

The Noble 316

Chapter 316: Surprise attack

"Those arrogant fools think they can mock us like this..."

"The Eternal Night Realm may be crippled, but our realm, Ulthezmaar, will take advantage of their arrogance."

"If the foolish humans thought that only they have magical technology... how naive, our kingdom is also strong.

"we will do what those fools of the eternal night failed to do and prove our superiority.

"When the party is at its peak... we will initiate our plan. I just have to press this button... and everything will be perfect."

Everyone present, hidden behind the wall of roses, was completely silent. They had just heard something they could not ignore.

The revelation of a dangerous plan. An imminent attack. A demonic plot in full swing.

They were shocked. They didn't know how to proceed. No one, except Willian who was literally seeing what he had to do.

[Mission: stop, the night of blood.

Objective: The demons have set in motion a plan in retaliation against the Kingdom of Avaloria. In approximately 15 minutes (may vary depending on your actions), several explosions will occur that will endanger Banquet attendees and the start of something bigger.

Stop their plans and show them the glory of being Luxion's chosen one! (You can share this information if you think it's necessary).

Reward: Quintessentia.

[Accept mission] [Reject mission]

Consequence: None]

Willian watched the screen that appeared in front of him: it was the oracle of Luxion, his patron god, that guided him and appeared in important moments, now it was more than clear what he had to do.

He understood immediately that if he did not act, all his friends and attendees of the banquet would be in grave danger... but, if he rushed, he could make the situation worse.

No one knew how powerful the infiltrators really were, but he could not stand idly by.

Quickly, he pulled a small accessory in the shape of a tiny sword from his pocket, grasped the pommel and turned it .

"..." (Will)

Then, he looked at Alex and waved his hands: one as if covering himself with a cloak and the other sealing his mouth.

"....!" (Alex)

It took Alex a moment to understand, but he finally got it. He chanted a spell without uttering a sound. Immediately, a barrier of silence formed around them, covering them both.

"Ugh, it's hard to cast spells without speaking... I need to practice autosuggestion more. I still don't know how Chris does it so easily..."(Alex).

"Puhaa! Thanks for putting up a barrier, I felt like I couldn't even breathe." (Mike)

"More importantly, what was that we just heard, that's really bad!" (Esteban)

"Let's calm down and think clearly. This is dangerous. First of all, Alex used a spell...that will activate the barrier, and the guards must already be on their way, that could disrupt them and advance their plans. We have to act fast." (Ban)

"Wait a moment Ban...a while ago, the royal family gave me an artifact that allows me to use magic without being detected by the barrier no one will come." (Will)

"You had something like that!!!?" (Alex)

"Yes. It was during was three months ago, while walking through the capital I came across No, there's no time for that now...I activated the artifact. Since I thought the same thing Ban said." (Will)

"Yeah, but that means we're on our own now, what do we do now? Maybe not, we have a lot of time left..." (Tharen)

"Well, now without having to worry about the barrier we can extend our senses..uhm.... they all seem to be from the fifth metamorphosis...but they seem to be very strong." (Alex)

"Just one more rank. That's nothing. There are more of us, we can take them down easily!" (Mike)

"Hey, calm down! They have a switch. If we attack without further ado, they might flip it." (Ban)

"Yeah, we have to take that switch away from them first. But... do we really have to do it ourselves?" (Ivan)

"Asking for help alone would be worse. And if they find out, they could activate it.... but acting ourselves is risky. We can't take responsibility for the consequences if we manage it badly" (Ban).

"Guys... first of all, I have to tell you something. I received an oracle. It looks like I have to act. I'll trust my god, even if it's dangerous. But I won't blame you if any of you decide to retreat." (Will)

"Who would! I'm not a coward!" (Mike)

"You'll need my foolproof defense, won't you? Count me in." (Ivan)

"It's not up to us, but I'm in too, if I leave you guys alone you probably won't count it out ." (Ban)

"I won't be left behind either. If my friends are in danger, I'll fight too." (Alex)

"Well, I'm new to this group... but all of you, though idiots, are nice. I'd be upset if you died. I'm coming too." (Esteban)

"Tsk, so much talk.... Just say you're going and that's it. Well, I'm in too." (Tharen)

"Guys... Alright, I understand your resolution. Let's make a plan!" (Will)

"Okay, first we have to get control of the switch. the one who claims to have it sounded more masculine his voices sounded different, so next time he speaks we lock it, and then the fastest of us has to act first and..." (Ban).

Starting with Ban, they quickly put together a plan of attack: simple but precise.

There was no time to think thoroughly, and although it was a pity that their whole group, especially Chris - the strongest and most versatile of them - was not around, and that they had no weapons either, but they could not waste time lamenting.

Chris himself had once told them, "In an unexpected situation, in the end, they can only rely on themselves."

And it was fortunate that, at least for this time, most of them were together, they could create a decent plan of attack by working as a team.

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"hey, but are you sure no one's coming here?"

"calm down, the party is booming, it would be disrespectful to the royal family to go out, and even more so if it's just for a walk. No noble would do that, besides all their attention is on the younger generation."

"still, I'm nervous because I can't extend my senses."

"what difference does it make, you guys infiltrated the guard, you know the guards don't pass through this place. We've been planning this for weeks, it's impossible for it to go wrong."

