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Chapter 116: Recognized my greatness

I instantly formed my spell, simpler and faster. I wasn't aiming at Eira, but at her magic, hitting a weak point before it formed and destroying it.

"That's what I meant, you must not leave the runes vulnerable, as you may be interrupted like right now. Warriors, take note."

"You piece of shit, you're playing games, with me, you think it's funny!"

'yes, yes it is'

Eira began to get really angry, throwing magic faster and faster and fiercer.

I guess she gave up on trying to match me in rune wielding and started using her affinity, shortening and even creating instant spells.

Still, it didn't matter, because he easily created more defenses every time he destroyed one.

"Well, let me tell you, even if you have an affinity or something similar, it doesn't mean you are not using runes. For those with an affinity, you don't have to create them, they are born naturally, in the echizos."

Again, Eira cast more powerful magic, but this time it was almost instantaneous and without visible runes, though....

"As you can see, although magics produced by affinities do not show runes so clearly, they do in fact have them. Even spells created by affinities cannot evade the laws of this world. These runes, though not readily visible, do exist. That's when the knowledge of runes comes into play."

Saying that, I drew some metal runes and shot them towards his ice pick. They weren't a tenth as strong, but at the angle they collided they destroyed each other.

Well, I certainly could have calculated it, but it was a cumbersome process. I simply saw the weak point with my eyes and attacked it. But the point is for these guys to understand the lesson.

"As you saw, this idiot used a again a hecizo just like the one she cast before. Both magics were made in different ways, but the process and weakness remain the same."

they just need to know how the original magic circle works and the runes that formed it. The weakness remains the same , whether they are made by affinity or not,

That's why people with a lot of knowledge of magic are difficult to defeat in high-level battles. It is not the one who casts the most powerful magic, but the one who analyzes, destroys and casts a spell effectively. winner the it one who casts the most effective spells simultaneously.

And eira so cooperative began to do exactly that but in a tozca way.

"Oh! That's good, look. That's what I mean. Not everything has to be an attack. Wizards tend to cast several spells at once, for defense and attack. Behold, she used three spells: one for self-defense, one to block interference from her attack echiso, and the third to launch an attack."

"Now enough with the games! You asked for it - go and die!"

'yes I think she's very angry, well, after all, this is a kind of lesson, so I'm not done yet'.

look at what I was doing and It was a complicated and powerful spell, armed by countless runes and sustained by his affinity, for that magic was beyond what his mental capacity allowed him to cast. That's one of the advantages of affinities, but....

"I told you, don't let the opponent see the runes. Any spell that takes longer than three seconds to cast is just show, unless you're protected, by other people, or have sufficient preparations. And this is why..."

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I snapped my fingers, and several lances of swift, piercing lightning struck several points on the barrier.

The third one broke it and the fourth one directly attacked the magic circle canceling its magic, lastly one attacked his personal barrier, which he didn't put much effort into, causing an explosion, when it was broken.

"Instead of casting long spells, it is always better to cast quick and easy to potentiate spells, like this one. Anything that takes longer than a second to form is dangerous to the caster, unless you rely heavily on your defensive spells and preparations."

I looked at Eira. The impact sent her backwards, and she had an expression of shock and anger. I guess she didn't want to continue. Then I looked at the rest of the spectators, who were dumbfounded by the situation.

The people who had seen me fight Eira noticed my significant improvements, and those who hadn't were amazed at my strength.

'Yes, look at me in awe, mere mortals!!...No, wait. Elena, don't look at me like that, I didn't mean it'

I didn't realize it, but Elena, Selene and Alice had arrived, and my arrogant face was immediately suppressed as I came into contact with Elena's judging eyes.

Well, in the end I seemed to have made my point, but there was still one last thing to clarify.

"You saw what I did at the end, didn't you? How the magic appeared at the snap of my fingers.

Everyone nodded, including Elena. Well, this is a new trick that I was only able to pull off after I had enough mana.

Not to mention that this is not a well-known subject in this part of the world, so it's not in our classes.

Few people in this realm handle this level of magic, and it's usually not something that's taught early on. But I know these kids in front of me will be able to understand it.

"Look, this is a kind of autosuggestion or 'switch.' Let's see, it's easier to explain. It's like a preset spell that is activated by an action.

When a person learns the runes to a very high level, they can, in theory, use them unconsciously by pre-recording them in an action that relates to the spell. That is, by snapping one's fingers, all processes of the spell are performed instantaneously, without thought, chant or interference.

Only the mana to be used is subtracted. It's like inscribing runes on an object to use an ability instantly, but instead of an object, it's an action. Easy, right? Well, it also requires mental training and will serve to save your life many times over, as there are many people in the future who will be able to do it."

At that moment, Ban raised his hand like a good student.

"Oh, go ahead, Ban."

"Is it like the attack stances in martial arts techniques?"

"Oh! That's a valid way of looking at it, though not entirely true. But, let's see..."

He's certainly right about something. If I think about it, it's not that far from the truth.

"Well, this has nothing to do with runes, but let's see. Almost all martial arts have at least one attack stance. To execute it, you need to circulate mana throughout your body, stimulating various nerves, muscles, and even bones and organs, depending on the art itself, to form a cycle that executes the attack."

I went on to explain.

"From my perspective, that cycle is like a magic circle forming in our body. Now, certainly, if you repeat and understand this enough, you can do those attack arts instantly. So, Ban, you have a little star."

