldn't be difficult.

Nina assigned four enemies to each of her allies, leaving her to deal with the remaining ten, seven of whom were the strongest in the area.

None of the men questioned her order or method of division. After over 30 missions with her, like the one they were about to start today, they all knew exactly what Nina could do and how she led.

As soon as she gave her orders, she would move while her eleven companions headed towards their opponents, surprising many of the monsters hiding nearby.

Some of them had camouflage abilities that made them very difficult to spot. When they were easily spotted by Nina and the others, these creatures found the situation strange as they tried to move backwards.

"Huh! Trying to escape?" Nina suddenly appeared behind one of the Earth Sovereign enemies, causing the corpse-like creature to tremble with her voice.

Even reanimated corpses had some life force, otherwise, they wouldn't be able to stand up in this world. When Nina appeared behind this individual and touched the back of its head, the creature felt its strength diminish rapidly while its enemy's strength increased.

Unable to move while being 'devoured' by Nina's ability, this being's body was gradually 'drained' until its flesh was decomposed and its bones crumbled as if they were made of sugar.

As quickly as she had appeared behind this being, Nina moved towards the only Sky Sovereign in the area and appeared in front of this enemy who had a body the size of a house, a monster similar to a Komodo dragon.

Nina's mana parasites attacked the creature, causing it to struggle to remove these hideous creatures from its body, which could quickly harm even individuals at its level.

However, the parasites resulting from Nina's third ability were not the young woman's only weapon. Her first ability activated and her first pentagram glowed in her surroundings before darkness covered her hands and legs.

Then, with a smile on her face, she attacked the creature with her fists and legs, each contact draining the monster of its life force while temporarily increasing her strength, giving her even more power for the following blows.

If you weren't able to neutralize Nina quickly at the beginning of the fight, taking her down later on could become an impossible task!

Chapter 837 Lauren's Hunt

Nina's group continued to move towards the border of Snow Province and Diamond Province, carrying out their plans and increasing the young woman's fame.

Even though she wasn't free to go far, as her power level was still low, Nina quickly made a name for herself in her town, gaining fame among the local soldiers and guards.

With a perfect record of successful missions and no deaths from comrades, she had piled up the bodies of enemies wherever she went, bringing peace and tranquility to her brother's domains.

While the youngest of the Fuller siblings was doing this in the far south of Diamond Province, Lauren was currently in the central part of the Chutha Dynasty, where she had been living.

Having arrived in this area a few months ago, Lauren had been working all these months to reach the goal she was about to accomplish today!

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Near a famous mountain range in the central part of the Chutha Dynasty, a small group of five people were hiding in tree branches, watching something.

All of them were Paragons, the strongest being the black-haired, slender woman sitting in the lotus position on the highest branch in the area.

The other four individuals were the same distance from her, with defensive and special formations activated around them, but also dressed in 5th stage armor.

While they nervously surveyed their surroundings, anticipating a confrontation with the nearby monsters, Lauren continued her work, her eyes closed and her five pentagrams visible as she wrote in her macabre book.

A few hundred meters away, a group of powerful monsters, including a Beginner Archmage, were camped in a hard-to-reach cave in the area.

Who were Lauren's targets today? A group of 4th stage vampires and their 5th stage minions on the outskirts!

After working for months to find traces of powerful vampires in the Chutha Dynasty, she had finally found this group a few minutes before.

While she was silently dealing with the enemies, the group of over 100 monsters in this camp, hundreds of meters away from her people, were acting as usual.

Some of them were taking care of the group's small birds, sending and receiving messages from other companions in this area, while others were cultivating, resting, or waiting for orders to move.

There were eight superior vampires in this group, including two Sky Sovereigns and six Earth Sovereigns.

Besides them, the group also had one 6th stage cyclops, 20 5th stage inferior vampires, and 45 5th stage monsters. The rest were monsters or 4th stage inferior vampires, less important individuals.

"We have heard about Vicente Fuller. It seems he has recently arrived in Tamor Dynasty and is working with local forces to increase human power in the area." One of the strongest vampires in the area opened his mouth in the main area of the cave, where five of his seven companions now stood.

Upon hearing the news that had just arrived via one of the group's message birds, the strongest of them frowned, not liking it at all.

"Looks like he's finally moving. We have to get ready! He hasn't acted in over a year and a half, so he'll probably come down hard on us now."

Silence filled the main room of the cave, each of the vampires there feeling the tension of the news.