"if our kingdom isn't so incompetent... it's a pity we can't do it right away."

"In 13 minutes, the king is scheduled to deliver his speech. Nothing would be more humiliating for them than an attack right after he speaks about his sovereignty. And not only that — after the toast, they will be forced to watch helplessly as everything unfolds. That's why we must wait."

"...even so, I think the faster the better, but these are orders from superiors....But, really, no one noticed anything until the end. These camouflage artifacts are very good."

"Oh, that's something I have to acknowledge from the Realm of Eternal Night. It is said that they were made by the Queen, who had the blessing of the god of Illusion..."

"but he died in that explosive attack. The king, who was crippled, gave them to us on condition that we bring back Miss Silvercrest's head, when we finish using her."

"uh... why specifically hers?"

"uhm, I don't know, but maybe because thanks to her they managed to catch our human allies, and from there things started to go wrong, plus she's the daughter of that troublesome guy, the one we'll finally deal with today."

"uhm, that makes sense"

"it's time. The speech should have started by now. Besides, I already did my part. It was hard to infiltrate as a maid and get to the kitchen, though. I put poison in what they'll drink."

"Well... since it's not poison per se, we didn't get caught. Really, I didn't know there was a substance that stagnates your mana just by drinking it."

"Yes, but with that, the strongest in the kingdom will be rendered impotent for a short period of time. It's only a matter of minutes."

"yes, definitely no one will come to this place. As long as the king is giving his speech and no guards go off duty... nothing can go wrong-"

"Hey, you guys, there! Stop!" (Will).

The demonic group disguised as humans, who were conversing perhaps to relieve the tension of the great movement they were about to execute, had to stop dead in their tracks when they heard a voice calling them and breaking all their expectations and perfect plan.

Everyone immediately became alert, especially the man holding the switch: he cautiously looked at William, who suddenly emitted a blinding glow taking him by surprise.

The demon did not hesitate for a moment. He already had the order to press the button that would activate the bombs.

They had been ordered that, in any unexpected situation, they were to activate them without hesitation. But then he felt a sharp pain in his back that made him delay for a fraction of a moment.

Swoosh!

"Argh!!!"

The source of this was Ban, who even before William flashed, swift as a gale, and golden glow covering him appeared behind them.

Wielding his two daggers cast by Alex with his earth affinity, he performed his art of attack executing a flurry of precise slashes at the back of the demon who had the artifact.

Ban did not seek to inflict serious wounds, but to destabilize his defenses and any artifact or protection he had: his daggers tore the fabric, and several almost instantaneous and sharp blows followed.

Finally, one pierced through the guard clothing he had and made a small cut on his back, at the cost of destroying the stone daggers causing him the pain that delayed the activation of the artifact.

But even with the pain in his back, the demon believed he could press the button. But Ban was not the only one who had attacked.

And the burning in his back, stole his attention from his hand for a moment that he only now also felt not in fact the problem was that he couldn't feel it.

"Guys, I've got the artifact!" (Esteban)

Esteban equally surrounded by a golden light had attacked simultaneously with Ban.

When he saw the opening created, with his short sword imbued with poison affinity, he slashed at the demon's arm, numbing it and preventing it from activating the artifact.

For that reason Ban had concentrated on just deactivating any defense, the one who would steal the artifact would be Esteban, who although he is not as strong as the oldest members of the group did his job perfectly, it was a perfect coordination.

In less than a heartbeat, William's luminous distraction, Ban's lightning attack and Esteban's venomous precision had culminated in the capture of the switch, now both withdrew immediately now that their duty had been fulfilled.

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Once they did that and without giving the group of disguised demons time to think, a barrage of arrows of fire and rock was fired at them.

The group, because of the light, did not see it coming and were hit. The man whose defense was broken suffered serious injuries immediately and was knocked out.

"Ugh! They're using magic! Well it doesn't matter anymore!"

The rest seemed to also have defensive methods or protective armor, they withstood the first impacts of the magic long enough to put up defenses the two women were mages and put up defenses to blquer the rest of the jussto attack before their defensive artifacts were broken.

They both realized that there was no need to hold back, if the magic was already in use, it was only a matter of time before they were surrounded, unaware that they were under Willian's artifact, the remaining group of demons thought they had to act fast.

It was true that they had been caught by surprise and had lost one of their group and the important artifact that would activate and initiate their plan, but still, even as experienced agents, they were confident that they could take control of the situation.

But another thing that William's group learned was not to let the enemy breathe if they were in control, each one already had their assigned task. Just as the rain of arrows ended and the barriers had barely held.

Tharen, Ivan and Willian also covered in golden light were already moving from three different directions to the remaining group of three demons, who still presented a human form except for the fainted one on the ground whose disguise was destroyed giving him the assurance that what they were doing was the right thing to do.

Tharen, especially, was already on his way, and right above them wielding a giant warhammer made of rock and making a heavy downward swing towards the duo.

"Ironquake!"

He used his art and executed a blow that impacted squarely against the barrier, shattering it with a brutal blast.

But the demons had already understood that holding back was useless. The male demon had extended his senses and understood the environment perfectly.

The instant the barrier broke, he grabbed the two female demons and pulled them away, as they were Tharen's direct target.

