

The Noble 91

Chapter 91: "Realm of the Reflected Light."

"So we're finally here."

I looked around and it was indeed an unique place. A moment ago we were in the ruins that, by "coincidence", William had found when we started our hunt.

I expected getting in here to be complicated somehow, but oddly enough it wasn't. Everything was smooth and easy.

We got off the train, they came to pick us up, and then we arrived at his house, where a man with golden hair and beard, with a scar on his nose, greeted us.

when I met him I understood where William's personality was coming from.

his mother was not there, as she was still arranging some things with Count Vulcan, because she was also knight.

After a great lunch, William, somewhat nervously, invited us to hunt around, as his mansion was just outside the city wall.

It was a secondary mansion and the surrounding area did not have many strong beasts, so an annual cleaning of the knights was sufficient. That was the raid we were supposedly invited to.

So a little nervously he led us on a light hunt, until the real hunt began. I wonder if it crossed anyone's mind that he couldn't be a good guide if he had only recently become a nobleman, and obviously he must also be new to the place.

Maybe because of his aura of protagonist, nobody questioned him. Anyway, the twelve of us began to explore the forest, hunting for weak beasts from time to time.

that idiot William nervously led us along a suspicious path, which in the end aroused doubts in many people in the group. 'That bastard doesn't know how to do things right.'

It was very suspicious, I was so nervous that Elena looked at me several times, asking me with her eyes if I was planning something depraved with William, which seriously offended me.

First, because that was what I deduced from her look, and second, because she thought I was planning something when I clearly explained to her what would happen.

But anyway, this was a unique opportunity, and I wanted to bring everyone I could.

I even wanted to invite Cordelia, but I couldn't find her anywhere, so I had no choice but to leave her.

I also wanted to invite Astrid, but she was absolutely busy; she couldn't disappear for more than two days due to the recent accidents and the necessary countermeasures so that something similar wouldn't happen again. As the best teacher of runes, she was in demand in many places.

She took us to a place where we finally found some ruins, with engravings and other things very old and covered with vegetation, just like where the legacy of lust was located.

just as we were inside, and it looked like they were finally going to question William, a great light flashed and began to engulf us. I didn't resist at all and let it happen.

I held Selene and was about to reach Alice and Elena

"damn what are you doing to my sister"

the wretched Eira lunged at me at that moment, preventing me from reaching them properly and making me trip and fall over others.

At that moment, I realized that my plan of attack had failed in the early stages, as I was absorbed by the light.

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"Hey, idiot you, why did you jump on me?"

once I have analyzed the environment So I turned my gaze to the cause of this sudden change in my well-planned plans.

"What do you think, I'm going to let someone suspicious grab my sister out of nowhere without doing anything?"

"Fuck, what suspect or what nothing, did you forget the relationship between Selene and me?"

"Shut up! My body reacted instinctively to the perverted aura you emit."

"So you're going to keep fucking with that, dammit..."

"Stop fighting!... Fighting is forbidden..."

"Tch..."(x2)

In the end, Selene stopped us, but in the end it doesn't change the fact that she ruined my plans, haahhh... anyway, that damn Eira, when I finally thought we would be reconciled, she comes and annoys me in another way.

It's like she's doing it on purpose. Well, I need to get a grip right now.

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We're in what would be roughly a legacy place, but it's more like something related to the first king of this realm or the former representative of the god of light.

It's a place with many things that will allow the next generation to be strong, something that the first king prepared for the next age of the gods, and for them not to destroy the kingdom he created.

Only someone with the blessing of the god of light could enter, and William knew of this place precisely because he was linked to the god of light, who wants one of his pawns to become strong.

the kingdom also knew about this place and as far as I can deduce it was obviously not a coincidence that the kingdom gave this land to William's father, it was all planned.

Now, I, with my 'heir' skill, could certainly come here and inherit the legacy and stuff, but the problem is, even though I didn't use the ability when I inherited the legacy of lust, this ability can only be used three times before it becomes useless.

Not to mention that I didn't want to waste an opportunity on something as small as this legacy.

Besides, I couldn't just replicate what I did with the legacy of lust; this legacy is monitored by the god, or, rather, one of his Servants.

The moment I take it for myself, I would be exposed and perhaps targeted. So, even if I can get it, I won't, at least the main one. As for the rest, that's another matter, not to mention that my main target could only be found not as an heir but as a companion to the heir.

Just as I prepared myself for what was to come, a voice began to sound in the air:

"[Welcome to the Realm of Reflected Light, complete the first examination and prove yourself worthy to carry the burden. First examination: {The Rite of the Shining Beasts}. I wish you luck and may the light illuminate your path]."

I ignored the voice that spoke and pulled out my black gloves, put them on and removed my outer clothing. Underneath I was wearing a black combat suit, which looked like cloth, but was absolutely rugged.

Last time I had not been able to outfit her due to the urgency of the situation, but now she was ready and equipped.

Selene, who saw me, I take out a black axe that I gave him as a gift and also started to change, wearing clothes that I had previously given her and that she would only reveal when I did.