Even if it doesn't do any good....

"Well, and if you think about it, those who don't know how to do this process well or have failures usually shout the name of the technique. Why do you think that is? Compare it to magic. Whoever answers me will be the next one to fight me."

I asked them and gave them a little incentive, but mysteriously no one wanted to answer. Maybe it's a difficult question? At that moment, Alice seemed to struggle to answer, and I saw how Elena suddenly whispered to her? All right, Elena, if you know the answer, say it yourself. Well, I would have helped her too if I saw Alice in distress.

"Yes, yes, Chris, it's because it's like a magician's chant and it works to cover up the imperfections that happened in the process."

"Nice, Alice! You got a mega star," I replied with a smile.

As Alice said, calling out the name of a technique is similar to chanting and will in magical affinities. They serve as a prop to cover the imperfections of someone who hasn't yet perfected the technique, but they can also make it stronger if you've already mastered it.

In the end, it depends on the situation: shouting the name of the technique is not mandatory, but it can be a support and enhancer. In fact, I used to shout out myself, even though I hated the names. I could do the first three without speaking, but they still empowered.

Although technically I only had to say "art of lust" and the name of the technique for it to help me. I was the one who added the stance part to it, inspired a bit by my previous life, in the demon hunter anime.

Still, even though it was for fun at first, I realized that doing that helped me to make the attacks stronger and more complete, since, to begin with, shouting the names is to stimulate yourself and complete correctly what you want to achieve, even if you made mistakes in the process.

Of course it doesn't work for everyone, it's a matter, as I said, of autosuggestion. As Ban said, though the chants in the spells do hold true for things to happen right.

So, although similar, they are not quite the same, but the idea is the same. I got a little lost, but I continue to close this brief explanation.

"This world has rules, and it's up to us to make the most of them, even to the point of ignoring them if it's a contradiction. That's how it works: it's a sea of chaos from which we've barely scratched the surface, ignorant of what lurks deep within."

'ufff... I'm inspired,' I felt satisfied with what he had said, and finally I looked back at him and paid attention to Eira was still on the floor, listening to my explanation despite her recent humiliation.

Honestly, this fight eliminated any complaints I had before, so, in a gentle way (and because Selene was watching), I chivalrously approached her and held out my hand to help her up.

"It was a good fight, You have points to improve, but you are still a great magician . So I expect a lot from you".

I told her with my best smile. 'Selene, see how I get along with your sister?'

Eira looked at me with a confused expression, but took my hand and used it to get up. She was finally acting like a reasonable person, and spoke to me in a normal manner.

"Well, it was a fair battle, and I learned a lot of things..."

'Oh, it seems even the tough Eira recognized my greatness!'

"Oh, that's what you thought I'd say, you piece of shit! Did you have fun humiliating me, you scum? I'll rip your fuckin #%\$&#\$\$# !"

she shouted before launching himself at me.'yes, she is definitely very angry'.

"Gyaaa... take it away from me!"

Chapter 117: Finally, it is moving

It is definitely not a good experience to live this in first person. I tried to shake off that sore loser who was attacking me with abandon.

She was clinging to my hair and started scratching me, especially in the eyes.

"Gya! Damn, that's playing dirty!"

"In a duel to the death, anything goes."

This wretch is right, but your scratching and biting definitely won't kill me.

'I should discipline her like the first time..... Hmm, I don't think she hates me anymore. Yes, I should... She's been earning it again lately.'

Because I was temporarily blind, I kept trying to grab her blindly. She moved nimbly across my body, taking every opportunity and didn't hesitate to bite, pinch and scratch.

'Wait, why does it hurt so much, resonance? Selene, why did you do this?'

I didn't worry too much and thought I'd let her vent, since it didn't hurt so much in the end and reminded me of my kitty, which I had as a kid in my previous life.

But that damn thing seemed to be resonating with my little angel, causing me pain now...very real pain.

I dropped to the ground and began to squirm as if I had insects biting me, but she wouldn't get off of me, she just kept going as if nothing was wrong. It was as if she was possessed by an evil, persistent spirit.

'Wait, I know... Purification!'

"grrr... eh?, What did you cast on me, why do I feel better, purification magic?"

The moment the spell fell on her, Eira stopped and asked, doubting why I cast a purification spell.

"Uh... well, I just tried. You should have disappeared or at least wallowed in pain, though." I really thought it would work.

"You idiot! Do you think I'm an evil spirit or something?"

"Yes...that's why I did it,"

I replied. Now that I thought about it, it was an obvious answer I should have given a long time ago.

Although it wasn't as much as I thought, she has calmed down, which proves I was right: the poor thing had been possessed by an evil entity.

"You bastard, die!"

Apparently, that wasn't the right answer.... Clearly he was wrong, he swore that was it.

"Don't bite my neck! Aaah, it hurts! Selene, call it off, call it off!"

The pain in my neck intensified as Eira bit me. I honestly felt like my life was in danger and I called out for help to Selene, who, for some reason, 'resonated' with Eira.

I wondered what she was thinking, so I activated the 'resonance' with her, and she seemed.... Happy? Why?

I felt betrayed and abandoned... until I realized something.

I asked Selene through the resonance to activate it with me and buff me. At that moment, I instantly felt stronger.

Finally, I managed to catch the elusive Eira with my statistical superiority. Truly, you should never underestimate even the skills that seem the silliest, such as flexibility.