BOOM!

The male demon put his hand still in the path of the hammer and received the full impact.

The shock was so strong that it sent Tharen backwards. After all, he was the weakest of the group and had only recently advanced to the fourth metamorphosis.

Meanwhile, Ivan and Willian were already on the move to attack them from opposite directions putting the demons in a bit of a standoff that didn't last long.

"Let's get rid of the brightest one first!"

They couldn't look directly at it, but they weren't novices. With their senses they knew William's direction and actions perfectly well, even without needing to see him.

That glow he emitted only served as a good distractor at first; now he was only a minor annoyance.

So, both the women, who began to conjure offensive spells, and the demon in front of her, turned their attention to William.

The reason being that he was faster, more annoying, and they had information that he was that they recognized him was someone important among the younger generation, being second priority after Miss Silvercrest.

Besides, between someone who wielded a sword and another who only carried a shield, it was clear who posed the greater danger so the three turned their attention to William, but.

"Hey, that won't happen! Iron Reverb!"

Ivan, noticing that they were ignoring him, shouted in the direction of the trio and used his ability as they had planned all along.

Suddenly, both the attack of the two mages flying towards William, and the attention of the male demon prioritizing him and waiting to counterattack, redirected towards Ivan, who was already waiting for them with his defensive art activated.

That gave William just the opening he needed. The trio was completely helpless before him and bewildered by the sudden change in the situation.

"Art of Luminblade, Fourth Stance: Lumen Fang!"

He shouted loudly the full name of his attack technique surrounding his also rock sword with a golden light.

And following a recommendation from Chris, he added the number to intensify the power of the strike.

Although everyone in the group was skeptical about whether that would actually work - and even when they did it, it didn't seem to change anything and just seemed silly.

But only Willian really felt a big difference worth the loss of the time it took to say it and now he also used it often when he wanted to bring out his full power.

He put all his soul, all his will to protect his friends in that single, decisive and most powerful blow.

BOOMM!!

The light was so intense that, upon impact, a gigantic explosion resounded, and a flash so powerful that it illuminated even the sky for a brief moment, attracting the attention of all those in the vicinity.

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Willian's earthen sword disintegrated as it finished its work and finally, the dust settled, and from there the silhouette of one seemed to be still standing, unfortunately it was only that.

In fact, the female mages had collapsed, they seemed to have put up magical defenses at the last moment, but even so it was not enough because they were pierced causing the mages who had relatively weaker bodies to lose consciousness due to the impact.

The man was also in front of Willian's attack. He tried to stop it when the attack overcame the magical defenses, but because he was unarmed, he lost an arm and had a chest wound.

He was conscious and breathing heavily, and it seems that the artifacts they had to disguise themselves had been destroyed because you could see the true appearance of all of them.

All four were still alive... but they had basically lost.

"Cough! Damn it! Why are kids getting into these matters? Cough! Even so it's no use hahahah~ still our plan is inevitable..."(demon)

"..." (Everyone)

None of them understood why the demon suddenly burst out laughing. it seemed that the situation was not over.

Especially William felt that the feeling of Crisis had only intensified, he did not understand what he had done wrong, had the artifact and that should frustrate, the plans and they should not have problems, thus fulfilling the oracle given ...

"What's going on here?" (Dante).

Suddenly, two people appeared: a man with platinum white hair and sky blue eyes, who acted serious and had a noble and domineering aura ... if it wasn't because one of his eyes had a bruise.

"They're demons, and those are academy students, right? Guys, can you explain? We're from the Silvercrest Duchy." (Leonora)

The other was a woman with an elegant dress and flame red hair. Seeing them, the boys thought they were reinforcements... and the reason the demon was laughing.

They became alert, except William who finally felt the Crisis sensation fade away instead of continuing to grow, in fact the sensation was so clear that his body was relieved and he lost all attention, and when he heard who they were he understood why.

He for various reasons and 'coincidences' had met with the royal family, and had heard about this family and what it represented for the kingdom and at this time was the best possible reinforcement.

He was going to explain the situation but it wasn't even necessary because the demon kept talking:

"Cough! I see that more have arrived... even so, it's only a matter of time. The bombs are already in place. When our superiors arrive, they have their own switches. Their downfall is inevitable. They will not be able to get information out of me...hahaah!! for the sake of the kingdom! Ulthez-"(demon)

"hey, but there, no self detonations or suicides there, you know you sounded pretty generic there, but no I really can't judge you I understand that about giving your life for what you believe in"(???)

"y-you w-w-...."(demon).

"Yeah, you won't be able to move your mana, no way, you said enough, haaa~ ... and I thought I didn't have to do anything. but thanks to you being very clear I had to show up, I don't understand the need for you to say your plan in advance"(???)

"..."(demon)

"I mean, wouldn't it be better to leave us with the uncertainty....I think just laughing as if you had won had made your point clear, or is it just me that thinks so?"(???)

Suddenly, and without warning, just as the duke couple was about to incapacitate the demon, someone appeared behind him and held him by the neck, preventing him from continuing to speak and having a one-sided talk that no one understood.

They were puzzled as this new presence, besides being dressed completely in black... was the spitting image of Willian!

This confused everyone for a moment, and even the pair of dukes looked alternately between the two, but it did not seem to be a situation where they had time to be stunned.