I thought she had it on inside like me but it seems I didn't explain it well. Well, this is fine with me too.

She was as calm as ever, despite the unexpected situation. She began to change without any embarrassment.

Eira came and made an ice curtain to block the view, but well, it's not like.... Well, I did want to see, but still it wasn't the time for that.

Selene was the only one who had prepared, as she had the priority of taking Selene, Elena and Alicia, but Eira stepped in. Luckily, Elena and Alicia also had their costumes and weapons.

By my calculations, since there were thirteen of us, we were divided into two groups: one of five and one of seven.

I honestly thought it would be six and six but well, not that i care, if there's one member less, it's better than meeting, Alexander or that idiot mike, although i wanted to meet elena and alice but that was it and i couldn't do anything about it.

On the other hand William must have been sent elsewhere.

I looked through my inventory and started pulling out some weapons and wands. I looked at the ones held by Eira, Aurora and Lys, who were still a bit puzzled, and mine were better, so I gave them to each of them without giving it much thought.

At that moment Eira spoke looking at the wand in her hand.

"Wait... last time I forgot because a lot of things happened, but those gloves are made of black mithril, right? Even , that axe too, you gave it to Selene, where the hell do you get stuff like that being only the son of a knight? Besides, what the hell, this wand is better than what my family could get, and you pulled out two of them like that?"

'Damn it, why does she have to think about these things right now, can't you be like your sister who doesn't say anything? Look now, because of you Lys and Aurora are also starting to doubt me'.

Well, with the knowledge of my alternate self, I was able to find a vein of black mithril in our duchy, which made our duchy even richer than we already were, and as a reward, I manufactured several weapons.

In fact, I had a weapon ready for each member of my future harem, and the wand I passed on to Eira was something I also made on the premise that she could join my harem. 'How foolish and naive I was at the time'.

Well, there's still a chance that a good ice mage will appear in my harem, so I'll take it off later and keep it.

In the end, I just ignored her and pretended I didn't hear her, and ignored Aurora and Lys' questioning look.

"From now on, no resonance until I say so."

"Hey, you fucker, answer my question! Besides, who are you to order me around?"

"Selene, don't activate the ability. Let's see who she will resonate with."

"Yeah..."

"You, dammit? And Selene, how can you accept everything he tells you.... ggmng?"

Eira, frustrated by my agreement with Selene, could do nothing. After all, it can't resonate if the other person doesn't allow it.

Anyway, Lys and Aurora listening in seemed not to understand our conversation, but in the end said nothing.

I guess they're just overwhelmed and thinking about other things, which I hope it's not me, I don't want crazy theories that they can get right, it is not the time for that, I have not even made much progress with them.

I started to get organized; things didn't happen as I had in mind but I have realized that things can't always be under my control and I need to adapt to the circumstances I am given.

Chapter 92: The Crystal Forest

"Well, according to the voice, it seems that we are in a realm or small dimension, something like what we saw in class. This is an inheritance or legacy."

The fact that we have been grouped together means we need to work as a team. So, I'll be the leader. Any objections? I accept opinions, of course... except from Eira."

"Hey...!" Eira wanted to protest, but ignore it, and Selene had no objection.

".....Chris, you're the strongest. Besides, I heard you're a great leader; you didn't even panic about what happened." Lys took back control and seemed to agree with me being the leader.

"If the rest have no opposition, neither do I, we are in your care 'leader' "the last one was Aurora, I had noticed, but apparently she is someone sociable and talkative during my classes, sometimes I wonder if it is her personality or she just pretends it to get along with us.

She is part of the royal family and, in fact, is one of the most likely candidates to be William's fiancée. Sure, if there wasn't an assassination attempt involved.

Aurora was invited by William, not me, which surprised me. I didn't know how William found out about her strength, well she probably would have revealed it to him herself since as a princess she should have privileged information even though she was illegitimate.

his family probably put pressure on her to get along with willian and I myself gave him the way., Well, it's not like those two started dating or anything... I mean, Aurora likes women, so I don't have to worry.... right?.

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Finally, I organized our roles. I would be in the vanguard along with Lys and Selene, while Eira and Aurora would support us with magic.

We went deep into the jungle. The vegetation was strange; some plants looked like they were made of crystal, and indeed, I collected them, as they are something I need.

After a few minutes, several beasts began to appear. They were strange creatures, made of crystal, with rays of light inside them, like different colored lasers reflecting inside them.

There were many of them, easily more than ten, but by the presence they gave off, they were approximately two, three or four stars.

So, without a word, Lys, Selene and I began the slaughter, as I studied the beasts with my Eyes of Lust.

The weapons I gave them shattered the beasts as if they were fragile crystals. We didn't need magical support.

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The battle continued as we approached the pillar of light that loomed in the distance, for those who knew nothing was a clear objective, of course I knew that it was indeed the door to the next test.

I knew from what I heard from my alternate self that the longer you spend in this forest, the more dangerous it becomes, but also the greater the reward. I planned to make the most of this place.

The further we progressed, the more difficult the beasts became. We went from facing 10 to 15, then 15 to 20, all four-star.