The truth is, I didn't know if I had it like Selene, but nothing explains how good she is at being so elusive, to the point of writhing all over my body like an evil spirit trying to possess me. Not for nothing did I cast purification magic!

Finally, I got rid of her. I held her and conjured several metal handcuffs around her wrists, a muzzle and a straitjacket made of iron.

In the end, she looked like a trapped beast. I felt Eira trying to send signals to Selene to cancel the resonance with me, but what I felt from Selene was happiness.

'I don't understand why she looked happy if we were fighting to the death.'

I had already neutralized Eira and healed my eyes.

well, it was metaphorical because Despite everything, I realized that Eira's attacks weren't exactly lethal, but they were painful. They were more like attempts to vent her frustration.

So I forgave her and didn't think too much of it. I'll simply think that a stray cat attacked me for approaching carelessly. Clearly, I am a mature person in conflict.

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When I approached Selene and asked her why she had done that, she told me it was because her sister had instructed her to do it when I asked her to.

I had apparently convinced her that this was a way for us to get along, and we were just playing. I got a little angry at the thought of how I could trick my little angel, but in the end, I'll take it as a challenge.

You grow up in different situations, and next time I'll beat her, even if I don't use resonance.

So, the lesson went on for a while and I helped the girls in the group a lot, and I took the time to make them understand.

Meanwhile, men learn by force, and with their body they understand the lesson... yes there was definitely no favoritism here at absolute... I also patiently taught Auran, which counts as a man, so there was definitely no favoritism.

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Another week had passed and it was now the fourth week since the start of school, I would say that nothing out of the ordinary had happened, but I had noticed that Cordelia was finally moving.

The week before, I had clearly noticed how she was starting to pay more attention to my doppelgänger.

Indeed, he was up to something. I didn't know what it was, but today she asked me to meet her after class.

Out of curiosity, I even postponed my usual meeting with Astrid, which I always looked forward to during classes, and went to see her in a secluded and suspicious place in the academy.

There she was, along with two other lackeys, who, if I remember correctly, were her assistants to bully me. Despite her personality, she had managed to gather a group of followers. I was now 100% sure that she wanted to start her aggression towards Seraphina.

This had been postponed for some reason I don't understand, but now that my doppelgänger is occupied by me all the time, I'm not afraid of anything she does.

I mean I'm my own informant, I wasn't going to let the same thing happen to my alternate self.

At first, things were small, like stealing my books, notes and other objects. They also interrupted and ruined my work as an assistant when I had to carry things from one place to another, or spilled my food in the dining room, pretending it was an accident.

Childish things, which I honestly didn't take seriously, and ignored. But over time, this became worse.

She would follow me around, and even coordinate many classes with mine, just to fight me and beat me up. She would also attack me during exams or monthly quizzes, as she was much stronger than my alternative self.

Despite having an affinity for light, I started training very late. Usually, you start at the age of ten, or even earlier, but I started just three years ago.

The early years are always the slowest for everyone, unless you have a monstrous talent, which Seraphina's body did not have.

Although I now had a decent talent, it was still a slow process for my alternate self, but this time I was able to catch up faster, far surpassing my alternate self at this time.

I remember that even with a lot of effort, I barely managed to become a representative, and that was thanks to the blessing of the goddess of purity.

When the academy ended, Cordelia started doing a lot of other things to me. This escalated over a long period of time getting worse.

Honestly, if I only looked at the academy time, I would think it was some kind of crush, something my alternate self didn't notice.

But that thought vanished when his bullying became too intense and dangerous, that wasn't someone with interest would do.

So putting aside my misunderstanding when she asked me to be hers I stayed close to her because I wanted to find the cause and stop this, without having to kill her as my alternate self had established.

Although I don't know why, the memories don't show the ending between Cordelia and my alternate self, but if he wants me to kill her.

Must be because he did it himself, since his list of eliminations, are mostly people he killed himself or should kill before they became more problematic and the memories justify it.

Still, to me Cordelia, didn't seem to deserve it at this point, but I can't judge without knowing the whole story, and that fucker for some reason omitted it, leaving me in doubt about what actions to take on Cordelia.

'well he must have some reason why he didn't do it'

if. it's no use complaining, I have to figure this out on my own.

"I gathered you here because I have a mission for you. As I told you, if you follow me, you will have riches and glory... right?"

she began to speak like a completely different person and fluently, I would even say passionately as she gave her speech.

"The mission I have for you is easy. I want you to gather information on Miss Silvercrest and report to me everything she does from the time she leaves school until she gets here. I want to know all of her contacts, as well as the people she frequents and their schedules. I want to know everything."

If this is what I mean: when it comes to Seraphina, she becomes a totally different person, as if her ability, which I assumed was the cause of her personality, stopped working.

Apparently, the first step is to stalk me and watch me. I looked around and watched the guys. Honestly, I don't know what gives them the audacity to provoke a Silvercrest who has the most powerful being in the kingdom.

But now that I looked, the guy in front of me was the guy who tried to poison me during the entrance exam, he was one of Cordelia's two lackeys who helped her in her harassment.

That's why he seemed familiar to me back then, well the guy didn't live long so he didn't have much presence in my memories, the other one not to mention, I barely have an impression of him.

The poisonous guy's name was Esteban and now he's lackey number two because I was the first in this life.... That doesn't make me feel proud; I feel like a second-rate villain, one of those who die as collateral damage....