Vicente was responsible because they were not in a city at the moment, but in this remote, hard-to-reach area of the dynasty. Because of his previous action in the former capital of the Kenyth Empire, the vampire groups throughout the southern region had moved on, splitting into 3 or 4 groups in each state and operating separately in areas like this.

The most important groups still had a chief bodyguard who was responsible for protecting the most important vampires in the coalition's plans in each area.

This group near Lauren was the most important monster group in the entire state!

"Hmm? Is something wrong, Victor?" One of the two Sky Sovereigns in this group of vampires asked the person in front of him, who suddenly opened his eyes wide and put his hands on his chest.

Everyone looked at him, including the 6th stage cyclops sitting not far away, who saw him overbalance backwards and fall from where he was sitting.

But just as he hit his back on the ground, four others felt exactly what he felt.

"Aaaagh!"

A terrified scream came from outside the cave, and it was echoed by the 5th stage beings on the outskirts of this monster lair in the Chutha Dynasty.

"What's going on? What..." One of the two Sky Sovereigns was about to speak when he felt an overwhelming pressure on his heart, as if an invisible hand was forcing that muscle to stop moving.

'Shit! What's going on? Why?' He lost control of his body, his knees buckling before he fell face first to the ground.

He couldn't say or do anything else. As his eyes began to darken, he saw that practically his entire group was in the same situation as him, suddenly dying on this afternoon that had seemed so normal until a few moments ago.

"What's going on? Who's there?" The 6th stage cyclops rose from his seat, already breaking into a cold sweat at the sight of practically everyone in his group dying under his watch.

"You wretch! I'll kill you!"

Realizing this couldn't be a natural reaction, he quickly left the cave to search for the person responsible for this unexpected calamity.

As he moved, Lauren's group was already moving against him, the four Paragons nervously attacking this 6th stage creature with the help of their armor and their leader's powers.

Lauren stood up from where she was, her five pentagrams glowing simultaneously.

A supernatural force appeared around the 6th stage cyclops, while the figure of a dark spirit with a huge scythe appeared behind him and moved to cut off his head.

As much as Lauren only seemed to be able to kill with her Book of Death, that wasn't the limit of her power. This Book of Death ability was only related to her first pentagram. But she had four other essences with four different powers that could help her in battle!

Chapter 838 The Full Power of the Book of Death

The moment Lauren wrote the word "vision" in her book, her second pentagram, which could temporarily affect the senses of its targets, glowed.",

Immediately after she wrote on it, the cyclops felt its vision deteriorate by 85%, causing it to see its surroundings blurred and darkened, barely able to see the five enemies attacking it.

Lauren's fifth pentagram glowed brightly as the Personification of Death condensed from the darkness around her and attacked the cyclops with the scythe of death.

Mental Chaos!

Lauren wrote something else in her macabre book, causing the creature's single eye to stop, its mind lost amidst many thoughts disconnected from reality.

Lauren's fourth pentagram glowed, consuming 30% of her mana as her face turned pale and her knees went weak.

Feeling a sudden pain behind her eyes, Lauren stood to keep from collapsing from exhaustion and activated her last power to seek the fall of the powerful enemy before her.

Her third essence consumed her remaining mana as streams of darkness formed around the cyclops' body, causing it to fall forward, overwhelmed by Lauren's powers.

The four Paragons allied with Lauren on this journey saw this and felt her confidence grow, their eyes widening as they witnessed Lauren's shocking powers with open mouths.

The 6th stage cyclops was still breathing and would surely recover after a while. But after all their blows, it was in a terrible state and could not fight them for at least a few dozen minutes!

They could never kill this creature today. As a beast of the Dark Path, the cyclops had an extremely resistant body that was difficult to injure even for the 5th stage armor they were wearing today.

After Lauren killed the creature, the four used the suppressive power of their armor to immobilize the enemy.

Lauren was exhausted, but her armor came into play, controlling the body it enveloped so they could collect the bodies of the superior vampires, as well as the records of the enemy.

In just a minute, Lauren had collected everything of value in the area before ordering the group to retreat.

The four Low-level Paragons followed her, leaving the 6th-stage cyclops behind, still feeling the dangerous effects of Lauren's powers.

'Mission accomplished! Time to share these vampires' blood!' Lauren sighed as she smiled, already far enough away from the cyclops to relax a bit.

