

# TATE NO YUUSHA NO NARIAGARI

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## *Chapter 386 - Side Story - The Valentine of the Shield [0]*

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### **Authors Note:**

The title says Valentines, but the story still hasn't progress to Valentines as of this moment.

The time passed since Christmas in no time as little as one month has gone by, .....is it good? Well good that it's now February. By the way, the New Years was very noisy. On New Year's I went to visit the Shinto Shrine near the Church, but still to even have New Years in this world.

Why a Shrine? Isn't it supposed to be a church? As I thought, apparently the previous Heroes spread the tradition of visiting a Shrine instead of a church on New Year's. It seems to be the custom.

In addition I gave out New Year's gift to the Villagers at the New Year's Party, I was complained to when I handed them without putting them in a pouch.(TL: I don't know how to praise this don't they give New Year's money not gift in Japan someone please correct me)

Japanese traditions then I remember a particular woman, Glass always wearing a kimono. That person would definitely suit the New Year's atmosphere,..... but she's not here. I have completely forgotten about her, she went missing after the world was saved. She doesn't seem to be dead but I wonder what she is doing at this time.

By the way I'm currently in disguise while heading to the hideout of the Chivalrous thief.

'This way degojaru'

I gave instructions to shadow to deliver a message to the Chivalrous thief..... has it already been months? The Chivalrous thieves along with some former thief are currently expanding their hideout with some steady results.

At first he was my slave who improves through class up, thanks to the growth correction he became famous for his strength and power in other countries. He then started gathering the scattered thieves and bandits and made a thief guild in this hideout, he made it his policy to only robbed corrupt merchants. The money that was collected was then given to support the needs of the people.(TN: this reminds me of robin hood).As much as much as possible he didn't attack carriages that are under my jurisdiction, and after that he became famous as the Chivalrous thief. Once everyone has gathered, I then receive a report from shadow.

The Chivalrous thief who became famous is bound to me and acted base on my instructions. It's been a long time since we last saw each other I wonder what kind of face he'll make. Today we will have a meeting of the Dark Guild inside the Chivalrous thieves' hideout. By the way about Raphtalia and the other slave. Well... I kinda scold them for being noisy.

The hideout was built in the corner of an underground waterway of a certain town. It appears that my party is a little hesitance to enter because of the appearance and bad smell. The guards start to glare at us as soon as we got near the hideout.

`Password?'

`Katsudon'

...What! That's the password? I think every time. That this method is the chivalrous thief way of harassing me. Oh well it only to the degree of sarcasm it can't be helped.

"Tsk! Enter"

While clicking his tongue, the guard gave us permission to enter the hideout. As we enter I put on my robe so as not to reveal my face. The atmosphere in the Chivalrous Thief Guild became heavy……. it doesn't feel good. The thieves who works as Chivalrous Chief start making a commotion as soon as we enter the bar. Shadow continue to guides us closer to the counter of the bar, and orders.

“Milk shake “

The master of the bar stares at us then asked.

“How sweet?”

“Highest degojaro“

With shadows reply, the master of the bar while sighing opens the way to the back of the counter. Can't you do anything about that password? How sweet do you want you Milkshake, and you answered highest. If it's sweet it should be condense milk.

I and shadow went inside to the back of the bar. From there was a long hallway, and thus we began walking towards the inner hideout. This is too troublesome, is it that important to be this vigilant. It seems that the entrance is for the lower ranking member, and along the back is where you may find the higher ranking members of the organization.

We arrive at a luxurious room at the innermost part. The thief that I knew as the boss of the Chivalrous thief guild, along with the slave dealer and accessory merchant was sitting there waiting for me. While I carefully check around my surroundings I took of my robe.

'This is the Hero of the shield. Yes'

"fufufu. It seems that you're in good health"

"It has been a long time hasn't it Hero of the shield"

Everyone lightly greeted me. Today is the regular meeting with the dark guild.

"After a long time of not seeing each other, how have you guys been."

