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That Person. Later on...

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ワズ

物語の主人公。
山から下りたらなぜか
最強の男に。

メアル

龍王ラグニールの娘。
ワズが気に入って
一緒に旅に出る。

サローナ

エルフの美しき戦士。
エルフどうしの争いをワズに
助けてもらう。

タタ

娼館の美女。
貪欲な領主に連れ去られた
ところをワズに救われる。

Chapter 41
What You Ought To Have

I fell down on all fours in front of Garret-sans place where no one was there anymore. I slowly stood up and began to walk unsteadily to the inn while watching my own feet move step by step. Keyla-san tried to call out when she saw me coming, but looking at my depressed state, she immediately went to the counter and handed me the key.

“What's wrong with that face? I don’t know what happened, just rest for today!” (Keyla)

She said so and lightly pushed my back. I lightly lowered my head to answer and entered the usual room. Inside the room, I threw my body on the bed and slept....

Lula brought me a meal.
I ate a little.
She told me to cheer up.
I slept.

Baldie is come.
He had a face which seems to feel awkward.
I slept.

Keyla-san brought me a meal.
She patting my back with **bashi-bashi*.*
I slept.

When I noticed it, Meru was patting my head with **pon-pon**.
Are you trying to comfort me?
Thank you.
I slept.

Then the door was opened forcefully after two days had passed. I slowly looked at the door, lightly dressed Orlando shouldering a big bag was there. Orlando come in with **zuka-zuka** and grabbed my arm.

“I heard the circumtances from Regan-san!! Let’s go!!” (Orlando)

Eh? Where?

Orlando dragged me out by the hand. Wait!? What on earth are you doing!? Please leave me alone!! Or rather, what’s that Baldie selfishly have told you!!

Orlando brought me to the place a little away from the city, it was a dreary plain with nothing.

“Why on earth did you bring me to a place like this?” (Wazu)

After he took a reasonable distance from me, Orlando took out a wooden sword from the bag he was carrying on and pointing the tip at me.

“What? Are you asking for a duel?” (Wazu)

“Well, something like that I guess. In anticipation of your strenght, I want you to accompany me practice. Just a little---

Here I go!!” (Orlando)

Orlando came to cut me with the sword but I avoided it half heartedly. Although I wouldn’t be hurt even if the attack landed.

“What are you really wanting to do?” (Wazu)

I asked while avoiding the slash, but Orlando only gave a refreshing smile.

“When you're feeling down, if you go out like this and move your body, it usually will make you feel better” (Orlando)

“Well....” (Wazu)

I'm don't feel better in particular. Besides, I hardly moved since it's started. Heck, can I go back?

“Beside, I want to tell you something” (Orlando)

“Tell me something?” (Wazu)

“Ah.... although it’s just my personal opinion” (Orlando)

Then, Orlando ceased his movement. Before I could react, a thrust landed on my chest.

“Wazu!! You are unsightly!!” (Orlando)

“Guhaaa.....” (Wazu)

Critical hiiiiiiiiiiiiit!!!! I hold my chest down. This guy.... all of sudden.... uggh.... I know that my face is ordinary.... I’m not handsome like you.... Bu-but I won’t cry....

“Why do you look like you're about to cry.... did you misunderstand something?” (Orlando)

“What!?.... I know that my face isn’t handsome like you....” (Wazu)

“That’s no it!! I didn’t mean unsightly in that way!! Well thanks for the compliment though!!” (Orlando)

Yoshh, let’s kill him. Now, I can hit him seriously. Let's shattering the stars.

“Listen, what I’m trying to say is your current state is unsightly!! Indeed, getting dumped after being used by a woman you like, as a man I feel sorry for you” (Orlando)

Guhhaaa....!!

Damn.... could it be that he’s trying to kill me with his words....

“But, look at yourself!! Being depressed and sleeping all day along!! That’s just wrong!!” (Orlando)

“Face the reality if you are a man!!” (Orlando)

“Be proud of what you’ve saved!” (Orlando)

“Surely you were abandoned. But you have brought her smile back. Isn’t that enough!? Let me tell you this---

It was because you are a MAN!!” (Orlando)

Orlando struck my face with a fist instead a wooden sword. I accepted his fist and pain runs on my cheeks. I understand that he's seriously hit me to convey that what he said was also serious.

Well....

You are really cool, Orlando....

My tears came overflowing naturally. It transmitted to Orlando’s fist through my cheeks. But still, he look straight at me.

“What’s this.... Why do you say such words to me....” (Wazu)

Orlando pulls his fist and clenches it hard.

“I don’t know what you think but---” (Orlando)

He turned his fist to me.

“For me, you are my friend!! That’s why I said this to you!!” (Orlando)

I see.... a friend, huh....

“What an awful friend.... do you always hit someone you referred to as a friend?” (Wazu)

“Because we are friends!” (Orlando)

Don’t give me that smile, I’m no match for you.

“Fine.... if you are my friend, will you keep silent about this?” (Wazu)

“Of course!” (Orlando)

He said so and turned away his body on the spot to the other side.

I keep shouting and crying out loud to my heart content....

After I cried for a while, I felt strangely refreshed. Just as Orlando said, because I was able to save Tata, I decided that it was enough. It’s still painful when I think about what cat-eared woman said.... it also made me remember about Aria and Sarona-san.... but my friend supported me. I managed to stand and look forward. When I was wiping my tears behind---

“Are you feeling better?” (Orlando)

--- he said so while smiling.

“Yeah, I feel better” (Wazu)

“That’s good” (Orlando)

“All right!! Well then, how about we continue the practice?” (Wazu)

“No.... that wasn’t my intention to bring you here....” (Orlando)

“Be at ease! As a Friend, I will accompany you to practice thoroughly!!” (Wazu)

After that, we practiced compulsorily.

Chapter 42
Departure

Training with Orlando--- Even though I say that, all I did was just avoid his slash attack, if there is a gap I would tap him lightly. I mean, I don't understand a thing about swordsmanship--- but there was something I had understood after repeating such activity. Orlando is a instinctively genius.

I didn't taught him anything in particular, but after doing practice swings for several times he suddenly said --"I get it!!"-- and it's certain that after some time later, I can sense that his attack seems to be improving.

We repeated this activity over and over again. I think his capability has risen up surpassing a majority of B-rank adventurer. Still not on the same level as A-ranked "Black Flame" but it's not impossible because his swordmanship almost reached the same level as them. Well, it's just my feeling.

Orlando is sprawled out on the plain. Because we have spent a considerable amonut of time, he was sweating profusely and breathing heavily right now. On the other side, I'm just sitting lei~su~re~ly beside him.

"Haa~.... Haa~.... how could.... even after moving.... so much.... there is not single sweat...." (Orlando)

"Well, because I have a fundamentally different strength level from you" (Wazu)

"Haa~.... to be honest.... it's going too far.... Haa~...." (Orlando)

The most part of sun has already set, let's go back after Orlando regained his breath. I have caused trouble to Meru, Keyla-san, and other people, I should apologize later.

"Say...." (Orlando)

"Hmm?" (Wazu)

"I wonder if.... I was strong enough to be a knight...." (Orlando)

“Why not? You are strong as now!” (Wazu)

“I see....” (Orlando)

You are strong enough. At least much better than average knight out there.

“.... Yoshh!! I have decided it!!” (Orlando)

Orlando got up and look at me.

“I will go to Mabondo kingdom to become a knight!!” (Orlando)

“Oh~ Do your best!!” (Wazu)

“That’s right, if you don’t mind, would you like to go to the kingdom with me?” (Orlando)

Mabondo kingdom, huh? Certainly, even if I continue to stay in Linninc city just like this.... I look at the sky while think about it. When I take a glance at Orlando, he had put on a serious expression. It seems he was asking me seriously. Well, Orlando is a nice guy, he is a friend that you can rely on. --”It’s a farewell then!”-- I couldn’t just say that.

I faced Orlando.

“Not a bad idea, I guess. I want to see the figure of Orlando as a knight” (Wazu)

“Of course!! Just wait and I will show you!! My gallant figure as a knight!!” (Orlando)

“When are we going?” (Wazu)

“Actually I'm ready anytime, it just hard to find a determination.... so I would like to go as soon as possibe?” (Orlando)

“That’s fine. I don’t have anything to do in particular, except to say goodbye to the people that took care of me in this city” (Wazu)

“Then, how about you do a round farewell tomorrow, and we will depart in the morning the day after tomorrow, how’s that?” (Orlando)

“Sound’s good to me” (Wazu)

Orlando stood up, --”Yeah!! Let’s do it!!”-- and cried out.

“Let’s go by foot. We will train throughly until arriving at the kingdom” (Wazu)

“O-ouuuu~.... bring it....” (Orlando)

He was obviously feels reluctant. But it’s all right, because I will give you a hands.

We went back to the city to prepare. Upon arriving at the inn, to Keyla-san and Lula --”It’s all right now. Thanks for your concern”-- I said so while lowering my head.

While beating my shoulder with **bashi-bashi** Keyla-san was, --”There were also various things happening when I was at your age”-- she said so while laughing splendidly.

Then, when I told Lula that I will be leaving this city the day after tomorrow, --”I won’t miss you”-- she said so while looking lonely. I was told that tomorrow they will make a luxorious dish for me.

--”Thank you very much!”-- I lowered my head and return to my room where Meru was there. I lowered my head and thanked her in the same manner, but somehow it feels funny. Wait, you didn’t do anything.... oh well.

After that I told her that we will leave the city. Tomorrow I will be going to say goodbye to people around and make neccessary preparation for the journey, for that reason I ask Meru to come along because I will put everything into her Space-Time Magic for later.

On the next day, I greeted all people that I got to know in this city. We bought a large amout of food from a stalls and put them into the Space-Time Magic. You may nibble on the food but please don't eat it too much, I will keep an eye on Meru.

Then, I stopped by the adventurer guild at the end of greeting. Emma-san and other guild staffs were --”The valuable fighting force is.....”-- said so. Huh? Is that you concerned with? I enter the guild master’s room to greet Regan.

“I see, you will leave huh....” (Regan)

“Yeah, thanks for taking care of me” (Wazu)

“Don’t mind it. Instead, you are the one who has taken care of me so this is a parting gift” (Regan)

Regan threw something small to me. I grabbed and confirmed it was a small bagde. The wind flows in a round shining world, the design gave such feeling.

“It was a sign for all party members from my adventuring time. Show it to the master of the adventurer guild headquarter in the imperial capital along with my name and you will receive some convenience. Probably....” (Regan)

“Master of the guild headquarter? Your acquintance?” (Wazu)

“That’s my sister.... But her personality is the worst” (Regan)

Regan had an irritating face when remembering about his sister. The why are you trying to introduce such a person to me....?

“Well, be sure to come visit this city again in the future” (Regan)

“Yeah but before that.... you told Orlando about my circumtances without permisson, so let me hit you once?” (Wazu)

“Guhh....” (Regan)

When he tried to escape from a window, I caught him quickly and delivered a light punch. With this I could leave without any lingering feeling. I went back to the inn and enjoyed a luxurious dish as promised yesterday.

The next day, we assembled at the gate early in the morning. Meru is sleeping on my head. In this place, Regan and Keyla-san, Lula, Emma-sa and her husband, in addition of those who I met in this city. There are also Orlando’s workplace collague and his acquintance. --”Thank you~”-- or --”Good luck~”-- came from everyone’s mouth. They

are encouraging us. Inside this rain of encouragement, we started our journey to the imperial city of Mabondo kingdom.

Chapter 43
We Arrived At The Village But....

There are 2 villages that exist on the highway that connected Linninc city and the Imperial Capital. One of them is Oishi village, it takes 5 days on foot from Linninc city. I heard that from Orlando. We had spent plenty of time for training before we arrive at the village. Sometimes our opponent was a monster that appeared, we also faced each other regulary, we did various things.

However, I couldn't grasp anything, there was no such a thing as inprovement on my side. Well, I think that my VIT stat was so high because I got hurt so much before, not from training. With such a feeling, we walked slowly to the Oishi village. It took us 7 days that normally only needed 5 days.

The two of us entered the Oishi village. Although it's not so large, the surruonding village is fortified with a brick wall and there are many inns and taverns. It was completely built for people who were traveling to the imperial capital. However I couldn't see anyone. There were no innkeepers, no customers, really no one. Orlando and me looked at each other and carefully observed the surrounding while being vigilant. Orlando pulled the sword from his waist. I was also warned Mearu that feeling restless on my head just in case.