The dukes knew they had to act to interrogate this demon quickly but still they hesitated.

"Hold it right there everyone! if you don't want everything to explode, don't move! as you'll see, I'm on your side, I'm William's long lost twin brother" (???)

"eh!!!"(Will)

"yes, it's nice to meet you little brother" (???)

"m-my brother, I have a brother?" (Will)

"yeah we were separated at birth and.... well it's a long story, just don't attack me I'll get the information out of this demon, Anima Scrutinium." . (???)

Chapter 318: Did he let himself get NTR'd?

'Damn... He really is a magnet for trouble, but this time it was a great piece of luck.'

I couldn't help but groan and, at the same time, internally thank William for the situation that suddenly formed.

I was there because I was part of the plan my principal set in motion when I saw the light of what I now know was William, shining as a distraction...just as I taught him.

I was already prepared for Elena to pull me out of the dimensional stone where I tend to be most of the time.

It was one of the many plans we had ready in case of a terrorist attack. Elena even cast a concealment spell on me and on the way, I changed my appearance to that of William.

I prepared myself just in case... and it was indeed happening.

William never ceases to amaze me. Like an insect to the light, he was drawn to this.

Although, come to think of it, the oddest thing was that with his luck he didn't have an active role in the previous situations.

But, although I understood the situation, at first I saw no need to intervene. I just watched from just over halfway through the confrontation.

I thought I wouldn't have to do anything. William and the others seemed to be able to handle it; they didn't look that strong enemies.

But I realized that the demons were executing a more complex plan..... This looked like it was going to drag on , and he didn't seem able to stop it. And, most importantly, the girls were there.

Since he couldn't figure it out quickly, I will. I hate to spread things out unnecessarily, and I didn't see why stay on the sidelines if I could avoid an accident that would affect the girls.

And well them being my friends, I wasn't going to stand by and watch, although I planned to do it in secret.

However, due to William's thunderous and showy final attack, my parents-who were nearby-arrived. I had no choice but to reveal myself-that was better than being killed for being suspicious.

They are both powerful-at least I know my father is-and he could discover me even with Elena's concealment spell.

But I had forgotten that I had William's face. With his face, I could always get out of any inconvenience...even if I got caught.

Now, however, that we're both in the same place, it became awkward. I can no longer impersonate him as I had planned.

The reason I blathered on about being brothers was because I saw that I could use that mistake to my advantage and baffle them...at least long enough for my father to hesitate longer and make my point clear, and thus buy the time needed to cast the soul-reading spell.

I was worried that my father would attack with his rank; I wouldn't even notice thankfully thanks to my foolishness or I couldn't finish doing what I was originally going to do secretly.

Finally, the memories of this guy-who obviously wasn't going to cooperate-came to me as the forbidden spell destroyed his mind. Such is the fate of the uncooperative.

His rank, just like mine, didn't help him, and it was easy... even though I was just a doppelgänger.

Uhm... let's see. This is a collaboration between two demonic realms. Well, three, if you count the very wounded "Eternal Night", which collaborated with the artifacts left behind by Aurora's mother-now I found out she was the empress of that realm-before she died.

So I guess the voice I heard from the other side that time... was from the king I severely wounded.

'Did he let himself get NTR'd because of the infiltration? And what was their objective? Did they achieve it? Or was their thing just something that happened afterward? Hm, well, not that I care.'

He was not king by strength but by lineage; he was barely in the ninth metamorphosis. He was only saved by the absurd amount of defensive artifacts he had.

I finally read everything I thought was important in this plan and discarded the rest, obviously when I finished the guy went down with his mind destroyed, it's no better than being dead.

I looked to the front and saw two new additions Who arrived at the moment that, I was reading the memories of the guy, one was the minister of defense-my father-in-law-and the other, was my doopelganger number 1.

who was in the middle of the combat against my father-in-law when the explosions and light sounded.

' You lost?'

I said it because he looked more beaten up than my father-in-law and hadn't been paying attention to his side.

'Hey! The battle was interrupted! Besides, that guy has at least eight metamorphoses in physical strength, ... and on top of that he used magic to strengthen himself! Cowardly!'

'Yeah, yeah, whatever you say. Luckily this happened, we were spared a beating. Oh now that I see who gave you the grandiose idea of rubbing it in that his daughter called us daddy?'

'Well, I got a little excited... Anyway, let's get this over with quickly. Oh, and put on a mask.'

'Oh, right. So I can... good...'

I followed what number one told me and took out a mask from my storage. I always wore them, and this time I put on the Ant-Man one... although now I'm a little dreading being suddenly pierced by something. Good thing I'm a doppelgänger.

"Thanks for waiting. Okay, I'll give a quick explanation of what I got."

"First of all... who are you, boy, why did you look so much like young William, what did you do to that demon?"(Cedric)

"Ahem..Minister of Defense, you're late for explanations. Anyway, I'm William's long lost brother, separated at birth by a tragic fate..."

'Hum... I feel that sounds very cliché. I should think of something better.'

'But why do you keep going on about separated siblings?'

'That's right... let's better skip that.'

"My appearance doesn't matter. Leaving that aside... Here's a diagram of the place with the bomb zones marked."