Well back to the topic.

"Miss Cordelia, may I ask the reason for this order?", I asked.

"No."

Well, what did you expect? If life were that easy, there would be no problem. Just in case, I checked her status and indeed she doesn't have an EX skill, so it's not a mission or something given by the gods, which is common when people act illogically.

' So what should I do, to further gain his trust? Hmm..., yes I should sacrifice myself a bit.'

"Miss Cordelia, I actually have some information about Miss Seraphina Silvercrest, " I said.

"Oh, that's good. You will be rewarded handsomely. Go ahead, tell me what you know," she replied, and I really don't think there's anything to satisfy me, with everything I got in the domain.

Anyway, I started telling him things about me: my favorite color, that I'm good at light and lightning magic. I went on to tell him about my tastes for romance novels and other trivial things.

I even made up a weakness which was the fear of cold and icy stares, and if it was with a disgust face all the better. The reason why I said that, well, that doesn't matter.....

Cordelia, silent, didn't hesitate to jot everything down as if the information, was worth gold, she seemed very keen to know my weaknesses.

'I definitely have to find the reason for her hatred of me.'

With that the meeting ended and everyone went their separate ways.

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It was near the end of the first month and the first monthly examination was finally approaching. For being the first, it was not complicated at all.

In addition to the knowledge test, they also did an examination like the entrance test, but this time it was individual and with all the students, including those who are not strictly specialized in combat, such as the Blacksmiths and alchemists, who had to figure it out, with their own methods.

Still, it was no problem for me and nothing interesting happened. So that week ended with me being fourth in the monthly exam, defeated by Alice, Silvia, and Cordelia herself who were better academically than me.

In addition, Aurora and Lys, as I thought, were easily promoted to the A class, since they easily entered the top 20. and so time went by...

Chapter 118: Survival of the Fittest

Name: Seraphina Silvercrest

Race: Human

Rank: Intermediate Transformation

Gender: Female

Stats:

Strength: 169

Mana: 179

Agility: 166

Defense: 70

Vitality: 165

Skills:

Purification (Ω)

Morphogenesis (A)

Eyes of lust (A)

Dual synchrony (A)

Protection of lust (A)

Heir (A)

Affinity for plants (A)

Affinity for Darkness (A)

Affinity for light (A)

Affinity, for the runes(B)

Parallel thinking(B)

Pheromones (B)

Doppelgänger (B)

Resonancia (B)

Affinity for lightning (B)

Fertility control (B)

Demonization (C)

Heavy Weapons Mastery (D)

Affinity for spears(D)

Enchantment (E)

Corruption (F)

Legacy weapon:

Spear of lust

Abilities:

Shapeshifting,

connection,

replication .

Looking at my status window and considering it's been four months since the academy started, my progress is considerable. Thanks to Astrid, my mana is now my dominant stat.

I went through the 4th metamorphosis when I had 120 stats in mana and when I reach 200 I will be able to go through the 5th metamorphosis or raise my existence level, as they say.

Basically, I could graduate and become a representative if I want to, I mean the more perceptive instructors, noticed this, but say nothing as it is my decision, to do so or not, not to mention, I can still learn a lot from the academy which at first I didn't hold much hope for.

Although, from my point of view, my progress might seem slow, I have acquired many valuable skills.

This is partly due to the legacy weapon, which started working a month ago, allowing me to gain affinity with someone else's spears. Thanks to my disguise as William, I got away with it again, although said student did report it this time, because he was a noble, but it didn't escalate.

During the whole event, William was confused, but well, it was another necessary sacrifice, although now because of that, the students were more on guard. On the other hand, my affinities are increasing correctly.

Affinity to an element is a skill that, with knowledge and practice, can advance in rank; that is its condition and common sense. At least, until you reach rank (S), where the conditions for improvement change, but that is still a long way off.

The conditions for upgrading other skills are different. Some are easy, like simply using them a lot, while others, like resonance, are complicated. Without my presence, the sisters would never be able to raise it in their lifetime.

In fact, one of the reasons I feel my progress has been slow is because I haven't had any real battles that pose a real danger, which would stimulate me enough to improve by leaps and bounds.

I used to sneak off with Elena to hunt, but that's not possible at the academy. There isn't a forest dangerous enough nearby to pose a challenge, and the only viable one is under the academy's control, with restricted entrances.

Today, however, everything changed. As part of the fourth examination for promotion or relegation at the academy, we were finally allowed to enter the forest.

I don't know if it's part of my nature, but I feel a great excitement at the prospect of having real battles and becoming stronger.

It's not that the academy is unchallenging. In fact, Elena, Alice and Selene are opponents that, if I get careless during a fight, they can crush me, especially with Elena, I can lose, even if I give it my all.

Elena has better combat talent than me and even though our overall strength is almost even, she outmatches me, in real combat, when neither of us uses her attacking arts.

The practices we do almost every day are intense even when; she has similar stats to mine and her art is very powerful even when she is not attacking.

Because of her nature, I find it hard to keep up with her even with my Eyes of Lust. Sometimes she defeats me easily, but that motivates me to get better, and I know she does too.

Even William because of his legacy is holding his own and in fact he's better in combat now than when we started despite the fact that he's also strong, and now, even though I still beat him, it's not as easy as before,

The rest of the dynamite 2.0 team, although not as strong, are a challenge when they come together which works well for training,

Certainly the academy is not a boring place, but I still want to fight against real enemies and finally came the opportunity.