We proceeded slowly and reached an open space like a village square where a crowd people gathered in the center. I wondered what this commotion was about.... well, we will see later. Orlando put back the sword to its sheath and approaches the crowd.

"What's happened here?" (Orlando)

"....!!!!"

Everyone stirred up when Orlando call out. They are staring as if appraising us, then a man came out of the crowd.

"....and you are?"

"Ah forgive me. We are travelers in the middle of our trip to the Imperial Capital from Linninc city" (Orlando)

“Is that so.... I’m sorry but we are not in a state to received an outsider at the moment. Please continue your journey!”

“However, it seems to be a serious matter, we can lend our power if it’s needed” (Orlando)

Orlando spoke to the man with a full face smile to gain a favorable impression. Such smiling face is impossible for me. The man come back to the crowd to consulting with his friends. Their flickering glance is aimed towards Meru instead of Orlando. I feel something unpleasant so I called out to Orlando.

“Hey, I feel something unpleasant, why don’t we pass quickly?” (Wazu)

“What are you talking about Wazu? If someone is in trouble, it’s a knights job to help!!” (Orlando)

You are not yet a knight, right? What....? You are already a knight in the heart?

Haaa.... after sighing out I tried to convince Orlando more strongly but before that happen, the man came back and spoke to Orlando.

“I’m sorry to kept you waiting. I will tell you about the situation, so if it’s possible could you lend us your power?”

“Yeah!! Leave it to me!!” (Orlando)

Whatever! When I turned my eyes wide towards the crowd of people, some people jumped out and disappeared somewhere.

“Actually the thieves had attacked a while ago, and a girls in the village had been kidnapped”

“What!? That’s a serious matter!!” (Orlando)

“So now, I thought to gather the young people in the village to take them back....”

“I understand. Because I’m confident with my power somewhat, let me help too by all means, please!!” (Orlando)

“That would be a great help”

“Of course Wazu will also come, right?” (Orlando)

Orlando asked for confirmation from me, but I pretended to think without responding. Well....

For now I will reply as if were troubled.

“No, I will stays here” (Wazu)

On my reply Orlando showed an “Eh?” face and the man showed discontent face for a moment. I tell him a reason that I have to come up with.

“Maybe the thieves will come again. I will stay here so you can go over there. It’s all right, it will be simple thing with the current you now” (Wazu)

“I see.... It certainly has its danger, it’s a good idea to split our fighting force. Yoshh, I leave this place to you!! Let’s go right away!!” (Orlando)

“Eh....!?”

When Orlando said to me --”I'm going”-- he took several people and went outside the village. Do your best because it was also part of the training. While looking in the direction Orlando went, the previous man spoke to me.

“Eh? You are not going?”

“Hmm? I don’t want to go, because the thieves are here as well” (Wazu)

I laugh fearlessly toward the man from earlier.

“No, the thieves are----”

“First of all, even it’s true that a women and child were kidnapped, it’s impossible that no one left. Moreover, I didn't see any young man or old man in this place” (Wazu)

“Next, this place should have a lot if villagers but there are too few people here no matter how you think about it. Although this is an Inn village but there are no customers at all. Probably, you confined all of them somewhere in the village, right?” (Wazu)

“This is the end of my speculation, there are some of your companions who are heading there first right? the guys who left the crowd earlier went to give the news to other guys so they can launch an attack from behind. In other words, it’s a pincer attack plan. How’s that?” (Wazu)

Without uttering a word, the man clicks his tongue and gave a signal to his companion by hand. Then a group of people apeared from everywhere, surrounded as to draw a circle around me. There are twice as many people as before.

“Hee!! You are quite smart despite your appearance, but there are somethings in the world that’s better unsaid. Did you think you could defeat us if the people here were reduced? Too bad!!”

He said so with a triumphant look and recived a sword from a man behind. Meanwhile I was lightly streching.

“One, two, ..., seven, eight, ...” (Wazu)

“....? what are you doing?”

“Eh? warming up!” (Wazu)

It’s for blowing you away.

Chapter 44
Even It's Famous, I Don't Know What I Didn't Know

The man continued to speak while ignoring my remark. Eh? when will we start? Just hurry and come at me.

"It seems you don't know who am I?"

"Oh, he doesn't know about *Aniki*? He must have just come from the countryside!!"

"Gyahahaha!!"

" ? " (Wazu)

No, I really don't know and I don't care at all.

"I will tell you if you don't know!! I am little brother of great bandits **Digondo Brother**'s leader, Gondo" (Gondo)

" ..... " (Wazu)

I tilted my head. On second thought I still don't know, I never heard his name and all. The other bandits added an explanation with a loud voice.

"No, it's impossible he didn't know!!"

"This is Digondo's brother we are talking about!!"

"Did everything from rape, murder, robbery, and other criminal acts!!"

"There is a bounty on his head!!"

“It’s 100 gold coin no less!!”

“Even B-rank adventurer are no match for him!!”

“And this Gondo-sama is his brother” (Gondo)

“Heee~” (Wazu)

“ “ “ “What’s with that weak reaction!!!” “ “ “

Huh? Is that surprising? It’s just B-ranked adventurer right? it’s not a big deal. But 100 gold coins rewards.... did Orlando know about it? wait a second.... if the little brother is here, does that mean Orlando is headed to the big brother.... will he be all right? I think it’s not a problem in a 1-on-1 fight, but if there are a lot of opponents, or if they are take a villager as hostage....

Yosshi, I will finish these guys quickly and save the villager.

“That’s enough.... You guys get rid of him!! But be careful to handle a dragon child on his head because we can sell it for a super-high price later!!” (Gondo)

“ “ “ Ouu!!!! “ “ “

The other bandits are attacking all at once. Swords, knives, hand axes, etc. they are armed with various kinds if weapons. I tried not to drop Meru from my head while avoiding their attack. I adjust my power to a degree as not kill each person and knocked all of them down in one strike.

“Hoi! Hoi! Hoi!” (Wazu)

The bandits who were beaten up gathered in one place and stacked up like a mountain. The mountain gradually become larger while the bandits surrounded me were decreased. Noticed the abnormal situation, the rest of the bandits were hesitating to come towards me so I come towards them instead.

Currently, there are only two people left standing in this place, me and the little brother of something. When I cast the dust off my shoulder, this little brother raised a voice while trembling.

“Wh-Wh-Wh-What the heck are you.... to defeated this number of people in no time....” (Gondo)

“Even you asked me that.... Ah!! For now I’m just a F-rank adventurer, I guess?” (Wazu)

Come to think of it, where did I put my guild card again. There are various thing to remember and it was completely falling out of my head. When I arrive in the kingdom, I need to submit an application to raise my rank.

“Th-That’s a lie!! With so much strength, it’s impossible that you are just F-rank adventurer!!” (Gondo)

No, I’m telling the truth. Should I show you my guild card? While I was looking for my guild card, the little brother showed his back and ran away.

“Wait a moment, I will show it to you!!” (Wazu)

I move in front of the little brother in a flash, but he attack me with his sword while shouting before I could show him my guild card.

“Uwaaa~a~a~a!!!!” (Gondo)

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Because the swords is aimed at my head, I tried to catch it with my finger so as not to hit Meru. But it’s shattered instead. Somehow, I feel sorry. The little brother stunned when looking at his broken sword. I didn’t feel like showing him my guild card anymore so I knocked him down and throw it to the mountain of bandits.

I was troubled in front of a mountain of bandits. I can leave them just as is but what if they wake up and run away. While I thought about what to do, an idea came into my mind. But first, I asked Meru to search for villagers that should have been confined somewhere. While Meru flew around the village, I lightly beat the ground in the square to make a hole that fits for 4-5 people in. I buried the bandits into a hole while leaving their head outside. I made similar holes to buried other bandits.

I repeated the same work many times. Finally, I finished burying the little brother in the hole for one person. As Meru came back, I opened my hands and waited for her. She landed on my face instead, after a little struggle to climb onto my head she pointed her small limb to one direction.

“Should I go over there?” (Wazu)

“Kyui~!” (Meru)

The place Meru pointed was a village’s assembly hall. There were two people that acted as guards, I buried them in the same manner as the other bandits. There was a big lock prepared by the bandits at the door but with **eii** I snapped it into two. There were a lot of people inside when I opened the door. Everyone's attention were focused on me.

“Who are you....? One of the bandits....?”

Because it’s a little strange to see me entering the assembly hall alone, an elder old man asks for confirmation from me. I briefly explained the current situation and released everyone. They are conveyed their gratitude to me and I found out that the elder old man is a village chief. I told the chief that my friend is still in a fight with other bandits so I will join him. I asked some adventurers to watch the bandits that I buried in the ground. I asked Meru to search for Orlando’s location from his smell. I dashed as soon as Meru pointed to one direction.

Orlando, please stay safe....

Chapter 45
Hang In There!! Orlando!!

We headed towards a nearby forest following Orlando's scent. As we got near the location Meru was pointed at, I can see Orlando had pulled out his sword in a slightly open place. He was confronted with around 10 bandits. The biggest guy among the bandits held a little girl while pressed the blade of his axe at her neck.

It seems they are using a hostage to seal Orlando's movement. On Orlando's left shoulder there was a cut down to his back with a little blood flowing. Perhaps, he was caught in a surprise attack from a bandit who went with him. For now, it was good that nothing serious happened to him. Orlando who noticed me, asked about the situation.

"Wazu!! What are you doing here?" (Orlando)

"What... I just came to check" (Wazu)

"Who are you bastard?"

"Ah! He was the idiot's friend who stayed behind at the village"

One of the bandits called the Giant who took the girl hostage as a boss, and told him about me. However, don't call my friend an idiot or.... I'll kill you.

"Fuu~.... so, you are the leader of this Brother something right?" (Wazu)

"It's Digondo Brothers!!"

"Bastard, you don't know about this Digo-sama the leader of Digondo Brothers?" (Digo)

The surrounding bandits started ranting.

"Oh, I heard it earlier. The bandits who were in a village carefully told me that. Well, right now they were buried in the ground though" (Wazu)

“ “ “ ..?.. “ “ “

The bandits looked at me as if didn’t understand what I was talking about. On the other side, Orlando had a bitter smile while imagining their situation. It was hard work you know? To bury all of them.

“I don't understand what you are talking about.... forget it, I can confirm it later. Neither of you don’t dare to move hands or legs from where you stand” (Digo)

The Giant pressed his axe to the girl he was holding. The girl shed tears in her eyes, she couldn’t scream or move because of fear. I call out to Orlando.

“Orlando, can you take care the big man? It’s all right, your power is enough. Just think about it as practice” (Wazu)

“.....All right!!” (Orlando)

“Bastard, if you dare to move even a little----” (Gado)

I dissappeared from the place at the same time as Orlando nodded.

“I can’t guarantee the girls safety.... this girl sa....” (Gado)

The man seeing his own hands grabbing thin air. Then he look at me holding the girl with a surprised expression.

“Wha... how the hell.... what kind of skill is this....?” (Gado)

I just move a bit seriously though. The girl who didn't understand the situation remained solid. I held the girl up and stroking her back to calm her.

“It’s all right now. Just stay still a little longer” (Wazu)

Orlando also showed a relieved look to see the girl in my hand. He put words with a gentle expression while facing the girl in order to calm her down. Then the girl’s cheeks turned red. I am the one who saved you though.... sigh.... I am never popular with woman, I thought so.

“You guys, surround and kill them!!” (Gado)

The bandits surround us following the Giant's words. I called out Orlando while watching that.

"As I said earlier, you take care the big man and leave the rest of the bandits to me" (Wazu)

"All right!!" (Orlando)

Orlando ran up towards the Giant after giving a short reply. The other bandits rushed forward, tried to block his way but the Giant man swung his axe to stop Orlando's momentum, the sword and axe collided.

"He is my share!! You guys kill that guy over there!!" (Gado)

Following the order, the rest of the bandits came to attack me together. I kicked them out while avoiding their attack so the girl doesn't get hit. I mean, I was holding the girl so both of my hands are occupied. Like the bandits in the village I make other mountain here.

Not long, all bandits has piled up like a mountain. The Giant had a look of astonishment by the results.

"Impossible!!!" (Gado)

"O~ii, are you sure you have time to looking at that?" (Orlando)

Not missing a chance made by himself, Orlando's sword reached his abdomen and made a shallow cut.