She gulped a restorative potion and said to the group. "Let's go back to Rockstrand. I'll take the blood of one of these vampires and leave the rest to the local leaders, including those corpses' valuable organs and body parts."

The four Sentinels of the Order of Rockstrand smiled in anticipation, imagining how much they could gain from the blood of these vampires.

To most magicians on the continent like them, vampire blood was a precious essence they had only heard about in books and rumors.

At the thought of being able to use such a magical essence, everyone was excited at the possibility of becoming stronger with this opportunity.

"What will the Lady do after her retreat?" asked one of the Paragons as they flew back to the city, about 200 kilometers from where they were.

"I will go after the other vampires in the Chutha Dynasty. We defeated the strongest group today, I know. But there must still be dozens of vampires in the state."

"I hope I can continue to help you."

Each of them said similar things, swearing they would continue to serve her and help her in the hunt against the vampires.

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While his sisters operated in the southeastern part of the region, Vicente had spent his first 20 days in Tamor Dynasty, in the southwestern part of the region.

In the dark about what his sisters were doing, Vicente continued his plans for the dynasty, helping to increase the defensive level of the local cities, but also the war power of the king's forces.

With 20 days in the area, he had accomplished much, producing dozens of pieces of armor, hundreds of weapons, thousands of miles of fencing, and two Cataclysm Order posts.

As he had promised the king earlier, he had straightened out the situations of thousands of young people in the cities of the state, helping them to awaken their powers.

His little less than three weeks in the dynasty had been enough to clear about a year's backlog of youth awakenings, bringing hope to the families of the continent's new apprentices.

Having completed the most important part of his plans for the dynasty, he prepared for his next step, which was to hunt vampires and high-level monsters in the area.

He met with the local leaders in the dynasty's capital and listened to what the local forces offered to help him with this mission.

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"Venerable Fuller, earlier the enemies were concentrated in Riverhelm, one of the few cities of the dynasty to fall to the vampire advance.

We had news that monsters were enslaving humans in the area, similar to what you told us about what was happening in the capital of the Kenyth Empire.

But after your actions in that state, things changed, and the monsters left Riverhelm. We now have information the vampires formerly in that city are scattered in three camps around the borders of my territory."

The King presented what he knew to Vicente while he and the Paragons of his state were gathered with young Fuller in a room of the royal palace, all seated around a large oval table.

"There must be 2 or 3 Archmages with these groups, Venerable Fuller. Don't be fooled by the way the monsters were organized before. They're much more cautious these days." Said one of the Mid-level Paragons over there.

"Does every group of vampires have an Archmage with them these days?" Vicente asked.

"That must be the case. There's a misconception among the southern forces that there are vampire groups without Archmages to help them. But that's not true. In the past few months, several 6th-stage monsters have arrived in the region." Said the expert behind the local royal family's intelligence.

"I see... Well, it's not a problem for me, but your forces should be more careful from now on. Anyway, I'm leaving for the border this afternoon. I'll search every meter of the border and deal with any enemies that stand in my way." Vicente announced to the men.

Chapter 839 Destination Ahead: Majestic Treefrog Grove

Four months later...",

Vicente was currently in the ancient territory of the Andoria Kingdom, hunting vampires between the southern and central regions of the continent.

After a long journey, he had arrived at yet another group of vampires to exterminate in the region!

Four months had been enough for him to deal with the vampires and the 6th stage monsters around Tamor Dynasty, leave the south-westernmost state of the continent, and move here after dealing with another six groups of vampires.

All in all, Vicente had killed 98 superior vampires in those months, and had even eliminated 6 Beginner Archmages and 2 Intermediate Archmages in the past 3 weeks.

As for the 5th stage creatures, he had lost count of how many he had killed. But it was a fact that he had left a trail of blood between the Tamor Dynasty and the Andoria Kingdom!

Now, he was about to fight the monsters that had been terrorizing the continent once again!

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'Seven superior vampires with Sky Sovereign cultivation and two Beginner Archmages... The groups of monsters are getting stronger and stronger. The last team we faced had an Intermediate Archmage.' Vicente commented to Torne as he watched the enemies before attacking it.

'This is strange.' Torne agreed with Vicente's thoughts. 'Archmages are not common in any race. The number of Intermediate Archmages doesn't even make up 5% of the 6th stage magical beings on the continent. Why do these tribes risk their strongest warriors?'

This was the same question Vicente was asking himself.

They didn't know the answer. After all, they weren't interested in going after these 6th stage monsters. If those creatures weren't chasing them, they wouldn't get involved with them.