"...Oh, it smells delicious."

my thoughts that at some point started to wander finally stopped due to the divine smell I felt in the air waking me up and bringing me back to reality.

We were in a small makeshift camp. There were four girls around me; including me, there were five of us, since I was in my doppelgänger as Seraphina.

The smell came from Elena, who was cooking what appeared to be a huge leg of some animal. Well, it was obvious where it came from seeing the carcass of what appeared to be a hybrid between a pig and a dog, more than three meters tall, lying nearby.

But that was not the point. I couldn't resist any longer and looked at Elena in the hope that she would give me the first bite. It smelled so delicious that I wouldn't even give in to my "little angel," Selene, who was also salivating like me.

Noticing my stare, Selene gave me back a serious expression, as if she was ready to fight. I had never seen her with such determination, so I couldn't disgrace her. I had to give my all for that first bite, too.

I braced myself for the moment when Elena would cut and serve. When I saw her do it, I jumped like a hungry beast, because I was truly very hungry.

However, the unexpected happened: Elena had no intention of giving me the first bite. In fact, she deliberately moved the plate towards Selene, who took advantage.

Selene is someone with whom I share Dual synchrony, and I couldn't beat her. That small advantage was enough to decide the winner, with her taking the first portion, right in front of my eyes.

'Why, Elena, why betray me like this,' I thought, looking at Elena with a mixture of disappointment and betrayal.

"My lady, be patient. The next course is yours," Elena said with a smile.

"So you still remember that I am your lady, do you? I don't want to talk to a traitor like you. I won't acknowledge you as my servant from now on," I replied, feigning anger.

"Forgive me, my mistake. Come to think of it, the priority for the next course is for Miss Alice, since you are not my lady," Elena replied, still keeping her tone respectful.

"Oh, Elena-mon the Great, forgive me for my disrespect. I was only joking. I'm definitely your 'lady', so I'm next! Come on, I hunted that pig, I deserve it!"

I knelt down and clung to Elena, begging for mercy. I couldn't take it anymore. Since we had arrived in the forest early in the morning, we hadn't eaten anything, and it was long past lunchtime, and it was even starting to get dark.

When I finally saw something edible, I forgot that I was a young lady of the prestigious Silvercrest house, as well as a wizard, and I pounced on the animal without hesitation.

I chased it as if it were an evil spirit and almost killed it like a hungry beast, biting its neck.

Hunger almost brought out my wild side, but I controlled myself and just strangled it with my hands, under the doubtful gaze of the rest, and Selene's admiration, for getting food.

I needed food if I wanted to keep functioning. Even though I was in my doppelgänger form, I still had my own needs. I felt sorry for my real self, whose team had yet to find food.

In fact, he was wallowing in despair as he watched me. The only difference between him and me was that I had the food within reach, while he could only watch it as if it were a movie. Eventually, he decided to cut off all attention on this side, so as not to suffer anymore.

'Tough luck for you, the real me! That's what you get for being on that dysfunctional team!' I scoffed at my other unlucky self.

In the end, the mighty Elena-mon took pity on me and I was the second to eat this delicious delicacy, barely seasoned with the herbs we found along the way.

"Mmm, delicious. Thank you, Elena-mon."

I was happily eating when I noticed a gaze fixed on me. I immediately protected my plate, as if my life depended on it. I wouldn't give up a single bite, especially to that person.

Eira, who was also part of the group, was watching me as I enjoyed the piece of meat given to me by my true goddess, Elena-mon.

"What? Even if you look at me, I'm not giving you anything." I

wouldn't give up even a tiny bit, ignoring Selene, who had finished her portion quickly and seemed to want mine. I was being attacked by these two twins, but I would not give in.

"Who wants your food, I'm not that desperate? I was just wondering if you really are mistress and maid, you two."

Said Eira, who, apparently, didn't want my food. Now I just had to worry about Selene, so I quickly devoured my portion, of course, like the refined lady that I am... I devoured it gracefully. Yes, gracefully. Well, where was I? Oh, yes, Eira...

"What, why are you doubting that, isn't it obvious?"

Chapter 119: Complicated realtions

"What, why are you doubting that, isn't it obvious?"

I didn't understand why she doubted our relationship. Even though it was forbidden at the academy, anyone would know that Elena-mon and I were mistress and servant.

"Yes, the only obvious thing is that your relationship is not at all what it's supposed to be."

"What, you mean you didn't see how I clearly stated my position as mistress a few moments ago?"

"Yes, I did see it. It was pathetic."

"I don't understand what you mean, but you're absolutely right: my relationship with Elena goes beyond normal standards. It can't simply be classified as a mistress-servant relationship."

Of course, my relationship with Elena went much further. On the other hand, these kinds of conversations with Eira were not uncommon. being Seraphina, my relationship with her could be said to be one of friendship.

It's funny, since like Chris our relationship is prickly, but, well, who said it was impossible to get along and get along badly at the same time? It is possible, because I'm doing it right now. We humans are complex beings.

"No, your relationship is clearly that of mistress and servant, only you're the servant and Elena, the mistress."

"Eh, if we use that logic, then since we look like it, it's okay for me to call you Eira-chan, right? Also, Come on, call me big sister."

"What did you say, you bastard...do you want to...no, wait, sorry."