"Bastard, I'll kill you!!!" (Gado)

The Giant swung his axe, however Orlando parried it with his sword calmly. Still, sometimes Orlando was in a dangerous situation. Apparently each other's ability seems to be close. Even so, it feels as though Orlando is slightly overwhelming. The Giant that can't decide the game gradually showing an irritated expression on his attack. Without missing the chance, Orlando struck his body while avoiding his axe that came at him, the Giants stance crumbled and Orlando unleash another slash attack. The Giant stood up to regain his stance while throwing dirt that he picked up

when he fell towards Orlando. Even with his vision being deprived, Orlando succeeded to piercing the Giant's chest with his sword.

"Aaaa~....." (Gado)

When Orlando pulled his sword from his chest, the Giant fell as if he had lost all his power. Without minding the blood that attached on his sword, Orlando wipes the sweat from his face while showing a smile of victory.

"Do you feel stronger now?" (Wazu)

"Yeah.... fwuuh.... I was a little unsure before, because I couldn't even make you serious to fight me" (Orlando)

With a forced smile I entrust the girl to Orlando. I let him to rescue the other people that got captured. Since there possibility that the place was guarded, I warn him to be careful and see him off. I raised the already dead Giant man with one hand and put it together with the other bandits. After finished loaded them I walked slowly towards the village.

Chapter 46
Ring And Sword

When I arriving at the village, the chief and some adventurers were waiting at the entrance of a village. I told them that Orlando was currently rescuing the other people and entrusted the cleaning up of the giant man's body to them. It seems the village chief has already sent a fast horse to Linninc city to ask for reinforcement. I took the other bandits who were still alive to their companion in the village square.

The cheers are raised from the entrance of the village. It seems Orlando has come back with the people who were caught. I buried the bandits I brought in the same manner and walked towards the village's entrance to meet Orlando and Meru.

Orlando was applauded and surrounded by people in the village, words of appreciation come flying from everywhere. He received a grand welcome while several women entwined their arm to him. I was looking at the scene from outside the circle.

Umm.... I was also working hard you know!!

Meru is patting my head with **peshi-peshi** as soon as she understood what I thought.

Uu, Meru is the only one who understands me!! This is the disparity due to our faces!!

Orlando who notices me being comforted by Meru waving his hand. The crowds finally realize my existence and come to say their thanks while hitting my back with **bashi-bashi*.*

I was surrounded by men.... Orlando was surrounded by women...

DAMN IT!!!!!!!!!! Even though I was stronger than him!!!!!!!!!!

After that, Orlando and I were invited to a celebration banquet that was held in the assembly hall. Several people insisted to invite me to drink some liquors but I refused it politely. I promised not to drink anymore.

There was a talk about treasures that the bandits had amassed so I asked Orlando. It seems we got the ownership because we defeated them and he ask me back about what to do. Not only treasures, there are also bandits who had a bounty on their heads and is seems to be a considerable amount. Orlando and I headed to a small room where the treasures were kept for confirmation.

Inside the room, we take out and line up the contents of a bag for confirmation. There are various items inside, swords, knives, spears, axes, etc. Some of them are rusty but there was also beautiful jewelry inside the bag. Other than jewelry there are silver coins, gold coins, and several magic items that I don't know its function. We are slowly checking various items one by one. After a while I took a ring that peeked my interest.

“What is this ring?” (Wazu)

“Aah....” (Orlando)

I look at the ring on my palm. Although the shape is just like a normal ring, there is half shaped green gem embedded beautifully at the upper part of ring. I'm curious about a reason why is the gem half shaped....

“That's.... could it be “Ring of order”“ (Orlando)

“Ring of order?” (Wazu)

“Yeah, I have seen one a long time ago. It's said to be a defective magic item though. There was half shaped gem embedded like this so there is no doubt....”

“What kind of ring is this?” (Wazu)

According to Orlando's explanation this ring is made in pairs of two. The effect seems we could send and receive messages through the rings that has been registered to each other.

However, the reason why it's said to be a defective magic item is because the amount of magical power needed will change depending on the distance. Summary it consume enormous magical power so average wizards couldn't use it to send a message to far away place. Yup, it's a defective item. But it looks interesting.

“All right, it's decided!! I just need this ring. I don't need anything else so you can take the rest, Orlando” (Wazu)

I can't use it even if I got the weapon.

“Eh? Is that all?” (Orlando)

“Yeah, I don't have any particular problem with money, I don't need a weapon as well, I just need to kick or hit any opponent” (Wazu)

“Wait a moment. This is a defective item as I told a short while ago, also there is only one....” (Orlando)

“That gives me more reason. In other words, someone out there has the other ring, right? If I keep it, perhaps some message will come later. If that happens, I can return this ring to the rightful owner. It could be a memento of someone....” (Wazu)

“I see....” (Orlando)

Orlando nods to my story. He pondered on something while looking at the treasure in front of him. What's wrong? Everything is yours.

“All right, I will take this sword and several gold coins.” (Orlando)

That said, he took a sword with wings-like ornament and several gold coins.

“....Eh? Is that okay?” (Wazu)

“Yeah, I will give the rest to people of this village. They are the people who suffered damage here” (Orlando)

Ugh!! I never thought about it. Is this the difference between us? Is this the mindset of a man who aspiring to be a knight? You are dazzling, Orlando.

After telling the village chief that we will give the remaining treasure to everyone, the banquet become more rousing. We stayed overnight at the village and on the next day, while being thanked by everyone we departing from the village.

In the future, those who committed crime in this village will be buried alive at the center of village while leaving only their head outside. On their side, a signboard that state their crime will be put. This punishment is made to humiliating a criminal. Later the village chief said –"When I saw it for the first time, I thought "This is it!!!""-- However, it seems nobody could remember anymore who is the first person who did it.

Chapter 47
A Voice Which Reaches Through The Ring

Orlando and I slowly walked down the highway towards the next village. It seems we will need another five days on foot to reach the village, we advanced steadily while taking our time for training. Occasionally Orlando did sword practice to accustom himself with his new sword.

Apparently the blade part of his old sword got chipped here and there after the battle with the giant man and its lifespan almost reach the limit. No wonder since he used it to parry an axe of the giant man.

I watching Orlando cut a Goblin that appeared along the highway while stroking Meru. He came back while tilting his head.

“What's wrong?” (Wazu)

“No, it maybe just my imagination but my body feels lighter when I use this sword” (Orlando)

I can't tell by the look, but if Orlando who used the sword felt that way, it must be true. We won't get any where thinking about it so we begin to walk towards the next village again.

We are just one day distance on foot to the next village. While walking and chatting with Orlando, a strange noise reaches my ears.

“He..... p..... me.....”

Hmm? What now....? I check the surrounding but couldn't find anyone else other than us here. Orlando is looking at me with a strange look because of my sudden behavior. Meru is just sleeping without reaction. I thought it was just my imagination so I continue to walk just as is, but this time the voice is getting clearer.

“Can.... you.... hear.... me.... any.... one....”

Oh? I heard it. I look at the surroundings again but still couldn't find any human figure.... a ghost? as expected I won't be able to kick or punch it. While I was wondering about what to do, Orlando pointed at my hand.

“Could it be from the ring?” (Orlando)

“Oh?” (Wazu)

I see, I'm wearing a Ring of Order on my left index finger right now. Then, the woman's voice I heard was coming from the ring.

“Help me.....”

kaboooom!!!!!!!!!!!

The moment she spoke that, a flame explosion rose from the direction of the forest ahead of us. Orlando and I look at each other and nods. We run towards the forest where the explosion from before occurred.

There were three men over there. Two people were holding a sword wearing red armor and red shiled. The other one who holding a cane wearing a red robe. I can't see their faces clearly because of their helmets and hood.

There was also a woman who confronted these three. She was covered by semicircular of slighly semitransparent light which seems to be a barrier while looking at the three men with a grieveous expression. Although she wore monastic clothes, it's enough for me to understand that she has voluptuous breasts from the top of the clothes because of her slim body shape.

Although she had a grieveous expression right now, I can imagine her gentle smile that soothed everyone's heart. However the most eye-catching part is her red eyes. It has the same color as her hair that was tied in small braids to her back. Somehow, I can't take my eyes off from her.

Right now I was standing between a woman and three men, alone. Orlando and Meru were hiding somewhere in the bush. It can't be helped, because I ran too fast, I couldn't stop in time. Meru had flown away as soon as she understood I couldn't stop running. That traitor Dragon....

I told Orlando to not come out with a gesture. I don't know what the situation is going to be so I don't want to give unnecessary stimulation.

Because I stood still in front of them without uttering any words, the men with swords attack me without a second thought. I avoided their swords with plenty of time to spare.

Their swords come towards me in unison. I think their attack had a similar style, so to speak. Good armor and good shield, they wore the same equipment, I can tell they are a members of the same group that belongs to somewhere.

I tried not to think about it as much as possible but.... they looked like Knights, hmm? Could it be they are a good men and the woman inside the barrier was an evil? But.... they are seriously tried to kill me.... I can feel bloodthirst coming from the swords that were aiming at me.... I took a glance at the women, she was looking at me with a pale face as if worried about me. It's clear who is a bad person here.... sigh.... it can't be helped.

I avoided their swords with paper thin distance and while at it I struck them one by one to make them unconscious in rapid succession. I approaches the wizard who was surprised because the two fell down in the blink of an eye. I was also made him unconscious in one strike as not to give him a chance to use magic.

Fuu~.... because I'm not killing them, for the time being I won't get into a trouble, right? But I don't know if it will become a trouble later?

“Did you kill them?” (Orlando)

“No, I just made them unconscious” (Wazu)

Orlando came out from the bushes and asked me. Meru had jumped to my head again. Or rather, do you think anyone will die if I hit them? What do you think about me.... well, I could though.... sigh....

The woman who was supposed to be inside a barrier had approach us with a relived expression. In the distance of several steps from us she suddenly lowered her head.

“Thank you very much for your help. Right now, I can't give you anything in return except this words of gratitude”
When she raised her head, she have a very gentle smile as I thought.

“I'm the second princess of the Mabondo kingdom, Naminissa Mabondo”

Oopss, it smells like a trouble....

Chapter 48
Informal Request Is Premonition Of Trouble

Right now, in front of me there was a woman who called herself the second princess of Mabondo Kingdom. Huh? No, No, No, it can't be.... are you serious?

I cast a quizzical eye towards the ring on my left hand. The woman who named herself as Naminissa noticed and changes her gentle smile to a startled expression. Then she suddenly grabs my left hand and stared intensely.

Eh? What is this? What's wrong? I w-w-won't get excited just because a beautiful woman holds my hand, you know?

“This ring.... .... You!! How could you possesed this ring?” (Naminissa)

Ah, the ring. Yeah of course. I knew it. There is no way a beautiful woman would suddenly hold my hand without a reason.... I'm not crying.... I knew that much... sobs....

“This is.... when we subjugated the bandits, this ring was among the treasure that the bandits had amassed. I got this as a reward” (Wazu)

“Then, the original owner of this ring....” (Naminissa)

“Probably already....” (Wazu)

“.... is that so” (Nami)

Umm.... since I have told you about the situation, could you let go of my hand soon? My heart is getting funny here....

“The ring was originally given to a person who I sent to gather some information. The other ring is here, see~” (Nami)

Finally she released my hand. She showed me the same ring as the one I was currently wearing on my left index finger.

It was dangerous.... I thought my heart was going to go *"boom"*.

"But it was a good thing I didn't give up. Thanks to the ring I can be saved in this way. I'm really grateful to you" (Nami)

"No, please don't mind it, Naminissa-sama" (Wazu)

"I don't mind if you call me Naminissa, just speak to me casually" (Naminissa)

"Un-Understood" (Wazu)

She grabs my hand again~!! Stop it please~!! Because it feels like my heart is going to explode, I'd like you to stop it please~!!

She immediately released my hand this time. When I started to regain my breath, Naminissa turned towards Orlando.

"I also gave that sword with the ring" (Naminissa)

"Is that so.... should I give it back?" (Orlando)

"No, please use as it is. Because the sword has been blessed with a spirit of the wind, if you use it, your AGL status value will rise" (Naminissa)

"I see, so that's why my body feels lighter when I use this sword" (Orlando)

Good for you, Orlando. You finally understood about the sword's effects. But I just noticed something, even though she referred to me using "anata", why did she refer to Orlanso using "anata-sama". Ughh, there is also a disparity here....

(TL note : It's a little tricky here, anata = you and "-sama" is added to refer someone with higher status or someone respected).