Even though it was getting complicated, none of us found it impossible and with the coordination, which I made sure to guide, we were able to defeat these crystal beasts.. I knew this was only the first examination; a minimum requirement to be the companion of someone sponsored by a god.

After an hour and a half, we were facing 50 beasts, including ten five-stars. The pressure was enormous, but after 20 minutes of intense battle, we managed to defeat them.

Despite their strength, their weaknesses made them more manageable. already the rest of the team, I knew how to identify these weaknesses, without requiring something like my lust eyes, which made the battle easier.

After the victory, the remains of the beasts began to glow, and a certain amount of energy was absorbed by each of us. I felt myself getting stronger, and as I checked my status window, I saw that my stats had improved by at least 10 points overall, since I started in this domain.

In this world, besides training and fighting, there are things that can increase your strength, such as plants, animal parts, medicine, even bizarre things like these artificial beasts and most importantly, the rewards from the gods' quests.

well, it is normal to let the youngsters grow with training and fights instead of external factors, at least until they have three metamorphoses.

but equally these things are difficult and almost impossible to find, in the kingdom, and not even my family could do it.

this is the first time i've come across something that directly improves my stats, besides the dual sync ability. and i planned to take full advantage of it.

However, just as we were about to continue, I sense over 100 beasts approaching from all sides. They were four- and five-star, but this time, the five-star dominated.

When they came on my radar, Eira and Aurora, who were mages, noticed them too.

There were more of them than I expected.

"Run!"

I shouted, and we all headed for the pillar, which was no more than a minute's run away. But the beasts were faster.

I analyze the situation, and calculate the possible solutions and consequences, so take what you consider to be the best alternative.

I grabbed Selene and Aurora, and with great momentum, launched them toward the pillar of light like missiles. They didn't even understand what had happened.

"You piece of shit! What did you do to my her... nyaaa!" Eira screamed, but before she could finish, I threw her towards the pillar as well.

"Wait, Chris! What are you doin.... gyaa!" Lys was next to fly towards the pillar.

Once I saw that they went through the pillar of light, I stopped. It would be dangerous for them, I thought it would be dangerous for them to withstand that amount and strength of the glass beasts..

For me, it was time to take advantage of the situation. I jumped towards the beasts, which numbered over 100, and began attacking them at their weak points, tearing them apart mercilessly.

I knew my chances were high, and with the Eyes of Lust, I was able to pinpoint each weakness with quick precision.

I danced among the beasts, dodging and destroying them. No matter their rank, a well-aimed hit in the right spot was enough to shatter them.

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"Haaaaha... ahhhh... haaaaaaaaa."

I was catching my breath from the hard fight I had a few moments ago.

Several hours had passed since I started facing the beasts. The number of defeated creatures had exceeded 300, and the difficulty was rapidly increasing.

I was now standing on a pile of crystalline fragments of the creatures that had fallen before me. Although the strength of the beasts increased with each new wave they did not go beyond 5 stars, with almost no time to rest.

I had managed to hold my own by sensing weak spots with my Eyes of Lust.

I knew they were coming, more so I prepared myself and went back to drinking potions to regain stamina and heal some wounds I suffered.

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sensen like the air in the crystal forest was getting thicker, charged with an ominous pressure.

The trees around seemed to reflect the light from the pillar, creating distorted and oppressive shadows.

It was then that I sensed it: a new presence that radiated a threat far greater than anything I had dealt with up to that point.

From the crystalline floor, a monstrous creature emerged. It was a gigantic spider, its body made of sharp, translucent crystals that glowed with an inner light. It had over twenty legs, each one as slender as it was lethal, sharp as swords.

Its exoskeleton glowed with reflections of light that made it seem impenetrable, and its multiple eyes glittered, watching me with a cruel intelligence.

My first instinct was to back away; I knew this would be unlike anything I had fought so far and I was not far from the pillar as I slowly during the fights moved closer, in case of emergencies.

Previous beasts, while challenging, followed predictable patterns, but this spider radiated an aura of adaptation and extreme danger.

Its approximate rating from the aura it emitted was six stars which made it a lethal threat, and without the resonance, I knew it would not be an easy fight. Still I wanted to see my limit as I was confident that they would not put the challengers to an impossible examination.

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The spider launched the first attack. Its front legs moved with surprising speed, seeking to pierce my torso.

I jumped to the side, narrowly dodging the impact, but the ground where I had been a second before exploded in a shower of crystalline shards, causing me several small wounds.

'Damn, she's fast,'

I thought as I positioned myself to counter. I knew any mistake would be fatal, and every move had to be precise.

My Eyes of Lust focused on her frame, looking for a weak point,. I began to analyze its movements as I dodged more attacks from its legs and from a crystalline web that shot from its abdomen.

The web adhered to nearby trees, cutting them with ease. Even the crystalline vegetation was no match for this monster's strength.

"This is going to be tricky..." I muttered. I moved in circles, gauging its attack range and waiting for the right moment.

In the meantime, I tried out some of my spells. I cast several but every time my lightning and light as well as dark spells touched her crystalline exoskeleton, I barely managed to scratch her. And no other Element I know of has any noticeable effect.