I quickly made an illusion with the diagram of the castle and all its grounds that was in the subject's head-marking the bomb locations-and showed it to my father-in-law.

The demons' plan was to activate the bombs, generate chaos, and use that damn teleportation technology, which I'm already getting tired of, to bring in some high-ranking demons when the barrier fell or was failing.

Maybe this realm doesn't have anti-space barriers, but it does have detector barriers, offensive artifacts, and other things that give it a huge territorial advantage. It would not be easy to invade.

If they simply showed up, even with their most powerful elite, they would be easily bombed and suppressed, so even if one has magical space magic technology that kind of method is not feasible.

But with bombs, they would disable much of the defense... replicating and going even further than what I did with the Realm of Eternal Night.

Sure, I was lucky enough to self-destruct at a critical and central point in the barriers. But still, both the one surrounding the castle and the entire capital would be damaged enough to be unable to maintain a firm defensive posture.

"These plans of the castle... this is confidential information."(Cedric).

"Well not so much, it was in that guy's head. If I were you I'd look for who leaked this. You know, for something like this to happen is because someone is not doing their job well as Minister of Defense."

"..." (Cedric)

"And here what they plan to do next. Well, that's it. You, as Minister of Defense, take care of the rest."

I gave him a green gem that contained the plan following the explosions and the coordinates where you would appear, the demons that would teleport, basically I gave him everything I quickly analyzed from that demon's memories.

It really is a bit annoying all this unilateral use of space technology, so as an extra I also put things to avoid the use of space artifacts and such, I no longer want problems and I want my life quiet in the academy, these bastards will probably make one or more moves later, I hope this will avoid it.

I think it won't affect his karma, since I'm the one giving them to him and because of how suspicious it is for demons to have it.

Well, if they are able to find the materials to create the barriers, it's up to them.

"Oh, by the way, they will explode in eleven minutes and twenty-three seconds. If I were you I'd hurry up and stop looking dubiously at me."

"Ugh! Damn! I have to make sure of this. I hope it's true. Dante, keep an eye on this suspicious guy. Until he comes back, don't let him get away." (Cedric)

My father-in-law seemed in a hurry because of everything I told him. And in fact, he should be running like he had fire in his pants instead of doubting me.

"Wait, you are the Minister of Defense. Please also stop Her Majesty's speech. We heard that the drinks are adulterated. They say that by drinking them, they will stagnate the magic power."(Willian)

"Damn, that too! Well, that situation is urgent. I'll be mobilizing. I'll leave it in your care." (Cedric)

With that, my father-in-law left. Truth be told, I realized I overlooked that I said I just concentrated on what this guy had to do, maybe another demon was the one who did that.

It seems that before I came along, as talkative villains had already blurted out some things Willian is especially good at being in the right place at the right time for these things.

I'd really like to see if it's a skill, or if this idiot is just an accumulation of good karma, well right now I don't have available to use my eyes of lust and I probably can't see anything as usual....

"Hmm... But something capable of stopping the magical flow..."

That also made me a little curious now that I think about it. I wondered: what substance could do something like that? It couldn't be poison, since there are barriers against that as well.

It couldn't be an artifact either, so it had to be a material that, in itself, was not considered a poison and that the stagnation was more beneficial than malicious.

But I couldn't think of anything... among all my memories, none had that as a main attribute and I couldn't see how stagnation could be a good thing.

'well it's not like I know everything, maybe there's a ma.... wait!!!'

Chapter 319: Secondary mission

"Who's the crazy bastard who's using Tharothan powder to poison!!! Fuck, are they idiots!!!?"

I finally remembered that there was one material that did have that skill among the ones I knew.

But it is a material that no one, who knows what they are doing, would use for that, it was just a secondary reaction of that material, it was like someone using pepper just to make someone else sneeze instead of making a delicious plate of food.

No, that analogy is an understatement, You'd have to be crazy, it's so valuable, and I want it too, and they're using it as a poison! Just to incapacitate!!, These wasteful sons of bitches will pay me back!

'oh!!, but I can extract it from the drinks... some will go to waste, but it's better than nothing.'

I was pissed, but I thought it was an opportunity to get some rare and useful material, for many plans.

I had previously had from Willian's legacy but had totally used it during my investment in Ciel.

'well Ciel must have an skill that will help me and with my purification we can do it.'

'I'm going to get my hands on those drinks.'

"Hey, hold still! Don't think you'll escape. You have some explaining to do."(Dante)

My father, who made his way to my side at some point, put his hand on my shoulder. It seems he will follow what my father-in-law asked him to do. Well, I'm not too worried about it.

Thanks to the demon's memories I already know how to deal with him.

"By the way, you're from the Silvercrest, right?"

"Yes." (Dante)

It was a simple and curt answer, different from what I'm used to hearing. Well, if he always acted like a fool it would be too much.

"That guy also had something planned for you and your daughter? ugh! Hey, wait! My shoulder! You're gonna smash it! Hey, stop, stop-!"

"Wait, Dan, don't get out of control. Let him talk." (leonora)

"You tell me, what did you mean? Hurry up!" (Dante)

"Hey, I was going to say it. Now I don't want to... ugh! Fine, I'll say it! Let me go, you'll wreck my shoulder! I'm just saying that they were also planning to kidnap your daughter to keep you in..."