"Ah, sorry for the late introduction Naminissa-sama, my name is Orlando and he is Wazu" (Orlando)

Orlando introduced me without permission. Moreover, Naminissa muttered my name so many times.... is that difficult for her to remember my name? Umm, I going to cry....

“So, are you two Adventurers?” (Naminissa)

“He is an Adventurer but I am not. We are heading to the imperial capital because I want to become a Knight, he's just accompanying me on this journey as a friend” (Orlando)

“I see....” (Naminissa)

Somehow their talk kept advancing without me.... Huh? Did you forget about me? I am unneccessary here?

I stroking Meru since I have nothing to do. Naminisa turns towards me with a serious face.

“Then, Wazu-sama. Though this is unofficial, but would you please accept my request?” (Naminissa)

“Well.... what kind of request is that?” (Wazu)

“I have an older brother and a twin sister, I would like you to cooperate with me to help those two. I have a little favor to ask right now” (Naminissa)

“What's exactly a "favor" you are talking about?” (Wazu)

“I will tell the details if you accept this request. I'd like to take measures to prevent the involvement of an outsider as much as possible” (Naminissa)

Well... it smells like a dispute.... what to do.... it would be nice if I could solve it by force, I don't understand something political.... actually what she need right now is military power but why is she asking an Adventurer for help.... but still....

I took a glance at Orlando and answered Naminissa.

“I have a condition. Just as Orlando said earlier, he dreams of becoming a Knight. Because it would be impossible for him to suddenly become a Knight, could you give him a chance to act as your knight at least?” (Wazu)

“Oi, Wazu!” (Orlando)

“I don't mind. Originally I was thinking to present that kind of reward for your cooperation later” (Naminissa)

“Naminissa-sama.... thank you very much. This unworthly Orlando shall serve you to the fullest” (Orlando)

“Thank you Orlando-sama” (Naminissa)

I see. There would be a reward because it was originally a request to an Adventurer, and she's planning to make Orlando a knight for his cooperation. I'm glad if I can be of help for Orlando....

“Good, I don't have any condition in particular for myself. All right, I will accept the request” (Wazu)

On my answer, Naminissa make a happy face.

“Well then, the reward for Orlando-sama is the chance to become a knight, and for Wazu-sama is “me” that's all” (Naminissa)

“Understood, Naminissa-sama....” (Orlando)

“ ..... “ (Wazu)

Eh? There was something strange from her words earlier, right? No, I was sure she just said my reward is “me”!! Huh? Is that normal? Why is Orlando say nothing? Eh....? Perhaps, I heard it wrong?

That's right. If you think about it normally, there is no way she would offers herself as a reward. I see, yeah of course. However, what was my reward again? Well, if Orlando can become a knight, as a friend I don't mind to help for free.

Chapter 49
Current State Of Mabondo Royal Family

We decided to help Naminissa, but before we listened to the full story, we will move to another place. Following Naminissa's instruction, we heading towards a rocky place near the Maima village. We left the unconscious Knight-like men's group on the road just as is.

On the way, I walking ahead to lead the trip. Since I feel a gaze from my back, I turn around and just found Naminissa was talking with Orlando enthusiastically but nobody was looking at me. Huh? I continue to advance but there I feel a gaze from my back again....

Booo!!!

I found nobody wathing me even as I suddenly turn around. It was rather embarrassing because the two gave me a strange look.

After that, I ignored the gaze I felt from my back and continue to advance towards the rocky place while leading the two. This.... is there any meaning for me to walking ahead?

We arrived at the rocky place and sat down in an appropriate place respectively to hear the detailed story from Naminissa. Meru is fluttering around to chase after a small butterfly. The scene soothed my heart.... Opss, I have to listen her story properly....

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Mabondo kingdom in ancient times was called “Bondo” Kingdom, there were two royal family in this country. The first person who became King was “Gnarbondo”. His youngest brother “Mabondo”, became the next King after him. The descendant of this two royal family becomes the next King alternately. In addition, the royal family has always been supported by Duke “Flebondo” house who is a blood-related cousin of the first King.

Through these two royal families and Duke Flebondo house, this country has prospered. However, there is only one royal family left in this Kingdom now. The former King "Deo Gnarbondo" passed away because of sickness without leaving a child.

The current King is "Givirio Mabondo", known as a good king that is loved by his countrymen. The Queen is Mirellina Mabondo, it said she is still hot despite of her age.

How enviable....

These couple have three children. The eldest son's name is “Navirio Mabondo”, excellent in domestic affairs, diplomacy, strategy, etc. He's known as “Genius One” he is famous because of his vast tactical knowledge.

The eldest daughter name's is “Narellina Mabondo”. Because of her superior battle ability, it's said she could make a rain of blood in the battlefield. She's known as “Battle Princess of Blood Rain”.

And their second daughter, Naminissa Mabondo. Not only barrier, she is excellent in all kinds of defense art. She's known as “Bloodless Holy Princess”.

This is a part of information related to Naminissa request. However, the problems started from here, this is where she needs our help. Currently the King and the Queen are sleeping because of an unknown disease, it seems there is no sign they will wake up any time soon. Then, her elder brother Navirio and her elder sister Narellina became hostile to each other without reason. Right now, it seems they are preparing for a war to kill each other.

Originally their relationship was very good before. Naminissa thought there was something strange for them to suddenly hate each other so she conducted an investigation independently with her three attendants and collaborator.

One of her follower is the owner of this ring and this sword. While searching for that person who was suddenly lost in contact, some mysterious group attacked her two other attendants and they got caught.

She asked her collaborator to search for whereabouts of her two attendants who were caught. She found out the location and challenged it by herself but lost. It seems she met us while running away from them.

“In other words, you want us to stop their fight and find out the cause, also get rid of it?” (Wazu)

“Yes...” (Naminissa)

Naminissa told me the current situation with a bitter look.

“Hmm.... what was that again.... that's right, why don't you ask for cooperation from the Flebondo house, they have supported the royal family since a long time ago, right?” (Wazu)

“Certainly.... Flebondo house has supported royal family since a long time ago. And their family head Zizu Flebondo-sama, is the current prime minister. It's not like I don't trust him.... actually zizu-sama's son, Denoga Flebondo-sama is my fiance, but somehow it smells fishy....” (Naminissa)

Oops, suddenly a fiancé come out. Then I guess the words about herself as a reward was really my mistake.... I wonder why.... somehow I feel a litttle disappointed to hear it.

“B-But, it's still an informal engagement!! This talk was proposed and forcibly advanced by the prime minister halfway through!! If I ask father, it could be canceled anytime!! This is true, really!! Rather, I don't want to marry that person!!” (Naminissa)

“Ah, yes....” (Wazu)

Naminissa approach me with a serious expression while explaining about her engagement.

Understood~!! I understood~!! It's too close~!! Your face is too close~!! My heart won't last at this rate~!!

Honestly, I was surprised because she suddenly approached, I just about to jump out before.

“Then, Naminissa-sama. How should we act from here on” (Orlando)

Orlando still act calmly. Oi, how could you speak normally in this situation. Naminissa take a distance from me in hurry. She made a small cough with **kohon** and act as if nothing happened while answering Orlando's question.

“First we will head to Maima village” (Naminissa)

“Are we not going to the kingdom?” (Wazu)

“Yes, in the Maima village there is a base of the group who attacked me. Because my two attendants are confined there, I'd like to rescue them first. But since I'm specialize in defense, my attack power is no good at all, because of that I had failed before. With the help from you two....” (Naminissa)

“I see, surely with the two of us, to be presice with Wazu is here everything will be fine” (Orlando)

Orlando smiled at me with a smug face. Naminissa looked at me with a face full of expectation. Oh? Am I dependent on?

“Though he is a F-rank Adventurer, but he has saved Linnic city many times and he is called a Hero there (Orlando)

“Oh my, that is amazing” (Naminissa)

“Though oneself has poor ability, but I will help too. We will help your family for sure” (Orlando)

“Thank you very much. Wazu-sama as well, I'm counting on you” (Nami)

“Ah~ yes yes....” (Wazu)

And then we're sneaking into Maima village in the middle of night.

Chapter 50
Let's Charging

Late at night, we secretly entered Maima village so we wouldn't be seen by anyone. The place that Naminissa indicated is a run-down shop located in the outskirt of village. It doesn't seem possible to approach it while hiding because the place is illuminated by moonlight and there was nothing in the surroundings.

Currently, we are hiding behind the shadow of wooden house closest to the run-down shop while observing the situation.

"There are guards" (Orlando)

Just as Orlando said, there is one person in front of the door of the run-down shop and two other people walking around the surrounding. Everyone were equipped with a sword and red shield respectively.

Orlando who was completely hiding in the shadow of the wooden house asking Naminissa after he finished checking the situation.

"At the time Naminissa-sama went to help, how many person were there?" (Orlando)

"Let's see.... it seems there were ten people, and three people has been defeated by Wazu-sama" (Naminissa)

"Seven people left. Since there are three people acting as guards, there are four people inside the building.... however, there is a possibility they have received reinforcements, it would be better to think there are more people inside...." (Orlando)

Oi, why after the conversation was over, you two are looking at me? Don't give me those sparkling eyes as if expecting something from me!! Okay, Okay, I understand.... you want me to go right.... sigh....

"I will go alone, but I don't know what will happen. Orlando, can you protect Naminissa properly?" (Wazu)

“Yeah.... sorry, I'm confident if it's a one-on-one fight, but I don't know if there are a lot opponets, so I'm afraid will be a burden to you” (Orlando)

“Don't worry, you can still become stronger so just leave it to me now, I'm going then!!” (Wazu)

In a small voice Naminissa muttering --”Be careful....”-- while making a gesture like praying to something. Who are you praying to? Goddess-sama? Earth Goddees-sama?.... stop it please. I'm afraid they will really come out....

I got out from the shadow of the house and walked slowly towards the run-down shop. Why don't you wait somewhere, Meru? When I asked, she clung to my head rather strongly.

Are you worried about me? What a good girl~~~~~!!!

I'm approaching the run-down shop while stroking Meru. Three guards stands to block me from advancing. The man who was in front of the door before, approached me while pointing his sword and talking with a strong tone.

“Stop!!!”

The other men also pulled out their swords.

“You are not allowed to approach this place. Turn around and leave at once”

I ignoored his warning and continued to walk as it. The man turned his swords at me without trying to conceal his murderous intent. He struck me in an instant.

“I gave you a warning”

The sword come from overhead. Because I'm afraid it will hit Meru, I released my hand that was stroking Meru and unleashing a counter attack. The sword shattered and the man was blown off towards the wall and then disappeared inside the building through a broken wall .

I continued to walk. Instantly, I hit the two other men who were looking at the broken wall and send them fly together, following the man from before. I thought the first man will be lonely so I sent them in the same direction.

The door opened, three men different from the people from before tried to come out but I kicked them back inside a room. I went in while watching the men flying after destroying and passing through a wall to the other side. A young woman and a young man dressed in maid and butler outfits were tied up, two men directed their sword at them respectively. Opss, there was an extra person....

“Who the hell are you....”

A man pressing her sword towards the maid girl while asking me that. Hmm.... should I answer it? When I wondered about that, suddenly the other man collapsed. The buttler guy who was supposed to be tied up, broke free and dusting off his clothes.

“It seems help is coming.... well, I have listened what I needed to hear....”

“Bastard!!”

The last guy got angry send a slash at the butler but it was avoided gracefully. It was impossible to imagine the sword would reached his figure. Even the movement of his clothes while avoiding an attack looks so natural. --”Ooh~”-- when I sent an applause and muttered so, the butler bowed elegantly despite in the midst of avoiding a sword.

It's really clear the difference of their ability. If he is that strong, why did he get caught? I wonder.... Oh, I remember what he said earlier, --”I have listened what I needed to hear....”-- in other words he got caught on purpose to collect information. Perhaps something like that....

While thinking so, the butler sent a glance at me. I wonder what he want? .... and then I remember about the maid girls condition. She was trying to break free from the rope while strugling. It seems she need some help.
For the time being I approach her to undo the rope, she is an ally right?

“Wh-Who might you be?”

“Umm.... I came to help. I will undo the rope.... I will undo the rope right now.... I will undo the rope, okay?” (Wazu)

It seems she doesn't believe me and stareed at me suspiciously. After I took off the rope, I urge her to hide behind me. The butler nods with satisfaction. He avoided the sword with a flowing movement and struck the man's jaw to send him unconscious.