When one of its legs lunged again, this time I decided not only to dodge, but also to counterattack and physically probe .

I turned my body dodging it by centimeters and directed a blow to the joint of the leg with all my strength.

At that moment for the first time I saw in the spider the pink flashes that indicated a weakness, so before impacting, I circulated my mana and made a really strong attack....

"Art of Lust, Third Stance: Seductive Touch."

The impact was brutal, but the spider simply backed up a few steps and attacked with more fury. Although I didn't seriously injure it, I noticed that the joints were more brittle. That would be key.

I shifted my focus, lunging toward it swiftly. This time, I aimed my Spells directly at one of her front joints as I spun to dodge another attack.

I watched as the weaknesses became more prominent and left it more vulnerable, I felt I was on the right track.

The creature shrieked, a sharp, piercing sound, the pain in its tone told me it had found the path to its defeat.

Chapter 93: No Mercy For Those Who Falter.

"So it's in the joints..." upon learning this, a smile formed on my face.. But there was no time to celebrate. The spider, enraged, leapt at me, its multiple legs moving at high speed.

Each strike was lethal, and though I managed to evade most, some of its claws grazed me , but the armor and gloves prevented it from penetrating even as the damage was building up.

My body was reaching its limits. Fatigue was building up, but my will was still strong. The beast was still advancing. I knew I had to end this fight fast, before I exhausted all my energy.

I took advantage of its next attack to slide underneath its body. With a precise movement, I drove my hand into the base of one of its hind legs, right where it joined the abdomen.

The creature roared again, but instead of retreating, it turned its body to try to crush me.

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I rolled out of its reach, but the creature wouldn't let me rest. It fired a series of crystalline spider webs, forcing me to keep dodging to avoid being trapped. If I fell into one of those spider webs, it would be the end.

The spider kept throwing crystalline webs with deadly accuracy. I couldn't keep up the evasive pace much longer, the fight had to end soon. My energy was on the decline.

I could feel the wounds and fatigue weighing on my body, but determination kept me going. I could not afford to fail, in the early stages of the plan.

"Art of Lust, First Stance: Blazing Surge of Lust."

CLANG...crak...CLANG...CRAAAACK!

I focused on the vulnerable joints I had identified. With a shout, I unleashed a flurry of precise and powerful attacks, directing to the many joints that had gradually worn out.

My hands moved at speeds I could barely keep up with, piercing with intensity as the beast recoiled, its legs slowly breaking under the pressure.

Weak spots flashed before my eyes as contellations, guiding me to each blow, but the spider was resilient and would not go down so easily.

The creature let out a deafening shriek and, in response, its body began to emanate a blinding glow as it reared up on its many remaining hind legs, ready to crush me with a single blow.

"Art of Lust, Second Stance: Ardent Pulse of Desire!"

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A vertical attack that combined strength and precision was my best option. I leapt backwards, evading its crushing blow while directing a downward strike towards one of the remaining legs.

The force of the impact reverberated through my arm, but I managed to break a joint, rendering the leg useless. The glass covering it crumbled, leaving a shiny trail on the floor.

The spider wobbled, momentarily losing balance. This was my chance.

"Art of Lust, Third Stance: Seductive Touch!!."

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With my remaining speed, I closed in on its body, aiming a piercing blow at another of its vulnerable joints.

The creature roared in fury, twitching in desperation. But it no longer had the same mobility.

Now it was all about endurance. I knew I could beat it, but its ability to adapt made it more dangerous as the battle continued.

but she seemed to want to get this over with quickly as well since he I watched as her body began to vibrate, charging energy for her next attack.

Before she could launch her offensive, I prepared myself .

I was going to do a technique that was on the edge of my current capabilities, I only had one chance .

The spider lunged toward me in a last-ditch attempt to crush me with its full weight. I waited for the right moment, letting it get close enough.

As its body was about to impact, I channeled the energy of its attack towards me, feeling the pressure build.

"ART OF LUST, FOURTH STANCE: ERUPTING EMBRACE!!!!."

BOOOMMM!!!

With a cry of effort, I redirected all that energy in a devastating blast into its abdomen in a near-perfect counterattack.

The creature was thrown backwards, crashing into the glass trees with a deafening roar. Fragments of its body began to fall like rain, scattering all around me.

I didn't know if that attack would be enough, but my body was barely hanging on. The creature lay shattered, but it could stand up, I watched it carefully, but luckily its inner light was dimming and small mats of light were coming to my body, which meant that it was indeed dead.

"huaaa....aahhh..." I released the air and relaxed a little I didn't know how long this would go on and I wasn't sure I could take anything stronger than that spider, so I was about to head for the pillar of light, until I heard.

[Congratulations, you have completely cleared {The Rite of Shining Beasts}. Hidden reward acquired: crystal key].

"Oh fuck, I thought you could only acquire it in one of the examinations in part two, but with this I already have what I needed."

This key is an important pillar of what I was planning for this place.

This place was built by the first king with the help of the god of light, who gave him a fragment of his divine realm where he could build this Trial.