I was about to explain to him what was going to happen, but suddenly he disappeared. I didn't have time to think anymore, because at that moment....

"Ugh!"

"Hey, you! What do you mean, what happened to my daughter, what happened to Phina, talk!"

"Ughhh!"

That's what I want to do, damn it. Why are they so impulsive? They won't even let me talk.

It wasn't that bad... it was just that the demons were planning to attack with everything. I even saw that there was a plan to kidnap... me, to keep my father in check during the situation.

They even had a backup plan: if they failed to get me, they would use one of the artifacts to have a demon pretend to be me. At least for a moment, to confuse my father.

If I wasn't in the crosshairs and was somewhere else, it would sow doubt and make him fall for one of their plans to finish him off.

Those two points were the only thing this guy knew. He was the one who planted the bombs and was informed of what would happen next, so he would have the opportunity to kidnap me.

These four would be in charge of kidnapping me during the chaos. So my main self was now relatively safe.

Although these demons were stronger than their equals in rank, I still would have beaten them to a pulp if they came after me. It seems they don't know all my skills.

"ugh!! gh"

And even though she just scolded my father for not letting me talk, my mother was even worse... she wouldn't even let me breathe.

My father went to look for me. Which won't happen easily, because I was in a corner, under the veil of a spell Elena created with all her power.

I wanted to explain a little, but I could not. I had to ask for help, or rather, wonder what that idiot is doing looking at me without understanding.

'Hey, you! Stop looking at me like a fool and help me!'

'huh? Oh, I'm sorry. I was just wondering... now that you're living it, you can feel our mother's rank, can't you?'

'Damn, I don't know. Her strength feels like about 1000 or so.... Ugh, between the tenth and eleventh rank. Mind you, she's not holding back... agh, just help me!'

'Yes, I'm coming!'

I don't know how strong my mother is, as she has never emitted aura or mana of any kind, and I can't make an approximation.

While genuinely curious, I'd rather that idiot Number 1 intervene quickly.

Although, literally, that's what I would do if we were in reverse positions. I was always curious.

"This...Ms. Leonora, I think you should let him speak. You may wish to say something urgent."

"...right"

"Cough! It was just to tell you that they were planning to kidnap your daughter, but in case they couldn't use her, they'd use a fake one instead to put that old man in check. So I would recommend...get her safe with the rest of the girls and don't get fooled later. By the way, I saw them in the north wing, in the gazebo near the lotus lake."

I spoke quickly, almost running, so I wouldn't get strangled again, If I didn't make the information clear... I even gave them my current position so they could go looking for me.

It was better to be near my mother or father.

"Got it, thank you. If everything you say is true, we Silvercrest will be very grateful to you."

She thanked me, and also left. It seems they both forgot that my father-in-law left them looking after me.

Well, that was my goal anyway... I just didn't think it would be that easy.

Well, I've finished my part, now I'm just going.

"Wait, are you really my brother?"(William)

"..."

'What should I answer? I was just talking nonsense so that my father wouldn't make me intantania kil'.

"Rather, now that they are gone, shouldn't we worry about the unconscious demons?"(Ban)

"Oh, that's a very good observation, Ban!"(Chris).

That's right, that's better than wondering if the nonsense I said is true like Willian.

"Oh, Chris, how long have you been here?"(Tharen).

All of a sudden some weird guy is talking to my doopl ganger I feel like I've seen him before....oh!!!

"Hey, who are you...? Oh, yeah, minion number three?... Ethan?." (Chris)

"Damn! It's Tharen." (Tharen)

I was close, the fucker has no distinguishing features, I think they have the legendary ability to be easily forgotten. I, in his place, would harness it for the greater good...like world peace or something like that.

"Yeah, whatever. A moment ago I was having a 'chat' with my father-in-law and.... Glowed the explosions, and here we are. Those demons were out of luck." (Chris)

If I think about it, leaving aside why William and the others were here, and it was the reason we gathered, it was lucky, that my father, mother and father-in-law - who are among the most powerful - were around.

In fact even I, who am the only one who could extract information from him in a short period of time, was nearby, it was a stroke of luck

if we were inside the castle, unless you were looking out the window or from the balcony, we wouldn't have noticed any of William's glow.

I knew there was going to be a toast and the instructors recommended not to go out. But I didn't care, and I did it anyway, because I could, and I didn't want to be inside with the nobles.

That's why Lys asked me if it was allowed when I asked her to leave. Well yes, we could go out... but staying inside would have been the prudent thing to do.

Anyway, starting with us, followed by Tristan, then my father and mother tracking each other, and running towards me.

and my father-in-law looking for a secluded place to talk to me... and hit me, even though we are not in the labyrinth we are in a place where we noticed the glow and we got the sound of explosion.

all the right people were in the worst possible place for the demons, it was all bad luck for them... or maybe it was William's luck at work.

"Yeah, well, take care of these demons and get to a safe place. I'm off. By the way, little brother, if you want to know the truth, look for me at the top of Yggdrasil. I'll be waiting for you."

"No, wait... Are you really my-?"(William).

It was better not to waste any more time and I already had something to do while I was away, so I stopped using morphogenesis. Since I put on a mask some time ago, they didn't notice.