The butler approach me and bowed.

“I appreciate your help. From your appearance, I assume you are an Adventurer?”

“I'm F-rank Adventurer, Wazu. I came here in resnponse to a request from Naminissa.... was I needed?” (Wazu)

“Of course. It was very helpful, thank you very much”

Following the butler, the maid also bowed to me. After that, using the rope from before to tie up the men. We left the run-down shop to join with Orlando and Naminissa.

Naminissa left the tied up men in the run-down shop to the village chief care until a Knight from the kingdom comes. We headed to an inn in the village.

Chapter 51
A Butle Who Can do Anything
Butler and A Strange Maid

We have arrived at the inn but we could only reserved 2 rooms because there were no other room left. Normally, we would distribute one room for men and one room for women. However when deciding on a room, for some reason the butler guy proposed to put me in the same room as Naminissa.

Naminissa got angry while the maid girl's face turned deep red while imagining she will sleep in the same room as Orlando. Though the butler guy was scolded, I wonder why he was smiling pleasantly?

The butler guy said to me that I should act more aggressively but I don't understand what I should be aggressive with. Now we are all gathered in a room to talk about the future.

Inside a room, with Orlando beside me, we sat face-to-face with Naminissa while being separated by a table. The Butler guy and maid girl are standing behind Naminissa. Meru is on her usual designated seat, my head.

“First of all, I'd like to introduce my two attendants” (Naminisssa)

“Certainly. My name is Freud, 18 years old. I'm serving as the personal butler of second princess Naminissa-sama. Please call me Freud freely” (Freud)

Taking one step forward, Naminissa's butler, Freud, bowed graciously. He was smiling, or rather he was always putting on a thin smile on his face all the time. He doesn't looks like an 18 years old, with blueish black hair he looks so perfect in butler clothes. As Naminissa's butler, his movement and behavior also looks excellent. And from the previous battle, I can tell he possessing some combat skill.

“Umm... well... my na-name is Kumia. I am the personal maid of Naminissa-sama. Ni-Nice to meet suu~” (Kumia)

She bit her tongue and then her face turn red, it seems she feels embarassed. Kumia has big eyes and a childish characteristic which roused a people's desire to protect her. Her body is small, her height maybe just around my chest. Curly golden hair that looks fluffy, stretched to her back. Maid clothes with a knee length skirt suits her so well.

Her chests is.... it was unbalanced enough that seems about to burst out from her clothes. I was surprised to see breasts that are bigger than Naminissas. Did she noticed my line of sigh? She turned her face down with a red face.

Then, I was glared by Naminissa with a terrific pressure. Immediately, I turned my eyes to the day after tomorrow. That was scary....

After that, Orlando and I introduced ourselves respectively to Freud and Kumia-san. We are going to discuss about what to do from here on, I wait for Freud open the discussion.

“I'm sorry to interrupt the talk, but there is still one more person who hasn't introduced herself” (Freud)

“One more person?” (Wazu)

Only I, Orlando, Naminissa, Freud, Kumia-san, are inside the room.... I couldn't find anyone else here.

Kumia suddenly lowered her head, not long she raised her head while scooping up her hair that got in the way.

“Tch, don't speak without permission!!” (?????)

“I'm sorry, but since we are going work together for a while in the future, I thought is better if they know about you early time” (Freud)

“Yeah, Yeah, I know it already!!” (?????)

“ “Eeeh.....?” “ (Wazu / Orlando)

Who is this person? Though it's Kumia-san who spoke, but her eyes turned vicious. Her sheepish behavior from before also changed to a dignified one. Orlando and I are

at a loss for words to see Kumia-san changed so much. On the other hand, Naminissa is smiling and makes a small giggle while looking at our face.

“Most people will be surprised just like Wazu-sama and Orlando-sama” (Naminissa)

“Don't got surprised for every small things!! Shows your balls if you are a man!!” (?????)

Oh..... her speech is turn vulgar.

“She is Kumua. It's so called a double personality so to speak. Although her main personality is Kumia, occasionally Kumua come out like this, so please take care of her together. Also, it seems their memory is shared” (Naminissa)

“Nice to meet 'ya~” (Kumua)

Oi, even though her master Naminissa lowered her head when she intoduced her, why is this maid only waving her hand casually, Is that fine? However, nobody cares and the talk continued as usual.

“Well then, about what we are going to do after this, first of all we will be going to imperial capital to meet my collaborator. Wazu-sama, Orlando-sama, the three of us. Freud and Kumua go to the castle and look for information about the current status of elder brother and elder sister. It might be too late by the time we arrive at the imperial capital, but I'm counting on you” (Naminissa)

“All right” (Wazu)

“Understood” (Orlando)

“Certainly” (Freud)

“'kay, then let's sleep! Hurry up!” (Kumua)

Scary.... this maid is scary.... she answered a member of the royal family with such lightly tone. Moreover she dragging Naminissa out of the room.

“See you again tomorrow. Good night Wazu-sama, Orlando-sama” (Naminissa)

We seen off Naminissa who bowed gracefully while being dragged out of the room.

“Well then, shall we sleep to prepare for tomorrow's journey” (Freud)

Saying that, Freud went to sleep on the sofa inside the room. He fell asleep not long after. Orlando and I also went to bed and slept.

The next day we departed early in the morning. We prepared for the journey quickly and headed to the imperial capital. It was Kumia when I got up, that's a relief. Nothing happened during the journey in particular. Seven days later, we arrived at the imperial capital safely.

Chapter 52
Let's Meet The Cooperator

Thanks to Naminissa we could quickly enter the imperial capital. Inside the city, we split into two group just as we had decided in advance. I, Meru, Orlando, and Naminissa headed to meet her cooperator after sending off Freud and Kumia-san who headed to the castle. On the way, I got an explanation about the imperial capital from Naminissa.

Imperial capital of Mabondo kingdom is the most prosperous city in the eastern continent. It's a place where the royal family lives. The city is divided by three area, the widest one is the peripheral area where I'm walking right now, is an area where people of commoner class live. Large shops, Adventurer guild headquarter, etc. various commercial facilities are scattered around to support the people who living in this city.

Separated by the wall, inside the outer circumference section, is the noble ward. This is area for aristocrats to live as the name suggested. Likewise, there was also a wall which separated the inner area. This is an area of the imperial palace.

In addition, this Imperial Capital is one of the bases for import and export activities that are spread through the continent. Various products are gathered and developed in this city.

It seems that the Imperial Capital underwent a rapid development since King Givrio Mabondo took the throne. That alone showed his high ability as the king. He is a wonderful person....

But Naminissa --”He is a wonderful king indeed”-- she said with a bitter smile. --”You won’t understand unless you see him directly, but he isn’t like a king that much”-- she added. Well, I don’t think that I would have an opportunity to meet him though....

It seems we have reached the place in question. The place which Naminissa addressed is the Adventurer guild headquarter. It’s three times bigger than the guild building in Linnic city. Oh? Come to think of it, I also have a business here.... well, let's see if there is an opportunity while I am here..

We entering the guild and Naminissa headed to the receptionist right away. I was surprised to see how many people are inside. It seems it's the same everywhere, there was a bulletin board to post available requests.

There was also a place where you can take a light meal and everything is larger than the one in Linnic city. Adventurers who are in this place also have various people, ranging from rookies to veterans, the number of people is countless. I'm getting nervous to see there are various people who are dreaming to become an Adventurer.

From an old man with a scar on his face or Onee-san with an erotic equipment..... when I focused my eyes on her, suddenly my ear was pulled. Ouch!!

"Okay that's enough, Wazu-sama let's get going" (Naminissa)

Ouch, it hurts!! Naminissa who has come back from the receptionist pulled my ear. Why she looks so angry? Orlando!! What are you looking at!! Please help!!

I went straight to the back of the reception room while my ear being pulled.

In front of my eyes, there is a name plate which indicating what this room is. There was written "Guild Master Room". Opss, is her cooperator the top person of this adventurer guild headquarter? I remember Regan's words to meet his elder sister who is the Guild Master here. He also gave me some badge to show her.

I asked Meru to take out the badge that I stored inside her Space-Time magic. I hold in my hand so I can show it anytime. Naminissa finally released my ear in front of the door. --"You deserved it"-- she said. What is it? that's what I want to say, but because Naminissa entered the room after knocking, Orlando and I followed suit.

The guild master room has been beautifully arranged so that it looks like the finest room of a high-class inn, there was also an expensive-looking sofa and table placed. In the end of a room there was a work desk where documents were put. Over there was a woman pushing a stamp on some document.

My first impression of her is "Onee-san". Long slit eyes with glasses, a small mole around her mouth increased her feminine charm, golden hair that's beautifully tied, emphasized her fine features further. It's completely different from the image of Regan's elder sister in my mind.

The woman smiled gently when she noticed Naminissa. Then, she stood up and approached Naminissa.

Black leather pants and shoes with heels look good on her. I can see she has a slender body from above her clothes. She spreads her arms while approaching Naminissa, and hugs her.

“I’m glad you are safe. I was worried because I couldn’t contacts you”

“I’m all right as you can see” (Naminissa)

She hugged Naminissa while confirming her safety. Then she releases Naminissa and turn her eyes towards Orlando and I.

“So, who are these guys? I've never see their face before, are they your new attendants?”

“No, they are new collaborators. They helped me when I was being attacked by some unidentified group” (Naminissa)

“Hee~ so they are strong regardless of their appearance huh. If it’s someone who has saved Naminissa, I have to introduced myself. I think you could understand because I was in this place. I’m the master of this guild headquarter, Leria” (Leria)

She said so and reach out her hand. Orlando and I shook her hand and introducing ourselves. In the middle of that I show her my guild card and the badge from Regan.

“You got the badge but still F-rank? That idiot brother, he wasn’t doing his job as a guild master properly. I will punish him next time we meet. I guarantee that your guild rank will be judged properly by me later” (Leria)

I appreciate it. I will not be able to get on with F-rank forever. I want to become B-rank at least.

“Is there any punishment you desired for my stupid brother?” (Lerai)

I wondering a moment about Lerai-san’s question and tell her what's come to my mind.

“Regan always shaved his head but didn’t like it when kids from the neighborhood call him bald. So make him true bald” (Wazu)

Leria-san laugh a bit to hear my answer.

“Oh, I like you. OK!! Leave it to me!!” (Leria)

Because she gave me a thumbs-up I answered it with a thumbs-up. Lerai-san says --”Well then~”-- while lightly hitting her hands, she turn towards Naminissa.

“Naminissa, I have found out the cause of your elder brother and elder sister turned hostile each other” (Leria)

“Really!? What on earth---” (Naminissa)

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Naminissa words got interrupted by a knocking door of this room. A woman called out from the other side of door. I was solidfied to hear the contents.

“I’m Sarah from reception desk. Some people are seeking an audience with the guild master.... umm.... it’s southern Hero and his party. What shall we do?” (Sarah)

Chapter 53
Near Miss

My thoughts stopped the moment I heard her words from the other side of the door. Eee.... who is coming.... Hero-sama.... also.... his party.... in other words.... don't.... tell.... me.... Ariaaaaaaaaa!!!! Awawawawawa!!!! Why they are here? My hands started to tremble....

"It can't be helped. Naminissa, I will tell you about the details later.

Fine, bring them here!!" (Leria)

"Understood" (Sarah)

Following Leria-san's consent, I could hear the sound of Sarah-san the receptionist running in the corridor in hurry.

Huh? You are going to see them? In this room? Da-Dangerous wh-wh-what should I do....

"How about Naminissa and companions? Should I take you to another room? It seems their business won't take a long time though" (Leria)

Th-That's it!!! Le-Let's do so!!!

"No, I don't mind. It seems to be an important matter for Hero-sama to intentionally come to see Leria-sama. I'd like to remains here unless I will be a bother for them" (Naminissa)

"We will also stays as Naminissa-sama's attendants" (Orlando)

"All right. Well, if it doesn't seems to work I will prepare a room for you guys to wait in the meantime" (Leria)

Why is it!?! Let's move right away!!! Aaaa~~~!!! This is the end!!!

When I held my head restlessly, everyone noticed and looked at me with a strange face. It's impossible for me to calm down now. I couldn't let this to continue, should I go to another room alone?

Before I could ask Leria-san, the sound of knocking door come at me mercilessly.

"It's Sarah. I brought Hero-sama and his party" (Sarah)

Da-Da-Da-Da-Da-Da-Dangerousssssssss!!!!!