"Huh? Oh, right, of course, Eira-chan. You know I don't mind."

"You know sometimes you sound like that guy, besides Stop calling me Eira-chan. "

Because Alice tends to scold Eira when she says rude things, she usually controls herself. But when the insults get away from her, she immediately apologizes, something I can't help but exploit. It's funny how Alice has that power over her. It's as if Alice is the natural enemy of foul-mouthed Eira.

I consider my cute Alice a good influence on stormy Eira. Although Eira doesn't hesitate to speak her mind, spouting ridiculousness like Elena having the leash on our relationship, her being the mistress... which obviously isn't true....

not at all... well, sometimes... just a little bit... humm, But if I asked Elena to put on a latex suit and give her a whip, I might.... No, no, this is not the time to think about that! Yes, I'll think about it later.

Eira continues talking, interrupting my serious thinking about future possibilities.

"Besides, don't you think everyone is too quiet for this exam? I understand that food had to be found, but still..."

"well look . We shouldn't even be worried to begin with. we're strong here. and we still have many days ahead of us."

"Still, it's our first real battle test. You, who are ladies from prestigious houses, aren't you scared or nervous?"

"Did you forget that you are also a lady of a marquis house, 'Miss Eira'?"

"Hey, that's not the point!.... Well, it's better if they're not scared."

Scared? I had no reason to be. I've been hunting since I had my first metamorphosis, so it doesn't affect me in the least.

Besides, Elena and Alice, though the latter joined us later and didn't come as often, also hunted with me under Elena's blessing.

Not only did we hunt beasts, but we also experienced many things necessary to survive in this world. You could say I have quite a bit of experience, and if I add up the immense amount I have acquired from my alternate self, this is just child's play.

That aside, it was getting late and we had no choice but to seek shelter for the night. This examination would last a week.

So we found a good spot and set up a big camp. Since we were all girls, we could share.

Usually, we would have to take turns keeping watch, but since I can set up several temporary alarm and defense formations, it wasn't necessary for anyone to stay up all night.

"Hey, just out of curiosity, what the hell do they teach at your house? Why are you and that idiot so good with runes?" asked Eira as she watched me organize the barriers and camp preparations.

Well, what can I say? Eira is as insightful as ever, asking me tricky questions, but I already had a ready answer.

"Well, Chris taught me runes when we were in the duchy. He's always been someone smart, cool, hard-working, as well as handsome." And of course, I'm cool, that's why Elena is surrendered at my feet.

"..."

Eira was silent after my answer, clearly uncomfortable. I didn't expect her to accept so easily how cool I am.

She was staring at me, which started to make me uncomfortable, so I asked her:

"What, why are you staring at me like that?"

"You like Chris too, don't you? Why? Is that why you forgave him even though he betrayed you for someone else? Is it unrequited love? You know he's dating my sister, or you and he..."

"Stop, stop!!... stop the carriage! Calm down, stop talking nonsense. First, I don't date boys. Second, I would never in my life date Chris. And, besides, I like girls."

"Huh?"

"What now?"

"You like girls?"

"Yeah, isn't it obvious.... Well, if it wasn't, you know it now. Y... why are you walking away? Let me make it clear to you that you're not on my list of possible prospects. I have my standards."

I complained to Eira, who recoiled as if she thought I might attack her. How arrogant, to think that just because I like girls I would go after her. Like I said, I have standards.

"What did you say... why didn't you...?"

"I'm sorry, Eira-chan, but I only see you as a friend. Nothing personal...Let's just stay friends, okay?"

"Damn it! I see you as a friend too. I just want to know why you don't like me, silly. It's just, If you don't like me, that means you don't like my sister either."

"Why would you think that?"

"Because we're twins, identical."

"Well, not so identical as to say," I said, taking a quick glance at her small chest, a more than obvious difference between them, besides other things.

"Hey, where are you looking? I really sometimes feel like I'm talking to that idiot when I'm with you."

'Well, it's because we're the same person,' but leaving that aside I have to clear up her misunderstanding.

"And just so you know, Selene is on my list of future wives."

"What...are you planning on marrying Selene? No, rather, come to think of it, you can't even marry a woman. ...Your family would allow it? . why are you talking like it's a done deal, didn't you have a fiancé or something?"

"hey, anything can be done with the power of love. That's my answer to everything....., now I have to finish this arrangement why don't you go ahead and set up the tents? Let me concentrate on my work."

"...Okay."

Yes I said too much and Eira is a perceptive pain in the ass, so I'd better end this conversation, lest I inadvertently let something slip out.

She agreed to leave, but from her tone I noticed that there were many things she didn't find convincing and I had suspicions in her tone, but it doesn't matter.

I saw her while she was going to Selene and helping her, well even if she discovers something I don't think she will get it right.

POV: Eira

"Did you hear that, Selene?" Eira spoke in whispers to her sister, who was busy setting up the tents.

"¿...?" But as usual, Selene, immersed in her own world, didn't understand what Eira was referring to.

"You heard her, didn't you, Seraphina said she likes women, and you're included!"

"Yes? ..." Selene replied, but without really getting the point, which exasperated Eira even more.

"Didn't you say you liked him? Why don't you go and confess? That way you go out together and end up with that jerk, Chris."

"...I'm already dating her, sis."

"What?!...Since when? How? Why?" to the unexpected words of his sister, Eira was completely confused.