I used shadow assimilation and disappeared, but not before giving William a secondary mission,... although if I think about it, getting there is more like the main mission.

Well, small details, it was just to annoy him for asking me silly questions.

"Hey, he disappeared!!!" (Mike).

"ugh!, Mike, stop yelling about anything silly!"

I had to complain. After all, he was right next to me. That guy is always unnecessarily loud.

"Don't you think this situation is bad? He looked like someone suspicious. The Minister of Defense said he had to be held. Chris, why didn't you stop him?"(Ivan).

"Why should I? This doesn't concern me. We are just students for now. Leave such things to those whose business it is. Besides, he seemed to be Willian's brother, didn't you see him? He's obviously one of the good guys." (Chris)

"hey that's stupid, that guy was definitely wearing some kind of disguise like demons!" (Ban)

"Another good but unnecessary observation, Ban. Well, who cares if it was a disguise, let's just take these fainters and hand them over. Let's leave the rest to the right people. It's not our place to meddle. Unless someone here wants to play hero."

I said looking at Willian specifically, but he just looked thoughtful. i caught that he was mumbling something that i didn't understand , so i moved closer to hear what it was, and....

~"I have an older brother....Yggdrasil..hum" (Willian)

"..."

I wonder if having done that will earn me a smack from Elena later on....

'Well if she finds out, I'll just say the situation warranted it.'

Putting aside this nonsense, I wanted to see where Lily and the twins were, and see if they were okay.

It looked like the situation could be controlled now that the Minister of Defense was doing his job, but I want to at least be near them you never know.

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"And well, that's what's happening right now. We're under terrorist attack."

Once we got back inside the palace, I found Lily and the twins. Apparently, all the party guests were being assigned a place to stay.

Both those who wanted to and those who couldn't return before it all started.

We students were obliged to stay here, so I went to them and gave them an explanation of what happened, and what will happen.

Boom!

'Oh, it's started.'

Explosions and other noises began to sound from outside. By this point, magic-detecting barriers and senses were meaningless and wasteful of resources, so I started to feel magical movement coming from outside the castle and it had indeed begun.

I would have to chant a detection spell to see everything more clearly and with more range, but luckily, Number 2 is nearby and watching hidden in the shadows and all is well.

The bombs are no longer a danger; now it's time for a counterattack by humanity.

"Is it dangerous... Is Dad going to be okay...?" (Selene).

Selene, who also heard the explosions and my explanation, asked me. I definitely had to reassure her; I don't like to see her floppy little ears and anxious expression.

So I sat her on my lap and began to soothe her, she was my tranquility and I wanted to be hers.

"Mmm, well, your father is strong. Besides, I told him everything important, so as long as he makes a decent defense plan, he'll be fine. Anyway, I have a doppelgänger nearby, so everything will be fine. You trust me, right?"

"uhm,"(Selene).

I saw that she was relieved and began to enjoy my caresses, her ears twitched with satisfaction and not out of anxiety.

'you damned terrorists dare to make my little angel anxious'.

I hugged her even tighter and buried her in my arms, she seemed to like that very much.

"so your main self is with the rest of the girls, right?"(Eira).

Eira, from the couch across from me, commented as well, with a somewhat worried face.

"Yes, I'm glad you're worried about them. But since I'm there too, everything will be fine too."

"Hmph, after all, they are my friends. Besides, it's because Elena is in that group that I feel calm.... Plus she can stop you from doing something silly." (Eira)

"..." 'I'll take it as her concern towards me.'

Banng!

That explosion sounded nearby. Looks like things got heated out there, with the demons frustrated by their failed plan, and still trying to screw us over.

Still, I'm already prepared for the worst case scenario. The rooms where all my acquaintances are are relatively close, so it's just a matter of moving fast and getting them into the dimensional stone.

I also have a short-range teleportation device that I plan to use. That's why I'm very alert, with Number 2 keeping watch.

"Haaah~ It really did come true again what you said.... Are you sure you're not the one who caused it?"
(Eira)

"Hey, in what way...? You know that I am."

"Ugh... now that I think about it, you said that before." (Eira)

I mean, if she talking about how it's my fault this is happening,... she should know that I am. I already told she about the previous incidents, which were the reason for this banquet to begin with.

I also explained why a terrorist attack was possible.

If the demons attack today at this banquet, in a sense it is my fault, for screwing them up so badly. Although I see that other demonic realms intervened as I thought, I don't feel guilty.

Why should I?

It was idiots who organized this banquet. I swear, if the king wasn't in the eleventh rank, I would rub his damn shiny bald head for thinking something so stupid.

Rather, later on I plan to harshly criticize my father, who, as an authority figure in the kingdom, did nothing to curb such stupidity.

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'hum, but now I can only think like this because it really happened...'

If I think about it, I think this is because my perspective and my way of seeing things are broader than theirs, who have probably never left this continent.

Perhaps I perceive all this in this way because of the experience that my inherited memories have given me, which are many and varied, that perhaps allows me to think from this perspective, in which I think it is obvious what happened.

Maybe it was not simply a decision taken without thinking about it, and they had many considerations; maybe they also thought about it, but only as a minimal possibility.

It's true that if people moved around thinking about all the possibilities out there, they would never do anything.