I looked around the room in a hurry. I leave Meru to Naminissa and hide in the shadow of Leria-san's work desk. Everyone looked at my sudden behavior absent-mindedly. Then Sarah-san called out again from the other side of a door.

"Umm? Guild master?" (Sarah)

"Ah....!! Sorry!! You may come in!!" (Leria)

"Please excuse me" (Sarah)

I heard the sound of a door opening. Because my body started to trembling, I hold it tightly. But still, it couldn't be stopped. I closed my eyes while hoping this will end soon. I don't want to hear anything so I covered my ears with my hands. But their conversation still reaches my ears.

"You have come. Well, sit down please" (Leria)

"Excuse me..... Naminissa-sama, it has been a long time" (Luther)

"Yes, southern hero, Luther-sama seems in good health. Aria-sama too, long time no see, but you looks a little haggard?" (Naminissa)

"You can tell, Naminissa-sama? Well, there were various things but for the time being I'm fine. Let's leave it at thet for now" (Aria)

Gulp! Of course she is here.... uuu....

"That's right. So, what is the reason you came to visit me?" (Leria)

“Before that, who is he? I’d like only trustworthy people to hear this” (Luther)

“He is Orlando. Currently he is my attendant, an apprentice knight. There is no problem” (Naminissa)

“Understood. Sorry to doubted you” (Luther)

“No, it’s only natural because it’s the first time we meet. Don’t mind it and please raise your head” (Orlando)

“Thank you.... then let’s talk about the main issue. Actually, there is a person I want the guild to investigate it confidentially” (Luther)

“Hou.... is this person really dangerous enough to make you ask me personally?” (Leria)

“.... it may be so, depending on a situation” (Luther)

“Hmm? what an ambiguous answer” (Leria)

“After our victory celebration for the defeat of Demon King, we traveling around the world because there were a lot of dangerous curse tools and large-scale occurrence of monsters in many places. However, there is always a story of sighting a certain person in the place such a thing happened” (Luther)

“Hou~” (Leria)

“I don’t know its face because of the hood. But it said a merchant who wore all black clothes, that’s all we knows” (Luther)

“I see.... in other words you want the guild’s cooperation to find this merchant in question?” (Leria)

“Yeah, could you help?” (Luther)

“No problem.... I can’t let a person who might be dangerous running free. The guild will look for that merchant” (Leria)

“Thank you very much” (Luther)

“Where I can send the results of the investigation?” (Leria)

“We will be heading to the south and take a break, to be precise to Aria hometown in the Imperial Capital of Isuca Kingdom. You can send the reports to the guild over there” (Luther)

“Understood. Well, do expect good news from me” (Leria)

“That’s fine. We still couldn’t decided whether the merchant is really dangerous. Well then, it’s about time we take our leave” (Luther)

Great, please leave at once. My body is getting strange and kept trembling.... my limbs already lost all its power....

“I hope we can see each other again in a good health” (Naminissa)

“Yes, please take care of yourself” (Luther)

“See you again, Aria. I hope we could talk leisurely next time” (Naminissa)

“Yeah that’s right.... Umm Leria-san....” (Aria)

“Hmm? what’s wrong Aria?” (Leria)

“Actually..... no, it’s nothing. Thinking about it carefully, it would be impossible for him to become an Adventurer..... see you again, Naminissa. We will talk leisurely next time, it’s a promise okay?” (Aria)

“Yes, I’m looking forward to it” (Naminissa)

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“They already went out~” (Leria)

On Leria-san’s voice, I take a big deep breath. I just realized I had forgotten to breath until a little while ago. I collapses on the spot and my consciousness slowly left me.

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Not the exact same scene/event; caused by difference in WN and LN. Just to show Leria's appearance.

Chapter 54
Naminissa's Smile

The worst scene in my life is spreading in front of my eyes. The harem party members which traveled together with Hero-sama. They are Aria, Sarona-san, Tata-san, even Naminissa is present. They are having fun chatting together while sometimes exchange a kiss with Hero-sama. I'm watching while crying to see everyone has a happy faces-----

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I regained my consciousness and slowly opened my eyes. I confirm my situation, apparently they have been laid me down on the sofa. I look around the surrounding while still in a sleeping position. Since furniture and everything look the same as before, I could guess that I was still inside the guild master's room. I slowly change my body to a sit position, it seems my strength has returned to my body and I wasn't trembling anymore. I just noticed that Orlando was sitting on the other side of sofa. He talked to me while smiling a little.

"You looks fine..... that's good" (Orlando)

"Sorry..... how long I have been unconscious?" (Wazu)

"Let's see..... around 3 hours, I guess" (Orlando)

"I see..... huh?" (Wazu)

I look around the room but there was only Orlando here.

"Where is Naminissa and Leria-san? Meru was also not here" (Wazu)

"Ah, they are taking a bath. Leria-sama dragged Naminissa-sama because she insisted to stay here because worried about you. Since she just came back after a long journey so as expected she needs one. Meru just got taken as well" (Orlando)

"..... I see" (Wazu)

Leria-san is amazing, she could take Meru from me.

The door opens as Naminissa came in. I waved my hand to express that my condition was fine. I caught Naminissa who suddenly come plunging to me, wa-wait!?

“Your finally awake!! What happened, I was really worried about you!!” (Naminissa)

“Ah, sorry. It seems I have caused trouble” (Wazu)

She embraced me~! Stop it~! Please release me~!! My heart couldn’t stand it~!! So-Somehow she smells so good~!!!

There is peculiar smell of someone after taking a bath. Especially her hair smells really nice. When I look at her hair carefully, it was glossy and beautiful red hair. Her a little wet hair increased its shines. The fragrance from her soft body and her glossy hair deprived my consciousness to embrace her. Then meru appeared from the door and jumped to my face.

“Kyuii~!! Kyuii~!!” (Meru)

“Mmm.... Mmm....” (Wazu)

I couldn’t speak well because Meru was clung to my face tightly. I was also unable to move my body because of Naminissa embraced me. I just remained as is for a while until they calmed down. Meru was also smells good. I hear Leria-san’s voice but couldn’t see her because Meru blocked my face.

“Oh dear, it seems nothing was serious since you have finally got up. Just accept their concern for now because you made them worried” (Leria)

I am accepting it. However I’m at loss here. I need help by all means....

“Look, it’s about time you let him go. We can’t continue our talk this way” (Leria)

Meru moves over to my head and Leria-san pulls Naminissa who still clung to me. For a moment I thought that Namnissa showed a reluctant face, it’s just my imagination I guess. Naminissa sat next to me while Orlando and Leria-san sit in the other side of table. Leri-san’s hair also looks shiner than before.

“Fu~.... so, what was that all about? ..... did something happened between you and Hero?” (Leria)

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“No..... well..... that’s.....” (Wazu)

I stopped and closed my eyes, I slowly tightened my hands and kept silent. The past memories come to me and make my chest hurt just like being stabbed continuously. I couldn’t shake it off from my mind no matter how hard I tried.... Yeah, I never getting over that thing....

There was a feeling that something touched my hand. When I open my eyes to make sure of it, Namnissa’s hands were put above my clenched hands. I slowly raised my head and saw Naminissa had a gently smile which wrapped the world.

“You don’t have to push yourself. There are things that people couldn’t say. I’d be happy if someday you can share me your story though, so I won’t force you to tell me now. So please stop putting a face which seems to break into tears at any moment, okay?” (Naminissa)

I see.... I’m making such a face right now.... Naminissa’s words is soothing my heart. I feel better to the extent able to make a faint smile.

“Thanks.....” (Wazu)

I sent her words of gratitude.

“It was my bad. I didn’t think that it’s such a delicate topic” (Leria)

“This is the first time I saw Wazu make such a face~” (Orlando)

“Shut up!!” (Wazu)

These two said it with a light tone. That’s why I swearing the two of them. Even so, I say my thanks to them for their kindness deep inside my heart.

“By the way Wazu-sama, don’t you think our hairs got more beautiful?” (Naminissa)

“Th-That’s right” (Wazu)

“Actually, This is because some imported items from a certain popular shop which opened at the Imperial Capital of Isuca Kingdom in the south two years ago, it seems to be called “Shampoo’ and “Conditioner”. It used when washing the hair. It’s amazing, right? it makes our hair to be so beautiful like this~” (Naminissa)

Hee~ I never heard such a store when I was living there.

“Moreover, the shop is sending many other amazing products one after another. The first thing surprised me was a seasoning called “Mayonaise”-----” (Naminissa)

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“Naminissa, I understand you want to cheer up the mood, but is this fine for me to get into the main topic soon?” (Leria)

Leria-san stopped Naminissa who kept looming over me. Because my heart was beating in an alarming rate when Naminissa was near me, that’s a relief.

“That’s right. I’m was fine already so let’s listen to Leria-san’s story” (Wazu)

“I see, please forgive me” (Naminissa)

Naminissa bowed to Leria-san, after lifting her head, she has already put a serious face. While looking at such a profile of Naminissa, I thought --”She did it just for me, thank you so much”--

Chapter 55
Cursed Tool

After coughing once, Leria-san continued the talk while looking at us with a serious expression.

“The main cause of Naminissa’s elder brother and elder sister turned strange is..... a cursed tool” (Leria)

“Cursed tool?” (Naminissa)

“Yes, your brother’s cursed tool is called “Immature Puppet” and your sister’s cursed tool is called “Banquets Of Berserker”“ (Lerai)

“What kinds of cursed tools is that?” (Naminissa)

According to Leria-san’s explanation, Immature Puppet is a dangerous cursed tool that designated for destruction in the form of a bracelet. First of all, the bracelet will absorb your magical power. It’s possible to manipulate the person since the beginning but the effects is instantaneous, just as the name suggested it’s immature. That’s an explanatory statement that has been circulating around the world, in fact there was further effect of this cursed tool. If someone use it for a long time the manipulation effect will also becomes longer and stronger. It seems Naminissa’s older brother has been wearing the bracelet for quite a while....

Banquets Of Berserker is also a cursed tool that designated for destruction in the form of a necklace. The effect is to eliminate a reason of the wearer, as the name implies it makes people go berserk. One more reason why it’s said to be designated for destruction, it seems this tool can be triggered any time with the magical power of the registrant. It is up to the registrant to decide how far the reason will be lost.

Probably the cursed tools is used to manipulate Navirio-sama to fight with her sister Narellina-sama who lost her reasoning. It seems with a little bit of luck, the mastermind is aiming for the two of them to fall together. I thought so too. Naminissa seems to have accepted this fact with a sad face.

“It’s certainly a dangerous curse, but it was also easy to repell. If you remove the cursed tools from them, its curse will also disappear” (Leria)

“In other words, we just need to approach my older brother and sister to take off the cursed tools?” (Naminissa)

“Yeah, they will return to normal” (Leria)

“I see” (Naminissa)

I saw a powerful light of hope returned to Naminissas’s eyes. Either destroying or removing.... it’s job for me to settle it with a brute force.... I sincerely want to become Naminissa’s power at time like this.

“By the way, the source of the information about that curse.... actually I have called him. I wonder if he has arrived?”

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When we have a puzzled looks, a knock sound was heard from the door.

“It seem he has arrived

You may enter!” (Leria)

“Excuse me”

The door opened after a humble voice is heard. Appeared from there is a man with a timid-look and red hair who looks nervous. However, I can tell he is an aristocrat from his good-looking outfit.

“Denoga-sama.....” (Naminissa)

“He-Hello Naminissa-sama” (Denoga)

Oh? Is he Naminissa’s acquaintance? I mean, I think I have heard the Denoga name before.... that’s right, fiance!! Denoga is the name of Naminissa’s fiance.... that’s right, Naminissa has a fiance.... she is from the royal family.... the love with status difference is just a dream within a dream....

“I never thought the information would come from Denoga-sama” (Naminissa)

“I-It was just a coincidence.... fr-from father.... he ga-gave me a book about cu-curse tools before.... th-then I saw Navirio-sama and Narellina-sama.... we-wearing a cursed tool.... as your fi-fiance.... I wa-want to help you....” (Denoga)

“I see..... thanks for your cooperation” (Naminissa)

Love....?

Eh? That? No No No.... Eh? Eeeh? It can’t be.... It must be a lie?

I covering my field of vision with my hands in hurry. I can see a floating smile of Naminissa just like from before in the back of my mind. I also can see her face is blushing for a moment. I’m glad I didn’t see it directly with my own eyes.