While the god of light knows of its existence and supported William Avenir, he does not administer it directly.

Well, he could, but his interest in William is not yet high enough to see what he does every second.

So probably his mission was given by a lackey or something, so it doesn't matter that he draws attention to himself.

And even if the god himself is here, there shouldn't be a problem, but I wouldn't be able to fulfill my purpose and an opportunity like this is not easy to find.

I no longer want to keep running away from the goddess of purity and inevitably have to meet her in this world the easiest way to the top is pitifully to be sponsored by a god, but I can't be chained as in my alternate self luckily he created countermeasures and the last ingredient can only be found here....

Well, I got the key, so most of the plan is done.

while I pulled some recovery potions from my stash.

Without them, I wouldn't have lasted that long, not to mention that these guys were casting a variant of light magic, these guys weren't living beings, they were more like artificial creations.

Although they looked like crystal, it was a kind of crystallized light, so their attacks were both physical and magical, which my affinity helped me resist to some extent.

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After spending some time collecting these rare and useful resources I finally passed by the pillar of light.

After a while, my vision blurred and, before I knew it, I was in a white room that brought back bad memories.

It was certainly similar to when I was reincarnated, but looking at it closely, you could see the corners and sides, only they were hard to make out. In them was...

"Uggaaah!!." As I was about to scan the situation, I received a blow from behind. though quickly I realized it wasn't an enemy, but little Selene who was strangling my waist and hugging me tightly.

I guess I worried her a little, I could feel a little sobbing from behind. t had probably been more hours than I thought, it was weird seeing her like this,... but still her strength was no joke.

"wait little selene stop squeezing me, I feel like something is going to come out...,ugh... you can really break me in half, arghhh!!".

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Somehow I got her to stop squeezing me so hard and stared at her. Her eyes were teary, which made me feel bad, since it was my decision to stay for so long and gain more points and strength. So I hugged her and started to comfort her.

"There now calm down, everything is okay. Look, nothing happened to me." I hugged her, and she hung on me like a koala bear. I guess when someone is important to her, she can act like that.

But that also means that I am someone important to her, I who have not been with her for more than a week have earned a place in Selene's heart, somehow I feel really happy.

On the other hand, Eira, Lys and Aurora just looked at me in silence, until Lys asked first

"Chris, what happened, why did you throw us away? We could have fought together, why did it take you so long?the voice said we had to wait for the last member, it was the only thing that told us you were alive".

She seemed relieved that I had finally arrived, and began to ask me questions, and just as I was planning to answer, the passively annoyed girl came to speak.

"... You piece of shit, you made my sister worry about you for over 4 hours. It's not like I care about you or anything, why did you throw us in? With the skill we could..."

"calm down, don't talk about it.... Haaaah." I stopped Eria from speaking further, not wanting my trump card to slip out of her mouth, and continued to excuse myself.

"Well, we certainly weren't going to make it in time, so I did what I thought was best for survival and it work. I'm good at escaping, I just got a little sidetracked and it took me a while to get through them. If everyone stayed, we were going to get screwed before we got to the pillar of light."

"But still..."

Lys didn't look convinced, but I can't tell them I stayed hunting on purpose. Besides, the explanation doesn't just go to them, I want that guy to also believe that's why I stayed alone and not because I knew that the more we killed the more points, strength and reward we'd get.

Curiously Aurora didn't say anything, and she had a thoughtful look on her face as she looked at me, what was she thinking only she would know.

Also, I'm going to pretend I didn't hear Eira talk like a tsundere; I don't want one of my favorite fantasies and genres, to be played by her.

Anyway, now that I've arrived, it's time to move on. So, after making sure Selene was okay, I even gave her a few delicious things I had tucked away to make it up to her a bit.

approached the entrance to what looked like a mirror maze, where there was a plaque that read:

{Only the worthy dare cross this threshold. The weak-willed, those who tremble at their own reflection, will meet their end here. This is not a place for the simple, nor for those who seek greatness without understanding its true price.

He who doubts his own power, his own worth or his own right, will fall before he advances. Those who possess true strength are not afraid to face what lurks within these walls. Only those who are born to the light, without blemish or hesitation, will be worthy to go forward.

If you enter, let it be with the certainty that there will be no mercy for those who falter."}

"oh!, what great words...." I was a bit speechless at the nonsensical warning since it's not like we could just give up, I was already recovered from my fight with the crystal beasts, so I had no problem moving forward

The moment I finally set foot in the labyrinth, a message rang out.

Chapter 94: {The Challenge of the Reflected Shadow}, Emergency Actions.

[Welcome to the second examination {Fragmented Reality Passage}. Complete the examinations and prove yourself worthy to reach the top].

I've noticed, but gods or powerful people have a fetish with saying things like worthy this, worthy that. Your strength is worthy, your heart is worthy, I don't know what else.

It's like they take everything and recycle words when they create these things.

'Well, it doesn't matter.'

I looked and noticed it was like those mirror mazes you find at fairs, but 1000 times more complicated.

"Hey, Eira, go ahead."