A few months ago, Selene had confessed to her that she liked Seraphina, but there had been no progress. In fact, Eira thought Seraphina wasn't even interested in girls until today she found out.

It was only today that she learned of Seraphina's preferences, so she had thought about prompting her sister to confess, but now it turned out that they were already together. The whole thing had her baffled.

She couldn't believe what she was hearing. Her quiet, reserved sister seemed to be handling her love life in a way that Eira didn't understand at all. However, she remembered something important.

"Wait, Selene, if you're dating Seraphina, why are you still with Chris?"

"Because he's my boyfriend."

At that moment, Eira felt that something didn't fit. Her sister's words sounded simple, as if they were facts, but there was something profoundly wrong. She needed time to process it, and after a long moment, it all became clear: Selene was dating two people at the same time.

He couldn't believe it. Her sister was... A conquest freak? Was she forming her own harem? There were still inconsistencies, though.

Eira's logic couldn't quite process what was happening, so she asked Selene the key question to clear up all her doubts, even though it sounded repetitive to her.

"Selene, tell me the truth, is there any relation between the idi... I mean, Chris, and Seraphina?"

"..."

Selene was silent, clearly thinking about how to respond. But then she remembered a conversation she had had with Chris:

["Remember, Selene, if your sister ever asks you what relationship I have with Seraphina or vice versa, tell her none at all. It is not a lie, as we are the same person. A relationship only exists between two different people, right? So it's not a lie."]

"None..." replied Selene, repeating Chris' words.

"..." Now it was Eira's turn to remain silent. She knew her sister wouldn't lie to her; if she didn't want to answer, she would simply say it was a secret. But something was clearly wrong.

The situation was stranger than it seemed. Seraphina knew about the relationship, with Chris yet she still accepted it, that's odd, did Chris and Seraphina really have no relationship? Eira decided she had to investigate further.

Was I being nosy? Of course not. Selene She was her sister, and she would protect her from anything, her sister could be involved in a shady situation and she would protect her.

Besides, this time she would definitely bring it up when they went to visit her mother. It was no longer something she could handle on her own. She needed the help and advice of her sometimes reliable mother.

Chapter 120: I'm not stuck with you; you're stuck with me

"Well, as we agreed, the secondary roles are: Alice as a scout, Eira as a trap detector, Elena disarms, Selene of the blacksmith's and I'll be in charge of alchemy. Okay, now then, let's get into action."

It was the second day of the examination, and we were finally starting to get serious about earning points, clearly assigning secondary tasks.

We went into the forest and began, in an organized fashion, to hunt three- and four-star beasts, which were commonplace in this area. If we wanted to take on the stronger ones, we would have to go to the north of the forest, so we headed in that direction.

All of us present were strong thanks to the 'Dual Synchronization (A)', and we had reached the fourth metamorphosis and they had stats almost identical to mine.

Even Eira, although she doesn't share the synchronization, she reached the fourth metamorphosis, but she is only strong in mana stats, unlike us who have all but the defense in the fourth metamorphosis.

Leaving that aside, the objective of this examination was to collect points, which were found in various forms in this forest. They were obtained by defusing traps, collecting beneficial herbs and metals, and also by hunting beasts, which had points assigned to them.

The purpose was to collect as many points as possible. In the end, they could even be converted into academy points to be exchanged for real items.

The team with the most points won, simple. Also, whatever we collected, the academy would buy it or we could keep it for personal use.

It was not allowed to eliminate other teams, so we didn't have to worry about back attacks. It would be foolish to attack a team because, unable to eliminate them, they might come back for revenge. If you attack several, they might all unite against you later.

Although it was allowed to steal points, it was not a profitable tactic. Besides, there were more rules, but I forgot them already. Luckily, Alice was here to remind me if I did something wrong.

Anyway, the five of us continued on our way through the forest, and finally started to reach the more dangerous areas. Nothing out of the ordinary so far. We were going at a good pace and kept it up for the rest of the day.

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"Big sister, go ahead!"

"Right. Luminous Lances: Laminae Lucis."

It was the fourth day of the examination, and we were reaching the most dangerous area we were allowed to enter. In front of us was a beast: a snake with fluorescent orange scales.

It was a powerful creature and would give us a lot of points. It didn't stand a chance; with our team's work, I finally finished it off with a light spell that summoned spears of light.

I was sure few teams could do something like that, and it was a boss placed by the academy for students who thought they were capable.

We were on a good pace, and if nothing happened, we'd easily take first place.... That is until the ground began to shake.

'I had definitely just invoked the final flag.'

And I say final because this had started a few days ago, and as I suspected, after the shaking our bracelets, which were safety devices, began to ring. Through them, the urgent voice of an instructor reached us.

"Attention! To all students, unusual activity has been detected in the forest. The examination will be temporarily cancelled. Stay in position; a flyship will be coming to reco..."

["Attention! To all students, unusual activity has been detected in the forest. The test will be temporarily cancelled. Stay in position; a flyship will be arriving to pick y...."]

'Yeah..., what I just heard was a suspiciously abrupt cut of the message, wasn't it, '

'yes, I can't believe it actually happened, something, but it means we're not paranoid'

'luckily we're ready, heh we can, use this, to ask for compensation, to the girls who didn't believe in us'.

"Exactly, we're finally going to get Elena to wear the maid's Micro vikini, while serving us.'