If it was because they were afraid, then this attitude was somewhat misguided.

'The vampires must be forcing this somehow... In that case, if this damned race has some kind of control to force the strongest monsters to risk themselves like this for them, then we have to be careful.

It's not impossible that we'll encounter even stronger beings as we continue our journey north.' Vicente thought about the problem.

'It's unlikely that we will meet an Advanced Archmage on our way, but what if we do? As strong as you already are, master, facing an Advanced Archmage is beyond your abilities.' Torne expressed this doubt.

'I don't think we'll find anyone like that in the central region of the continent. But if we do, we'll have no choice but to flee.' Vicente sighed at the thought of something so strong.

The difference in level only increased the stronger you got.

He couldn't deal with an Advanced Archmage, although he might have a chance against Intermediate Archmages. At least, that was his situation now, with two slots left for Throne of Darkness pentagrams and Mid-level Paragon cultivation.

Unfortunately, it wouldn't be easy to take these steps to strengthen himself!

'Perhaps it would be interesting to gather a powerful group before we face the strongest enemies, master. I agree with you, it will be difficult to encounter Advanced Archmages in the central region. But it's likely that we'll encounter such monsters in the north.'

To face such creatures, as well as 5th stage superior vampires, I believe that having 6th stage human and beast allies will make a big difference to our cause.

Visiting Majestic Treefrog Grove could be an important point in our journey.'

Majestic Treefrog Grove, in the far north of the continent, was an extremely positive area for the beings of the Light Path, the home of the Dragon and Elf tribes, the two strongest tribes on the continent.

The elves were the legendary creators of the magical path, having developed the method of magical awakening used by humans throughout the continent over 100,000 years ago.

As for the dragons, they were among the strongest and longest-lived creatures in the Polaris Realm, and were said to be the elders of the continent, with members over 200,000 years old!

According to the legends that ran through the human community, dragons flew through these lands when magicians didn't exist and humans lived like animals in tribes similar to the monkey races of Polaris Realm.

'Majestic Treefrog Grove, huh? Wouldn't that be dangerous? Lauren said the vampires had made a non-aggression treaty with the leaders of the area, and the outskirts of this territory were fenced off to prevent magical creatures from entering or leaving.' Vicente commented, aware of the benefits of them visiting such a region, but somewhat skeptical.

'It would be worth any danger. Dragons and elves are special. Even if none of them can accompany you directly in the fight against the vampires, a single piece of advice would be enough to change our fate,' Torne warned.

'Alright, we'll visit the Majestic Treefrog Grove in the future.' Vicente decided before turning his attention to the group in front of him.

When he saw the stronger superior vampires in front of him and the two monsters with Beginner Archmage cultivation, he did not falter to attack them.

Knowing the enemies were armed with various artifacts that could even have suppressive effects, like the formation he had faced earlier when fighting the members of the Congregation of Revelation, Vicente was cautious with his attack.

He didn't flinch and used his full power in the initial attack, revealing his eight pentagrams. He used his first magical form to shape metal weapons and cut down his enemies, while using the Throne of Darkness against those creatures of elemental inferiority to him.

Using the Inferno of Flames at the very beginning of his action, Vicente eliminated the weakest who were not prepared for such a sudden attack, while weakening the others who were less vulnerable.

"Vicente Fuller!" One of the two Beginner Archmages identified his opponent.

However, with Darkness Suppression, Magnetic Control, and Inferno of Flames all working against him, this Dark Path beast was not in a good position to rebel against Vicente.

Accustomed to fighting opponents of today's level, Vicente eliminated 70% of the group, easily asserting his magical superiority.

He made sure all the vampires were dead, as they were the ones with the most potential to cause trouble, before finishing his work by eliminating the two 6th stage monsters and the 5th stage monsters.

With the use of the Metallic Symphony, he wouldn't even have to exert himself while his metallic weapons brutalized all the other members of the enemy group!

Chapter 840 Back in Dresbert

After a month in the Andoria Kingdom, Vicente had destroyed all the vampire groups in the state and added another 22 superior vampires to his kill list.",

After spending a week in the kingdom's largest remaining city, he helped build defenses, an altar of order, and, of course, weapons and armor. Soon after, he made his way north, crossing the border between the Andoria Kingdom and the Kingdom of Eternal Dawn.

Upon re-entering that state, he stopped in a small abandoned town in the south of the territory, where he rested before continuing on his way back to Dresbert.