"Why don't you go, you piece of shit?"

Well, I tried. I wanted to see the mirrors working , but I already knew more or less what they did and the consequences.

At a glance, there were more than ten paths, or rather, ten mirrors reflecting a path, and they increased the more we walked. Not only that, but they were starting to appear in three dimensions, which made the paths very complicated.

Sometimes you would have to be upside down, and the next moment you would be sideways, and even backwards. All the mirrors reflected a path, and there would come a time when you would have to choose from over 100 paths.

In the end, if we chose the wrong path, it would bring us back to the beginning. If we weren't careful, we could be trapped for a long time.

But for me, this was a piece of cake. With my eyes of lust, I could see which path was false and which was real. There was only one real one.

Setting aside the ability to see status windows, my eyes could see the weaknesses and weak points of people and things, like barriers or anything that had runes on it.

This would seem like something supernatural, but it was nothing more than a colossal formation made of many interlocking and complicated runes, created with a bit of divine power.

But still, it was an examination, so it should be passable. According to Silvia, the trick was to see the magical flow and find the exit, but I didn't need to do that, so I just started walking. Lys, Aurora and Selene followed me, and after hesitating, so did Eira.

"Hey, Chris, how do you know the way? And, how come you're so calm? I mean, you don't seem surprised by anything,"

Lys asked me. Well, at least it's not a hard question to answer, like the ones Eira usually asks. Besides, I realized that it was an opportunity to score points; the path had no danger and I just had to take a good look.

"Well, it's no big deal. You just have to sharpen your magic sense and you can see a faint trail leading the way. It's not that surprising a thing."

"Hey! What do you mean it's not surprising? I don't detect anything, you're just making up nonsense. If you don't know the way, don't drag us along with you," Eira said, as if she couldn't bear to keep quiet. I couldn't let her make the rest of me doubt.

"Just because you can't do it doesn't mean the rest of us can't, does it, Auran?"

"Huh? Oh...., yes, that's right. If you concentrate, you can see a little difference coming from one of the directions."

"See, maybe you need to improve your magical sensitivity. Being outclassed by a warrior like me leaves a lot to be desired, from a wizard like you..".

"...."

I noticed that whenever Eira loses a logical argument, she tends to keep silent, which gives me a lot of ideas on how to deal with her in the future.

Back to my conversation with Lys....

"Besides, it's not like I'm all that calm, but panicking doesn't help anything, don't you think?"

"You're right. It's true what they say, Chris, you have a knack for being a leader, I wish you had been with us on the previous attack to the academy."

"Oh come on, you're embarrassing me, I'm just doing what I need to do. Putting that aside, I saw from the battle against the cristal beasts that you have improved a lot and covered a lot of openings in such a short time."

"Oh, you noticed! It's true that fighting Will has helped me cover those gaps."

I'm glad he's getting stronger, but I've noticed he spends a lot of time with William. Not that I can interfere, since it's good for his growth....

I wonder if it would be good to start doing more hands-on classes, so I could teach him more closely.

My conversation with Lys continued as I led them through the maze of reflections and mirrors that made you dizzy if you weren't careful.

Finally, without any interference, after 30 minutes of walking, we arrived at an open space, still surrounded by mirrors on all sides.

[Congratulations on passing the examination of the {Fragmented Reality Passage}. Without failing once you have received a hidden reward: crystal key (2)].

'Phew... that was the requirement. Lucky Eira refused.'

When I asked, I noticed that everyone had heard the previous message, but no one knew what they were for.

The keys were given to me; I guess they are given to those who contributed the most in the examination.

Well, in the end I realized that not only one key could be obtained, but one for each examination. According to Silvia, they only managed to get one, and it was from the following examination.

[Welcome to the second examination: {The Reflected Shadow Challenge}].

'Hey, what happened to the later legend?' I grumbled at the lack of enthusiasm in the mysterious voice, but in the end I looked ahead and it was a larger room, surrounded by mirrors on all sides, but none of them reflected anything.

It was a strange sight, but there was a rimless mirror in the center of the room, where you could see the reflections of the four of us.

If Silvia didn't lie to my alternate self, it would be an examination where you would fight against your mirror doubles, who would be perfectly synchronized, with all your abilities, and even bringing out hidden potential you didn't know you had. I wanted to see if it was true that I would learn things I didn't even know, or that was the plan, but....

The moment I saw my reflection, I immediately, as if I had flames on my feet, approached the damn mirror in the center, where our replicas were just coming out of the mirror. I gave them no time at all.

"Art of Lust, Third Style: Seductive Touch."

bamm!!

Without any hesitation or hesitation, with my most powerful attack I could perform immediately, and with all the strength of my stats, I struck my doppelgänger's forehead, piercing and destroying it, causing it to begin to crack.

So as not to arouse suspicion, I did the same to the rest of the crystal doppelgängers.

"...?"(x4)

They all looked at me without understanding what had happened.

The reason I acted like that was because the appearance reflected in the damn mirror was Seraphina's and not Christian's.

That's why I acted fast and decisive the moment I saw my reflection. Honestly, this was an examination where the clones would fight in coordination and well organized, using your powers even better than you.