"I'm fine. Yes. "

"That talk is meaningless for a merchant. Fufufufu. "

"Oh. I have achieved my aimed amount by robbing noble and merchant "

I sit down while listening to a familiar conversation, and hearing everyone's condition. While Shadow was straining his ears at the entrance of the room. It is to make sure that no one eavesdrop in our conversation, they are former thieves after all.

"Let's begin today's meeting. Yes. "

The slave dealer raised his hand, then he start to give his report even though this guys do dark business they still helped in saving the world, even if they are wearing dark masks. In order to help Melty we must take the initiative, in a world that is still in confusion and disorder to stop countries from fighting and have them discuss in negotiating table.

In the first place even Melromark has its dark side of using demi-humans as slaves. Although currently it has alleviated slightly, but it was custom that is deep-rooted in this country.

It is to say that even though the world became at peace, but that doesn't mean that slavery would be gone. Suddenly abolishing slavery and everyone becoming equal what happy story. It wouldn't change that easily the desire for an easy to handle labor force is too great. Let alone the world is still in confusion, in the other world the one that wins the war often start marauding and plundering. It's a phenomenon that you can easily imagine.

Since I defeated that Goddess, while indulging in the feeling of victory, A few days later reports came regarding a group of marauders looting and plundering. There's a limit in naively thinking that anything goes so long as you win. It's very suspicious to view these guys to actually be decent when they can't even fight fare.

"According to the investigation of the dark guild Zerutoburu started performing slave hunting. "

The slave dealer begins to explain to me while holding the documents with one hand. Particularly I don't intend to abolish the slave system itself. There are even guys who become slaves due to other circumstance like poverty.

Loosing ones freedom, rather than being killed in cold blood is still a better possibility. There is only a few numbers of people who view this negatively. This is closely tied to money, where the poor people are no different from slave doing hard labor.

Come to think of it even in modern Japan there are guys who work hard without getting the proper compensation like slave. I want to improve as a person, but even if I become an excellent person there are still a lot of

hopeless people in the world. I don't think that will change, even if the world was saved.

"In conclusion they tend to expand their number of slaves, but the potential for runaways also increase. "

"Hmnn "

The description of this and that barely scratch the story of the slave dealer. The world of glass was considerably messed up by the Goddess. Apparently there are countries that are recognise and some that lost the war around the world. And barbarians as well. To acquire additional resource. groups started to perform slave hunting with the minds of a frontier.

The first on the list is Sildfreeden and the former state of Faubrey. ( TN: I don't know what state is that)After launching a war against Melromark and the allied nations and being defeated, it was ordered to pay enormous reparation. For invading other countries, they must take responsibility. It is sad that they were proclaiming that it was for freedom, equality and justice.

After all, people tend to misused the meaning of freedom. You have the rights to start a war, but you don't have the rights to abandon your responsibility when you lose. To selfishly use the word freedom and not take responsibility for it. (TN: reminds me of Itsuki attitude)

Because it didn't become public, Melty can't do anything.by using good smoke screen they were able to silent potential complaint. From Melty's standpoint, things that should be paid must be paid.

The world is now at peace, that is it became a little more decent. To me this world is still rotten, it wouldn't change that easily. Since the other party

is acting behind the scene, we will also do the same. Anyway, it's the world's problem when the defeated countries start slave hunting and plundering other countries in order to recover their economy.

"And what about you? "

Then I ask the accessory merchant to give his report.

"It something similar, it seems that art, antique and memorabilia's are in circulation in the black-market. "

"It is quite deplorable. "

Winners are right. Losers are always in the wrong. I mean is kicking them while their down, it's naive to think that they won't start garbing anything with value from the losing sides. But it's also rare to hear story about these kinds of people.

"Even if the art is similar appraising it is quit difficult, so the price does not go up. "

"I see. "

So at t present the world civilization is considerably similar to glass. I wonder about the difference between East and West, there seem to be a country similar to Japan in the east.

World of glass and Japanese tend to be. I wonder if that is to say elves and dwarves are wearing kimono? Oh, do I lose if I mind it? There are many other races too. The rare racial slave trade will be prosperous in this sense.