“Ho-However, it may become a little rough after this....” (Denoga)

But.... Naminissa has a fiance.... my love was already over huh.... it’s finished.... it didn't even have a chance to start.... but.... I will keep this feeling in the back my heart.... I still have to give my best to help her brother and sister....

“Because Doneoga-sama doesn’t possess an ability to fight, please leave to rest to us. I really appreciated the information” (Naminissa)

“Ye-Yeah, I glad could be helped” (Denoga)

I removed my hands from my face.... Huh? Since when the talk is finished? That reminds me, this man is Naminissa’s fiance. But I wonder why? from my point of view, Naminissa looks like wearing a mask on her face when she talk with him.....

On the second thought, I couldn’t accept it~!!!

I hate him!! I don't think I could get along with him!! Let me be honest.... I'm so envious of Naminissa's fiancé~~!!!!!!

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I hear a sound of someone running in a hurry from outside the room. After that sound stopped in front of this room, the door opens with a loud knocking sound.

"Please excuse me" (Freud)

"Fuhi~ pl-please excuse me" (Kumia)

It was Freud and Kumia who came in. Freud's condition is just as usual but Kumia is all sweaty.

"Huu~.... Huu~.... Freud-san, after running with that speed.... why there is not even a single sweat on you.... Huu~.... Huu~...." (Kumia)

"Because I am a butler" (Freud)

"Please don't always use that words as an excuse....!!" (Kumia)

I wonder why.... I knew that these two people would always behave like this for some reason.

"You two, what happened?" (Naminissa)

Naminissa asked these two.

"Naminissa-sama, it seems that we are a bit late. The two sides are leading 1000 knights to the Bondo plains right now. Probably, that place would be a battlefield" (Freud)

"Understood.... we are heading there right now" (Naminissa)

We started to move in a hurry on those words. Lerai-san asked guild staffs to prepare horses. I with Meru on the top of my head, Orlando, Naminissa, Freud, Kumia-san, will going to the Bondo plains ahead.

Bondo plains is half a day distance on foot, it should be in time if we hurry. We parted with Naminissa's fiancé, Denoga at the guild. Leria-san is going to announce an urgent request for Adventurers inside the guild as a reinforcement. She told us will catch up later.

Then we arrived at the Bondo plains. The Knights who had formed a formation were glaring at each other.

Chapter 56
For The Smilling Face Of My Sweetheart

We are observing how the situation is going to turn out at a slightly elevated hilltop where we can get a bird's-eye view of the Bondo plains. Horses with their rider were lined up in a columns conspicuously with the forest is just behind their back. I move my eyes through their formation on the Bondo plains, it's a situation where the war can begin at any moment.

At the back of each formation there was male and female who are able to be seen even from a distance because of their red hair. Probably, they are Naminissa's older brother and older sister. Currently each one seems to be giving a war speech to their soldier, though I couldn't hear it. But it's likely the war will begin once they finished their speech respectively.

I look at Naminissa next to me. She was watching the scene with a sad face.... I don't want to see her with such a face....

"What shall we do? Naminissa-sama. It seems impossible to approach the two of them inside this crowd of army" (Orlando)

Orlando also floated a severe expression. Not only him, both Freud and Kumia-san have the same faces.

"Let's see..... first, there should be around 100 holy knights under the command of my older brother and my older sister respectively" (Naminissa)

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"Persuading the knight would be difficult.... they have pledged their allegiance to my older brother and older sister directly. It would be a different story if we talk in the peace-time but when it comes to a battlefield.... to be honest, I couldn't think any measure right now.... while being called the Bloodless Holy Princess, I'm powerless when it comes to a fight.... at this rate, not only my older brother and older sister.... it will also bring harm to the knights" (Naminissa)

Naminissa covered her face that is about to cry. I look at her condition and made up my mind. I gently take her hands from her face and look at her with a serious expression.

“Wazu-sama....” (Naminissa)

I would like to see her gentle smile that soothed people’s heart.

“I.... what should.... I do....?” (Naminissa)

So I decided it.... even if I couldn’t be together with Naminissa....

“Orlando, I am going. Perhaps, that group will come to attack again and I don’t know whether I could get back here at that time, so I leave this place to you” (Wazu)

“Please..... and be careful” (Naminissa)

“Who are you talking to? Freud or Kumia-san....? I will protect Naminissa-sama without need to ask” (Orlando)

“It’s natural thing to do” (Freud)

“Je~s” (Kumia)

I strokes Meru and leave her with Naminissa. --”Kyuii!!”-- she said. Oh, did you say good luck? I remove my hand which stroking Meru towards Naminissa’s head and patting it lightly with **pon-pon**

“Leave the rest to me. I’m going!” (Wazu)

I said so and jumped from the hilltop. I heard Naminissa called out from behind but I continue to advance without looking back.

I descended to the plains and slowly walked to the center of the Knights which are divided in two camps. When they noticed me, the Knights who are in the front of formation started to make noise. Everyone asked --”Who are you?”--- but I kept silent and continue to walk.

In the center position between the two camps, I stopped my feet. I am in the situation where I being glared by two sides. Navirio and Nariealla finally noticed my presence at this time. Their speech stopped and the surrounding became quiet. And then....

“Everyone!! The height of each loyalty is sure wonderful, but does this fight have any meaning? Shouldn't all of you have noticed already there is something unusual with your own Lords respectively? I can get rid of the cause of this matter!! Please put down your swords and open the path for me!!” (Wazu)

I make an appeal in a loud voice but it seems there is no one who put down their sword. Well, I have expected this situation because I’m just looking like some suspicious person right now. Even this unknown person said the right things, nobody will just believe and follow it . Perhaps, they already knew it isn’t right but still have no choice so they have come this far.

So at the end, the both sides decide to follow suit while protecting their lord in the process. That’s why they are participating in this war.

Navirio-sama and Narellina-sam still didn’t take any action towards me. Perhaps the one who manipulating them didn’t take me into account. If Naminissa in my position, perhaps the two will commands the knights to kill her. I absolutely won’t allow it though.

The knights just paying attention to me, but that’s good enough for now. I won't let the fight between the knights occurs, I just need bring down the two before that happen.

“It seems the both sides doesn’t feels like opening me a way....” (Wazu)

The Knights pulled their swords and even took a stance. They seems to start getting angry with my one-sided protest

“Fu~.... then, there is no helping it” (Wazu)

I slowly concentrating on my power. Don’t let anyone die.... because Naminissa will be sad.... I have to hold back my power carefully but also have to be a little serious. I take a deep breath and declare it loudly so everyone at this place could hear.

“I will push through by force, ouuuuuuuuu!!!” (Wazu)

I bolted instantly with the declaration.

Chapter 57
The Target Is Cursed Tool

I was successful in drawing their attention to myself. There is a simple reason for all of this, it's to prevent the knights of both sides from fight each other. Naminissa will be hurt to see that happen. I want to make this battle become me vs knights from both side.

Because of that, I choose to become their common enemy and let their hostility be directed towards me. I won't kill the knights after all. I will just neutralize minimum numbers of people until I reach both Navirio-sama and Narellina-sama. Another reason is because there are people watching this war.

I noticed it when I stood at the center of the two knights camps, I felt some malicious gazes. It's not the knights, not Navirio-sama or Narellina-sama either, of course it's not from Naminissa's group.

It came from the forest and directed towards a hill in the opposite direction of the Bondo plains where Naminissa waited. I wonder if they are here, those who handed the cursed tools to Navirio-sama and Nariella-sama. Also those group with red shield as trademark. Perhaps it's some kind of scenario when they plan to crush both camps who exhausted after the battle ends later. Therefore I want to end this war while leaving the battle potential as much as possible.

I run towards Navirio-sama's camp first. Nariealla-sama is merely losing her reason whereas Navirio-sama is being manipulated. I thought is better to release him first so everything won't get out of hand later.

I grabbed two nearest knights by the hand respectively before advancing. The other knights preparing themselves in shield formation at once. I will just push forward and leave this job to my STR status

"Uoooooo ~ ~ ~ ~" (Wazu)

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Navirio-sama is in the center of formation and I has advanced about one-third to the center.

I threw the two knights I had grabbed before into the air at different distances. Utilize the running momentum, I jumped forward while using a knight's shield in front of me as a foothold.

I headed towards the knight which I threw a while ago who is closer and jumped again using his back as a foothold this time.

I landed on the abdomen of the second knight which I threw before and did another jump. I flew down near the center of the formation.

I looking at the front, there was a group of knights which is clearly different from the knight until now. The difference is their appearance, they use a different armor, sword, and shield. There is also a cloak with some decoration on their back.

But not just their appearance, they are a totally different existence in a sense. I can feel they are a veterans because in front of me are the holy knights group.

While I flew down, the holy knight on the ground aimed their sword simultaneously at me. --"Sorry but...."-- I apologized in my mind. I dashed forward at the speed which even the holy knights couldn't reacts.

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I push all the holy knight in front of me at once with a kick that won't kill them. Their formation collapsed and a red long-haired person came into my view. I assume he is Navirio-sama.

Navirio-sama pulled his sword and tried to stab himself. The holy knights around tried to stop him but seemed won't make it in time. I put all my strength in my feet and ran forward. Make it pleaseeeee!!!!

The moment I ran at top speed for the first time, the world seemed to stop.

No, it's different. I just couldn't move my body as usual but still could walk normally. It turned out that everyone else also were moving a little bit.

I dive my palm between a sword's tip and Navirio-sama's body, the moment it got in contacts with my hand....

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The swords fell apart. As expected of my VIT status, there was even no scratch on my palm. I took Navirio-sama hand. I removed and crushed the bracelet he worn with my hand.

I supported Navirio-sama who lost all his power and was about to collapse from behind. The holy knights turned their swords to me. I remained on the spot to see the situation.

In just a few seconds Navirio-sama regained his consciousness and command the knights around to lower their weapons.

I can see the power returned to his body so I separated my hands. Navirio-sama slowly stood on his own feet and turned around to approach me.

Looking again, Navirio-sama has very beautiful features. The red long hair which is beautifully divided in the middle extended to his shoulder, it has a clear shiny gloss. The same red eyes as Naminissas but its corner is a little dropped while giving a gentle expression to people who look. After Navirio-sama confirmed my presence, he got in a one-knee position while lowered his head. Eeh? Waaait? Why?

"Thank you, while being manipulated, there was slight consciousness remaining, though my body didn't listen to what I said. However thanks to you I could be freed from the curse. Once again, thank you very much" (Navirio)

"No, wa-wait!! Please raise your head!! The royal family should not be lowering their head, it's uncomfortable for me!" (Wazu)

"That's not true. Even if it's the royal family, it's a shame for a person to lack gratitude towards his savior (Navorio)

This time all knights and holy knights put their swords and get on their knee simultaneously. Wa-Waiiiit~~!!!!

“Un-Understood!! Because I have understood, please raise your head!! The battle is not over yet” (Wazu)

“That’s right. However let me say this once again, I’m really grateful for your help” (Navirio)

By saying so, Navirio-sama stood up and directed a gentle smile at me. For now, I look at Navirio-sama with a serious face. Did he know what I wanted to say? Navirio-sama also nods with a serious expression.

“Next is....” (Wazu)

“Narellina huh....” (Navirio)

Chapter 58
Smile That I Wanted To See

“As you all can see, I am safe and I have also had regained my senses back” (Navirio)

Navirio-sama declared loudly to the knights around. Cries of joy resounded in an instant and the knights raised their swords high to the heaven.

Navirio-sama nods at the scene. He walked slowly towards the knights at the other side, then he declares....

“The knights of Narellina!! There is no reason to fight anymore. There is a person who will save your lord here. I also want to save my sister. So please open the way!!” (Navirio)

When that words spread through the Bondo plains, Navirio-sama knight order and Narellina-sama’s knight order move in unison. They divided into two to make a way. It's opens from the place where Navirio-sama stood to Narellina place.

“Come to think of it, I have’t heard your name?” (Navirio)

“My name is Wazu, Navirio-sama” (Wazu)

“Just Navirio is fine. Then, let’s go” (Navirio)

“Yes” (Wazu)

Navirio started to run so I chased after him. On the way, an old gentleman who dressed in a butler outfit --”I’m glad to see you are safe more than anything, young master”-- approached and said that. Perhaps he is the personal butler of Navirio. They are talking two or three words while Navirio was still running while facing ahead.