And if you brought out a new one, like resonance, they would do something similar. It was a battle of wits where you looked for your own weaknesses and attacked with your trump card at the right time, so they wouldn't copy it.

But in the end, it was quickly destroyed by me, which was immediately heard in the voice of the messages:

[Co-Congratulations, you have passed the examination {The Reflected Shadow Challenge} in less than three minutes. You get Crystal Key (3).]

'Hey, you bastard, you just hesitated there! Don't break the mysterious voice character.'

Well, I'd better pretend I didn't hear your mistake and continue. Only one examination left, and I honestly don't know what I'm in for, since it's individual this time.

I looked at the girls, but I didn't know if their doubtful face was because of my actions or because they noticed my reflection. I just hoped it was fast enough that they didn't notice anything.

I wouldn't mind Selene finding out, in fact after this I plan to tell her, even before I tell Alice, since Selene doesn't seem to care much about that sort of thing.

Luckily, none of them asked. In the end, even the always annoying and unfiltered Eira didn't say anything. I didn't know if that was good or bad, but I better decided to face the final examination.

Which, by the way, according to my alternate self's deductions, was a major factor in awakening Silvia's obsession with William. Honestly, deep down, Silvia being a good friend, I don't want her to go down that road.

But I also knew it was necessary for Silvia's growth to come here, and I would not stand in her way of being strong.

In the end, the one who would receive Silvia's obsession is William. So it shouldn't affect me, but still, I wanted to keep Silvia from squirming like that.

But after all, it's something that represents what Silvia is and will be. It's not like I could just walk up to her and ask:

"Hey, Silvia, how about the possibility of becoming a crazy woman who would kill for William?"

or something like that, and let her choose to come or not. In the end, I decided not to interfere and leave her destiny intact, and let what has to happen happen, at least in this.

After all, the plan of [getting the good girls from William's harem] and the plan of [getting the crazy girls away from William's harem so Silvia wouldn't be a crazy yandere] don't interfere with each other.

My thoughts got there and so the five of us started walking until we reached the end of the room, where, as everywhere else, there were mirrors. But a door had appeared.

Chapter 95: {The Confrontation of the Dark Soul}

When we went through the door, we came again to another room, where there was a mirror, but this one did not reflect anything.

It was only black, it had an elaborate frame as if made of gold and it seemed to tell a story of a warrior who goes through many things to finally become a king. It was something so beautiful that it seriously impressed me.

[Welcome to the third examination: {The Confrontation of the Dark Soul}].

But this was no time for that, I knew it was inevitable, so I walked slowly forward, preparing for whatever was to come.

The rest, as usual, simply followed me. I simply looked into the mirror, where golden words began to appear.

{The true self is necessary to reach the top. Before finding a path, you must find yourself.}

And that was it. Suddenly, I felt as if something wanted to invade me, but obviously couldn't because of my blessing, but I willingly allowed that unknown force to consume me, taking me into darkness.

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At that moment, I woke up in a dark room with no trace of light. I couldn't see anything or orient myself.

I honestly did not understand whether it was real, an illusion, or whether I was conscious or in a dream. It was confusing and elusive, but I finally managed to calm down and got up, or at least I think so.

I didn't even know if there was a floor, but that's what it sense like, and somehow I did.

Suddenly, part of the place lit up, revealing another mirror. By that point, I was so tired of mirrors that I didn't want to see any more.

But the curious thing about this mirror was that what it reflected was not me..... well, it was me, the me from my previous life, a fat, ugly, bespectacled man with a gloomy aura, he was Adrian.

'So this is the examination? Reliving the past or something? Maybe an examination to get over your past self or something. Well, I don't think it's that hard,'

"How bad could it be?"

It was so cliché that I didn't really see it as difficult to overcome, I just looked at him and spoke to him.

"Hello, Adrian. It's you, isn't it? I want you to know that, since we've been reincarnated, we've been living well, apart from the fact that Goddess turned us into women. we've done a lot of things. isn't it amazing? I'm even forming my own harem, don't you think it's great?"

I started talking to her about what I guess my past self wanted to hear. I thought after that he would say he was proud of me and thus pass the examination, coming to terms with my past self.

But the somber Adrian did not move or stop looking down. He did nothing, until at last after an uncomfortably long silence he finally spoke his first words:

[Disgusting.]

"huh!?"

I couldn't understand what he was saying. Here the only thing gross, at least physically, would be my past appearance, basically him.

[Very disgusting, gross! Why, why, why, why...?]

"....."

I no longer understood what was going on. he was just talking nonsensical nonsense.

I tried to understand what this examination was about, but Adrian in the mirror started talking again.

[Do you think you can hide it with that cute look of yours? Do you think that will change how disgusting you are? Disgusting! Just disgusting!]

"What do you mean by...?"

[Disgusting.]

I was going to ask him what he meant, but he interrupted me and started yelling, I didn't like at all that he was telling me disgusting this disgusting that, for some reason his words were really bothering me

[You think because you reincarnated you can forget what you were and just sweep it all under the rug? You're disgusting!]