…… It seems that there also those kinds in the world. Guys who like to collect. However the purpose is to collect and gather demons and demi-

human and not to kill. The problem is when they die. A collector just might use taxidermy and stuffed them. I correct the talk, and shift to collect foreign articles, or it seems to explode in rise in price, and …… is scary.

“Hey, do you understand?”

I glared at the cause, the thieves from the chivalrous thief. The chivalrous thief overwhelmed by the silence swallowed and nodded.

“Oh I think there is something like that when we seize and attack an underground auction at Zerutoburu.”

That’s fine, as much as possible the goods that are likely to be collected become overpriced. I’m feeling the risk to take the hit and say things. At worst we could use the hero. “

I let Rishia and three others to go and protect the first in the list against theft and slave hunting from the world of glass. It is a certain meaning, plain evil. The plunder is only evil to sympathize with you that there may be a reason for a partnership.

We should ask for the reason when we catch him. It is difficult to say that as much as possible to catch those without killing them. If you have too conspicuous predatory behavior, and performs an inspection a hero can openly judge it.

“At the moment it’s stopped for now, but I don’t know what will happen. “

The air becomes heavy after the Chivalrous thief’s word. Everyone isn’t as resign to let the hero stop it its quite depressing. Light glistens in the

darkness, or to say it stimulates the otakus mind, but it's not so good to be bothered by it.

"So for the time being, I plan to emphasize on security to get everything under control of the situation. While cooperating with the underworld organization at Zerutoburu. "

"What do you want me to do? "

" First to create a rule in the dark for the shameful act of slave-hunting, but it will be difficult. "

There are also rules in the underworld. The person who breaks this rule will be labelled as the lowest in the underworld. Then they would need to jump the hurdle to perform the crime.

Well, it's also quite difficult to make this rule. It is a situation to even paralyzed someone from the dark guild regarding racial treatment. It is so the hero should keep a close watch on the state of the slave hunting, it is to the extent that the danger is dark guild itself. If I make it so to introduce the rules to the underworld, in order to cross that dangerous bridge.

Profitable it might be, but the risk is too big. That's why even the dark Guild is punishable. In order to reduce the burden, we would have to use the assignation squad. I don't want any failures.

To compromise we will have to put the hero of the bow and Risha in the area.

"Do you think the hero will understand and act in advance? Yes. "

That's a good point knowing about the slave dealer is terrible thing.

"We will carry on with the business even if the Hero-sama is against it. Yes."

"Well that's about it, I'm not to abolish slavery itself. The problem is the act of forcibly making slave by slave hunting."

When you do such a thing, it becomes a racial crucible that is possible to be tied by neck and hang that is a famous story know country in my world. Is what I say, but even slaves are human too. Well, to be specific demi-humans are not lump together as human but a race.

"Oh it seems the hero aim is to abolish it, but from the standpoint of the hero of the shield is different."

"In my position it is unlikely. If someone wants to do an anti-slavery movement let him do it. But it's not now. "

The first place I being hero of the shield who once uses slave until now, have no right to start an anti-slave movement. I never intended to that from the beginning.

"All I can say is, the time has come to move according to words of the hero. Yes. "

Well, if you say so. I who am the hero who save this world from the darkness. Put black and white together, and white becomes black. When I do something bad, it does not reach the ears of the public.

It better no be the possibility of cross cultural exchange to the obstacle. Conflict might happen in the world after, but it is what we should do now

that happy people do in many times.

Well it feels contradictory when I say to abolish slavery, but a compromise is necessary. It's impossible to make everyone happy. Therefore I act in order to at least make some people happy.

It is the obligation of the heroes who remained on this world.

Billboard that stands heavier than you would think. Easy to use and comfortable around people but there is catching. The position of the person who called hero is required characteristics of a hero. Therefore I am out of character, but should do it like a hero. Because I receive a lot of benefits, I can't complain. Although it's kinda troublesome in many ways.

"Well, please continue with your report. "

Afterwards we continued to talk about elaborate measure. The accessory merchant reported on areas that are dangerous to step into and the once that can bring the most profit. This guy notice the condition of the neighborhood and made a list of dangerous goods from the accessory merchants acquaintance. The story of slave hunting and plundering were discuss considerably.