'we'll make the rest of them wear it too, huehuehuehuc

'huehuehuehuhue'

Talk to my real self, or rather to myself, to relieve the tension, I will ignore elena who looks at me penetratingly, as if she knew what I was discussing, with myself....., well, whatever is coming I am already prepared.

And as if to prove 100% that it was a situation, just like that, even evading my perception, a figure emerged from the bushes.

It was what appeared to be an older woman, with orange hair and somewhat pale, dressed in robes. She was looking at us with interest, as if sizing us up.

I thought she might be an unknown instructor who had come to protect us, but on her chest she brazenly wore a symbol that I recognized, and I immediately realized that she was not an instructor.

That symbol meant only one thing: people who definitely should not be here at this time and place.

Even for me, who had been alert to possible variables since the demon attack, I was taken by surprise by their presence. But, still, I was ready.

Finally, my paranoia proved correct, and the preparations that everyone said were useless would now be useful in dealing with this situation.

The woman, who seemed to have finished assessing us, spoke with a cheerful tone, as if satisfied with her finding.

"Well, so you guys are one of the most talented groups? I see that the information is correct. A whole group in fourth metamorphosis, that's great. Our gods will be happy. Okay, guys, don't resist, I mean you no harm, just follow me obediently."

The situation was progressing abruptly and without context, but I understood everything quickly. There was no need to panic.

The woman seemed powerful, but if she had been able to get in here without causing too much alarm, then she shouldn't be strong enough to worry about. So, for now, I didn't fret too much.

Rather, I looked at the other girls and, with a smug expression, said:

"See? I told all of you, you called me paranoid?.... Now, who's the paranoid one?"

"Uh... wait, why are you so calm? This is not the time for this," Eira said.

Well, I already had my countermeasures ready for unexpected cases like this, so the tension of the situation didn't affect me.

Besides, I knew who these guys were and that they wouldn't hurt us for the time being, so I confidently spoke up:

"I told them that in this examination an incident might happen. I was right; with this they should understand that they should not doubt me," I said, proudly.

"My lady, this is no time for your nonsense. This is serious; they are possibly terrorists."

"Yes, indeed they are, but admit I was right and agree to wear 'that' uniform later. I said something was going to happen and it did. you guys were wrong," I insisted.

"Big Sis, I don't think this is the time to..."

"Hey, you've gone crazy! Stop talking nonsense. We have to fight that wrinkled old woman,"

Alice was about to say something but was interrupted by Eira's outburst.

'Damn, I thought she was cured of cursing people. That's going to kill her someday, as I saw in the memories. But there's still time to correct her, I'll have to tell Alice to train her better.'

On the other hand, under the scrutinizing gaze of the girls, it was me who gave up showing off. Well, it wasn't the time for that, but whether I bragged or not, it wouldn't change anything.

"I see they are very calm. I don't blame them, as they don't understand the situation. We've been inactive for a few years; maybe they've forgotten us, but I'll tell them I belong to the...."

"Well, I already knew this might happen.... Okay, here's the plan: Elena, you're the leader from now on. Go in that direction; there's Chris. You stick together. I'll stay with this old woman. Give me barrier artifact number three. That old woman is strong."

I quickly organized, ignoring what the older woman was saying, and Elena passed me an artifact, one she had gotten from the domain vault.

Immediately, I activated the artifact and a very strong barrier formed, enclosing the older woman and me in a dome, separating me from the girls.

"Huh!?, what's wrong, why did you do that?"

"big sister!!!?... what are you doing? We have to fight together. You can't sacrifice yourself for us."

"!?!?"

Understanding the situation, Eira and Alice got nervous and, although she didn't say anything, Selene did too.

The only one who remained calm was Elena, because she understood the situation, didn't she?... Yes, she definitely understood...., I want to believe that she was definitely calm about it.

I focused on the girls who were not thinking straight and said,

"Girls, calm down. Remember what I am, leave this to me. Go to where 'Chris' is, he's strong, stronger than me, let me entertain this old woman for a while."

"But, big sister... we can't leave you. You could de... Wait Chris oh! right Chris.... Sure!, I understand, I leave it in your hands, big sister, we'll follow what you say, and go to Chris".

Alice apparently understood and finally calmed down, as did Elena. Alice whispered to Selene, reassuring her as well.

"Well, we will follow your orders, my lady. May luck be with you." Saying that, they all ran in the direction I indicated.

"Wait, really, we'll leave her alone? This is strange, why are they behaving like this? Wait, Selene, her might die."

Eira was the only one who didn't understand and was worried about leaving me alone with this dangerous old woman who appeared out of nowhere. She was dragged away by Selene, and her concern touched me.

I will definitely go easier on her next time I fight like Chris. Now concentrating on what was in front of me, I looked at the old woman, who had done nothing so far, and faced her fearlessly.

Obviously, I was the doppelgänger, so it didn't matter if I died.

"You know, it's touching how you sacrificed yourself for the rest of the girls, but my minions are everywhere. They won't be able to escape. But don't worry, even though you were rude to interrupt me earlier, I don't plan to hurt you, and your friends won't be hurt either. But well, you're locked up with me now, you won't be able to do anything."

The older woman spoke calmly, confident that a mere student couldn't handle her. Well, she couldn't have been more wrong.

"You're wrong, you old hag. I'm not stuck with you; you're stuck with me."

"Art of Lust, Fifth Stance: Tempting Torrent. "