'haah~Even so, I still think it was a bit unnecessary this banquet.'

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"Wait, wait... I'm not getting it. Why are you the cause of this, Sweetheart? No, more importantly... You're a double!? Since when did you get to do doubles?"(Lily).

Lily, sitting next to me and also calming and cuddling Selene, jumped into the conversation. she seemed to have questions about our conversation.

"Huh? Lily, didn't I tell you?.... Let's see, what did I tell you about me?"

"Hmm... that your true identity is not that of a knight's son, that you have the blessing of the goddess of purity, that you have a legacy with convenient abilities such as appearance changing, anti-containment, skill swapping and what you call 'stats'.... Hmm, I feel like there was more to it... but I don't remember you saying you could create doppelgangers." (Lily)

"Well, add to it that I can create two doubles with my base strength and fully controllable. Rather, since you know so much why don't I just tell you my secret and be done with it? It would be easier. By the way, I can't tell you why I'm the cause if I don't tell you my secret."

I mean, at this point, like with Aurora, I'm not the least bit nervous. She knows so much about me and it wouldn't be that shocking, Lily is a very flexible person, in many ways.

It's noticeable, for example, in that one time she asked me to do it while I was morphogenizing to adopt her appearance.

Since then, it has been on my mind, leaving aside the fact that she can do something I don't think I can do.

I mean, Seraphina is not my original identity, it's not the one I've had the longest, but for some reason, it gives me chills just thinking about the possibility of doing it with myself, even though I'm very beautiful, despite having everything needed to do it.

In that sense, I have a kind of strange respect for Lily, who was the one who asked me to do it. But more importantly, setting aside her advanced path in lust and possible narcissism, the important thing is that it's true that she wouldn't hesitate to do it with a woman.

Not to mention that when we did it with Astrid, there was no rejection, rather there was too much initiative, when it was her turn she was relentless with Astrid's nipples that made the mistake of hiding again.

It seems he has no problem with women. It was definitive when, later, I asked him and he told me that before he met me he was debating whether to try that path and forget about men.

But she still refuses to let me tell her, for who knows what reason.

Boom!

"No, if that's the case you don't need to tell me. But, sweetheart... Have I ever done it with a double? There were times when I felt something strange about you? Was it because of that?" (Lily)

"Huh...did you feel the difference? Well... I won't deny that I probably did, but honestly there's no difference between the three of us, besides the abilities. It all feels the same. We all share one mind, though we are thoughts that run in parallel."

"You really are a box of surprises, sweetheart.... Hm... sweetheart, if there are two, no, three of you... with me... uhm.... you think...?" (Lily)

"Hey, you old hag, stop talking nonsense! Rather, don't you care what happens to our father? Agh, damn it, your punches really hurt now, you need to learn restraint."(Eira)

"Don't call me an old hag! Or you'll get my motherly love, pure and hard. And your father is strong. Besides, I don't have any bad feelings, I feel that nothing will happen. And I'm not talking nonsense. Some time ago I found out that you were the one who created the 'double d*ck'. I can't let myself be won over by my daughter!" (Lily)

"Damn it!!, I didn't invent it, I just asked if this idiot could do something crazy like that when I found out what he was capable of! The day he tries it on me or Selene, I'll kill him!" (Eira)

"But honey, thanks to that, Sweetheart tried it with me and.... Mommy almost lost her head." (Lily)

"Lose head?"(Selene).

"Oh yes, honey, it felt so good that Mommy fell in love with Sweetheart all over again in every way possible." (Lily)

"uhm!!! Me

Booom!

"Wait, Selene, what do you mean by that!"(Eira)

"Ahem, Eira, wasn't it clear to you that it's because she fell in love with me. By the way, Lily, that idea was already put into practice by Alice, so they beat you to it, too."

"It's not fair, they knew before I did! Tell me, what else can you do?"(Lily)

"Hey, what did you do with Sele-!"(Eira).

"Hmm... Regeneration, shadow assimilation, berser-"

"No, Sweetheart, not those useless things. Stuff that works in bed, like the doppelganger thing."(Lily)

"You two don't ignore m-!"(Eira).

"Oh, let's see... I don't know if I told you, but I can stimulate points on the body to feel a lot of pleasure... or a lot of pain... and a lot of other things. Pheromones, the Charm, I think?... Oh! Affinity to plants and darkness."

"Oh! I can work with that. It works great."(Lily)

"But what the heck!? Why do you include-?"(Eira).

"there's what else...Ah!!! I remembered!"

Suddenly and for no specific reason, and while looking for possibilities to satisfy Lily's curiosity, a memory popped into my head. Something important that I had forgotten.

"Hey, what is it Sweetheart, what did you remember?"(Lily).

"...It's about what happened during the last terrorist attack on the academy. How could I forget something so important!"

"What happened, is it a bad thing!?"(Eira)

"?"(Selene)

Boom!!! Rumble!!!

Another big explosion sounded and the ground shook, but that was not the important thing, the important thing here is what I remembered.

It was something I should not have forgotten, rather it was a serious mistake to have forgotten and only remember now.

I realized that it does me no good to have a mind palace if I don't store the information correctly or forget to look it up.

"How could I forget that I was going to make Elena wear a maid's microbikini, damn it!!"