"wait...calm down I haven't forgotten what I am and where I came from...."

[You did. Do you think those around you would love you if they knew what a creep you are?]

"I don't know what you're talking about. I told Elena the truth, I told her about my previous life."

[So why didn't you show what you look like? Why didn't you show what you are? Why did you just create this hybrid that hides all your insecurities?]

"that's because of-..."

[You're just a disgusting toad eating swan meat, disguised as one. You're just running away from reality. You're nothing but scum who got lucky one in a million].

He wouldn't even let me talk and said whatever he wanted. I was starting to get angry.

I had my reasons, I knew the moment hadn't come, not yet, and I thought I could do it later.

Not that I would keep it from him forever, but that guy kept calling me disgusting, even though he was the only disgusting thing here.

[Heh, isn't it funny how you don't even think of me as the same person. And you say you're not running from the truth?]

"Damn!... I get it, is that it, right, I have to accept that I'm gross and you and I are the same or something, right, is that kind of examination?"

[Heh, as usual, you just think this is just some examination or mission that you have to pass. That you have to find your way out or the trick, right? But it's not. It's an examination where I'm just telling you what you are].

"Damn it, cut the crap!... I know what kind of person I was, someone who lived a life that others would consider sucked. My parents gave up on me, I had no social life, I just stayed in front of my computer doing nothing but procrastinating. Yes, I kept masturbating, watching fictional characters, and did nothing to improve myself until the end. I just died a scumbag. Is that what you want to hear?"

[You know, you forgot to talk about how you screwed up with how disgusting you are and how you pissed off the goddess, making you reborn as a woman. But, ah, it all worked out so easy. You didn't even have to do anything, did you? Suddenly, you had everything you needed and everything you wanted. And now? You're living it to the fullest? You think your life is great, don't you? Now that you have the Legacy of Lust, you've started to unleash all your disgusting desires, haven't you].

"Wait... How did you...?"

[[Oh, you ask how does he know! Easy, this place has no relation to the gods]].

At that moment, another mirror appeared to the side, in which an old woman was reflected, it was someone I had seen before and could never forget, my alternate self.

[Isn't it funny how he thinks of you as him, but doesn't do the same to me? Isn't that disgusting, how he just assumes it naturally?]

[[Haaaah... I must have made a mistake. Was this the right way? Should I have let him...? Haaa...]]

"you didn't answer my question. How are you supposed to know about the Legacy of Lust? The Gods weren't supposed to be able to see anything related to that, not even from those connected to me."

[[Right... well, that's exactly what you're thinking. The mirror is an artifact that looks at all your memories and puts you under examination... a cliché, right? And like I said, that's exactly what's going on. This is the inside of your mind, the gods can't see in here, so the protection of Lust can't interfere. Easy to understand, isn't it]]

"But still..."

[[Well, you want to get out, don't you? Well, the solution is easy, just admit how disgusting you are and you'll come out. Easy, isn't it? What you did before wasn't enough.]]

"Stop fucking with me! What kind of examination is this?!... You, me, him... we're the same. We're part of a whole, aren't we? So why do you keep saying I'm disgusting? We all are, if that's what it's all about! What else do you want me to admit? That my life was a mess? Yes, it was! That I hid in games and books while the real world ate me alive? Of course I did!! Is that what you want to hear? That even now I often talk to myself because of how lonely my former life was, that I masturbated every day to forget how miserable I was? Because yes!!, I did, until my hand ached!, Is that what you want to hear, you fuckers!!!"

My words echoed in the darkness. I felt the fury boil in my chest,

[[Yes... we're on the right track. you Keep going...]]

But these guys seemed to just want to play with me. I didn't know what they were getting at and I didn't know what to say anymore.

Even though I was aware that it was clearly an examination They were starting to back me into a corner and I didn't understand what the big deal was?

{Pathetic. This is what you've made my identity. Oh, goddess, what have I done wrong?}

At that moment, another voice was heard. I looked in that direction and, to my surprise, there was my normal appearance, or rather, Seraphina. But there was something strange, it didn't seem to be myself.

{Of course, you bastard. I'm not you, who would want to be you? Hey, one question: did you ever think about what happened to me? What happened to the person named Seraphina, huh?}

She started talking, and at that moment I realized that I had never really thought about it. I just assumed that somehow we merged and her memories passed to me, or that she had died and I took her body, as in common clichés and thought no more about it.

{What a convenient way to think, right? I can't believe that the person who took my body is just ignoring everything she doesn't want to see, burying herself in her convenient fantasies of this world, can you?}

"Wait, it's not my fault. It was the goddess who did it. I had no control over what happened."

{Yet, what did you do? You just flirted with my maid and got out of control as soon as you entered the academy, using my body in that vile way. disgusting to the end! You don't even deserve to waste my time with you. Your nasty number 2 keeps fucking with him until this exam is over }.

I was already getting tired of them judging me. Who were they to do that? What else did they want from me? I had no idea at all anymore.

I was already out of ideas of what to do and how to pass this examination that I thought would be a piece of cake.