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In the central square of an abandoned city that once had 60,000 inhabitants, Vicente sat on a stone bench while a fire roasted beast meat in front of him.

In this place, where abandoned carriages lay in the middle of the streets, doors and windows broken or open, skeletons here and there, along with signs of destruction on the buildings and streets, only Torne was by his side until a few seconds ago.

But as he looked at his flesh, Vicente suddenly looked up into the sky and saw a bird the size of an adult human appear in the sky and spin its flight toward them.

When they realized who it was, neither of them moved, allowing the beast to follow them.

"Venerable Fuller, I bring news from the south." The bird announced as it stopped in front of Vicente and Torne, pointing to the scroll it had tied to one of its legs.

Torne took the parchment and read it to Vicente.

"Dear Vicente, I wonder where you are now. Have you been fighting hard these last months? I think so. News of your battles has spread throughout the province, with warriors claiming that the situation in the region is once again improving because of you.

Annie and I are very proud of you. She recently turned two and misses you terribly. But every day she understands our situation and your absence better... It makes me sad though.

Please send messages through Greybill. Annie would love to hear from you.

But talking about serious things, I have fantastic news about Nina and Lauren..."

Torne continued to read Nova's letter, which spoke of things beyond the longing she, Vicente's other wives, and Annie felt for him.

Over the next five minutes, Torne read the entire contents of Nova's letter, informing Vicente of Nina's successes as a magician fighting for the family, as well as Lauren's accomplishments.

While Nina was slaying monsters in the Diamond Province and growing stronger by the day, Lauren was traveling between the Chutha Dynasty and the Kenyth Empire, hunting vampires in the area.

Vicente was confident his older sister could handle the vampires and 6th stage monsters in the region, so he wasn't on a mission to eliminate 100% of these creatures in the south and center of the Polaris Realm.

He had left some states to Lauren and the community survivors to deal with the vampires and monsters in those areas. He was more concerned with the stronger and more problematic enemies in more important areas.

It was good to hear from his two sisters, and Vicente couldn't help but smile at how well they represented him.

At the end of the letter, Nova also talked about Lina's progress to the 5th stage, as well as some numbers regarding the decrease in deaths among the family's warrior groups.

"Everything seems to be going well. At the current rate, Lauren could be a High-level Paragon by the time I deal with the strongest enemies, and Nina could be a Sky Sovereign by the same time.

Even if something happens to me, the continent and the family will hope for improvements in my absence." Vicente said to them while Torne shook his skeletal hands.

He would rather die himself than let that happen to Vicente!

But even though he was already a Mid-level Paragon, this ghost knew there were things he couldn't do, even if he wanted to!

He remained silent after Vicente's words, handing the parchment he had just read to his master, while the bird with them, Greybill, waited for its leader's orders to leave.

Vicente soon recorded a message on a magical device before ordering Greybill to deliver his message to Nova and Annie.

He then got up and headed north with Torne, eating his kebab.

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After a few days of traveling north, Vicente spotted from above the first human city he had helped on his way back from the north.

Seeing Dresbert from above brought a smile to the young Fuller's face, for he found this place exactly as he had hoped: larger, with a security area connected to the other cities in the region!

Previously, he had left several circular areas surrounded by fences at certain distances from the seven cities in the area he had visited. But having left a lot of armor and weapons there, he left the possibility for these communities to move their fences and eventually connect them, forming a large safe area for humans.

Since it had been about 3 years since he had passed through this area, enough time had passed for the locals to accomplish this impressive feat.

He soon lowered the altitude of his flight, approaching the city until he landed in an area where there was one of the closest watchtowers to the city in the agricultural area of Dresbert.

Upon arrival, Vicente was identified by local guards and escorted to the Sentinels of the Order's headquarters.

To his surprise, Paragons had been emerging in this area for the three years he had been traveling south!

"Altar Master, welcome back to Dresbert!" a group of 15 Low-

level Paragons and 35 Sky Sovereigns said simultaneously as they bent their knees before Vicente.

In front of this powerful group, responsible for the administration and protection of this city, Vicente realized this was only a fraction of the strength of the Sentinels of the Order in this central area of the former Kingdom of Eternal Dawn.

"I see you've made good use of the opportunities I've given you... I'm curious to hear your stories. Let's talk while we eat somewhere." He said to these individuals, soon heading for a restaurant he already knew in the area from his previous passage.