“It seems that my knights are also safe. I had returned to myselft so they may rest at ease now. Though they just tried to protect me, I trully appreciated you didn’t take away their life” (Navirio)

“No, it’s because Naminissa will be sad if someone died because of this incident” (Wazu)

“Hoho~.... You didn’t use an honorific to call my sister huh.... are you in love?” (Navirio)

“Wha-Whaaaa!!!” (Wazu)

What are you saying out of the blue? He is grinning at me for some reason. We have arrived at our destination before I could say something back.

In front of us, there was a red-haired woman equipped with fine armor and sword, standing inside a stretched barrier. For a woman she has short hair. But on her back, a thin braid is hanging down to her waist.

Though it’s opened a little, there is no light inside her eyes because she has lost her reason. Even so, her facial expression looks artistic just like a Noh mask. She would be more beautiful if she regains her consciousness for sure.

“Is it her?” (Wazu)

“Yeah, she is my little sister and Naminissa’s elder twin sister” (Navirio)

Navirio looks at Narellina with a grievous face. It must be hard for him to see Narellina in this condition.

Then, a young woman who wore a maid uniform approached us and talk about something to Navirio. He explained about the current situation to me after the conversation ended.

“Currently, the magician unit has used their full force to confine her inside a barrier. But it seems the barrier won’t last long. If you approach, she will immediately attack you without warning.... even so, can I still count on you?” (Navirio)

“Yes, no problem. Can you remove the barrier?” (Wazu)

The barrier was removed with a signal from Navirio and I slowly approached her. When I’m at a distance where her sword could reach, she immediately attacked me without a moment delay.

I dodge the sword that came from overhead to cut me down. It descended just as is and stopped at the place where I was standing before. In the interval time, I immediately grabbed her hand which held the sword with my right hand, and used my left hand to tear off her armor with brute force.

What's came into my view was a necklace with a distorted shape decorating a very abundant chests that was covered by a white shirt. While still sealing her movement with my right hand, I threw the armor in my left hand and grabbed the decorative part of the necklace this time.

For a moment a spark was scattering on my left hand. Perhaps it was a countermeasure for those who tried to remove the necklace. There was no abnormality so it seems to be useless on me. I crushed the necklace with my hand.

I understood that the curse had disappeared from Narellina-sama's body because of a sensation that transmitted through my left hand.

I embrace Narellina-sama who is about to collapse from the front to support her. Her consciousness still remained and the power slowly returned to her body. After some times she laughed a little....

"Fufufu.... I thank you for helping me" (Narellina)

"Is something funny?" (Wazu)

"No, it was the first time a man embraced me and I think it's surprisingly not bad" (Narellina)

"Huh....?" (Wazu)

"May I know your name?" (Narellina)

"I am Wazu" (Wazu)

It seems she hasn't fully regained her senses. I tried to calmly analyze her but my heart started to get excited because the feeling of Narellina-sama's chests being pressed on mine. Let's get away quickly after she could stand on her own feet.

I feel troubled, it seems she reacted for some reason even if I just move my chest a little bit. When I wondered about what to do, a cough sound was heard from nearby.

In response to that sound, Narelline separated her body from mine. I turned around to see the source of the sound and there was Navirio doing a thumbs-up. What's with that response?

"I have troubled you, Onii-sama" (Narellina)

"That goes for me too. But it was a good thing that we are safe and sound right now" (Navirio)

"Yes!" (Narellina)

"Navirio nii-sama~~!!! Narellina ane-sama~~!!" (Naminissa)

Hmm....? I heard Naminissa's voice just now. When I look around restlessly, I can see Naminissa is running towards this place. Huh? Why are you coming here?

Behind Naminissa was Orlando, Leria-san, and several dozen other adventurers were running together to escort them. The knights open the way for Naminissa and the group to pass through. After reaching this place, she embraced Navirio and Narellina-sama.

"I am glad you've returned to your original self safely !! Nii-sama! Ane-sama!" (Narellina)

"I made you worried, Naminissa" (Navirio)

"Me too. I'm sorry, Naminissa" (Narelline)

These three are drowned in joy because of each other's safety. On the other side, Freud and the knights are joining hands with the adventurer that came as reinforcements. Meru jumped in the air while saying --"kyuii-kyuii"--. Orlando watched the scene from the side next to me.

"You did it" (Orlando)

“Yeah” (Wazu)

The scene of Naminissa, Navirio, and Narellina-sama embracing each other while shedding tears came into my view. The three put a big smiles on thier face.

That's a smile I wanted to see.....

Chapter 59
The Mastermind Is....

Because of those guys who are still hiding in the forest.... I guess it won't end just like this.

Naminissa, Navirio, and Narellina-sama are approaching me. It's a little tickle to receive words of gratitude from each of them. I mean, the other party are a royal family.

"Naminissa, Navirio, Narellina-sama, please raise your heads~~~!!!" (Wazu)

"Wait a moment!! Even though you called my brother's name and my sister's name without a honorific, why I'm the only one who is different?" (Narellina)

Narellina-sama came pressing at me. People said that a beautiful woman who got angry is scary. But I am afraid because she's not only a beautiful woman but also a strong woman. Did I do something to offend her?

"Well that's.... it's because those two told me to call them without honorific...." (Wazu)

"Hoho~.... I could understand if it's about Aniue, but also Naminissa huh...." (Narellina)

(TL : Aniue = elder brother)

When Narellina looks at Naminissa, she averted her eyes to the day after tomorrow for some reason. It seems she tried to whistle but what came from her mouth was only a **huu~ huu~** sound. That looks cute somewhat. After seeing such Naminissa, Narellina-sama directed her eyes at me.

"Then, I will also allow you to call me just Narellina....!!" (Narellina)

"Un-Understood" (Wazu)

I couldn't refuse!! I mean, she gave out a tremendous pressure. Because the person herself wanted it, there is no reason to refuse. More importantly, why does Naminissa look at me with the eyes full of grudge?

“Fufufu~.... You really did well!! I never thought I would see a mere adventurer be able save the royal family alone” (Leria)

Leria-san approached me while laughing happily, then she hit my back with **ban-ban**. Even so, I could sense a tension still lingering around her. I don’t want to say it in such a mood but....

“Umm.... it’s not over though?” (Wazu)

On my remarks Orlando, Naminissa, Navirio, Narellina, an Leria-san turned their attention at me.

“Wazu-sama, what do you mean it’s not over?” (Naminissa)

Naminissa was asking.

“I can feel the gaze of a lot people from inside the forest over there. Perhaps, it’s there.... the person who manipulated Navirio and Narellina with the cursed tools....” (Wazu)

Taking a glimpse at Navirio and Narellina, the two were looking at Naminissa. The memory of the person who gave them the cursed tools should still remains.... First of all, to be able to give a suspicious thing to these two, I thought this person must be have a considerable position and quite close to them.

First, Naminissa is excluded from this condition. Their personal butler and maid looked truly happy when the two returned so I also exclude them. Leria-san is Naminissa’s cooperator in this case, people who are close to the two and currently are not in this place.... He is the only one who comes to my mind as expected...

“Denoga, right?” (Wazu)

I gave out the name of Naminissa’s fiance and confirmed it with the two.

“Yeah.... it was Denoga who gave me the bracelet. He said it was a charm” (Navirio)

“Me too. When my brother had started to acting strange, he said it was a necklace for protection....” (Narellina)

Orlando has an astonished expression on his face and Leria-san let out a sigh to release her tension. Perhaps except Naminissa, Leria-san suspected all people around the two. Probably it was a breath of relief because she found out the perpetrator wasn't among the people here.

“With this my engagement is canceled.... great....” (Naminissa)

While Naminissa mumbled something in a low voice, I can feel she emitted a black aura for some reason. This time Leria-san asked me.

“However, why would he do such a thing?” (Leria)

“Who knows? But is that really unexpected? Such a man, I thought that he would proudly use any means to fulfill his desire. It seems they are coming” (Wazu)

I said so and pointing at the forest, everyone turned their face towards the direction. There was a group with red shield heading towards this place. Approximately 800 people by a rough estimation. There is the man in question, Denoga at the front. On his side, there is a big man armed with red knuckle pads in both arms.

“That guy!!” (Leria)

“Do you know him?” (Navirio)

Leria-san cried out at the sight of the big man. When Navirio asks, Leria-san nods after clearing up her throat while still focusing her line of sight at the big man.

“His name is Flugel Razor. He is an S-ranked adventurer who is skilled in close-combat fighting as you can see from his equipment” (Leria)

On the word S-ranked, the tension in this place increased at once. Finally S-rank huh. I wonder how strong he is....

“My knights!! Take your swords!! The enemy is coming!!” (Narellina)

The atmosphere of delight disappeared on Narellina's shout and the knights clad themselves with fighting spirit in an instant.

They are well-trained huh....

Navirio also passing some instructions to his knights as well. Leria-san is going to explain the situation to adventurers. The knight are moving in a hurry.

In this place I, Orlando, Naminissa, Freud, and Kumia are all that remain. I had Meru stayed in the air just in case.

“Say.... as a man who aspiring to become a knight, should I also do something in this situation? I can’t stick up with the knights movement though” (Orlando)

“Oh yeah, I think that’s a good idea to appeal.... Though I also don’t know how the knights are going to move” (Wazu)

When Orlando and I are having such a conversation, Navirio and Narellina approaching us.

“It may be a bold request because the opponent is S-rank, but I’d like to ask the cooperation from you guys” (Navirio)

“I want you to lend me your power again” (Narellina)

On their words, Orlando and I answered with an acceptance and followed Navirio and Narellina from behind.

Chapter 60
Denoga's Identity

How did this happen....? right now, behind me are three people from the royal family, Orlando, and Leria-san standing side-by-side. Behind them are 2000 knights and hundreds people from the adventurer association.

Eeh? when I said about going to help Navirio and Narellina, I was thinking to follow and support them from behind, but why I am in the lead?

I told them that I would cooperate indeed, but why I am standing in front of a royal family?

It just looks like I was the top person of this coalition, right? wait a moment.... could it be they used me as a shield? Even if there is an unpredicted incident, I would be the only one who receives damage, something like that? No No.... that can't be.... but.... however....

While I was wondering about it, Denoga and the S-ranked adventurer Fluegel that were among the people with red shield had arrived in front of my eyes.

Oh!! Since when!?

Fluegel is a man with large muscle mass, sharp eyes, short hair, and many scratches on his face.

"You are from before, Wazu-san was it?" (Denoga)

"Yeah, your atmosphere is different somewhat, is this your true nature?" (Wazu)

"Is this my true nature? I wonder? I don't dislike the timid myself" (Denoga)

In the midst of our conversation, he shifted his line of sight behind me.

"It was a good thing that Navirio-sama and Narellina-sama had returned to normal, Naminissa-sama" (Denoga)

“How dare you say such things, even though it was all your doing” (Naminissa)

“Hahaha, have I been found out? well it can’t be helped. I planned for the two to die here so it’s no use to hide it anymore. I never thought the two would survived though. That’s why I have no choice but to use direct means like this” (Denoga)

“Using the guys behind you?” (Narellina)

Narellina stared at Denoga with an angry face without hiding her hostility.

“Yes, Narellina-sama. They are the knights which I prepared by myself, they also are quite good” (Denoga)

“.... So, why is Naminissa fiance doing all of this? what is your aim?” (Navirio)

This time Navirio asked with a serious look.

“My aim? Isn’t this clear? I want to claim my right to become a king” (Denoga)

“A right....?” (Navirio)

“Well, I don’t have to hide it. Certainly I am called Denoga Flebondo right now, but my real name is Denoga Gnarbondo. I am a biological child of the former king, Deo Gnarbondo. I am a so-called illegitimate child” (Denoga)

“ “ “whaaa!?” “ “

“I couldn’t become a king just as Naminissa’s fiance. To be honest, the present royal family is in the way” (Denoga)

“It can’t be.... our parents illness too....” (Navirio)

“Yeah, I will get rid of them after killing you” (Denoga)

“Then, if we defeat you here, everything will come to end” (Narellina)

When Narellina pulled her sword, the knights behind also followed suit at once. The red shield group also pulled their sword as a response. In an instant the place turned

into a battlefield full of bloodthirst. Then, Leria-san take one step forward and stared at Fluegel.

“I see.... he is a son of the previous king. Is that the reason why you are there?” (Leria)

“....that’s right” (Fluegel)

Eh? What does this mean? that’s what I thought but Leria-san explained to me in a low voice. Apparently, Fluegel was quite close to the previous king and had received various help from him. It seems he cooperated with his son to return the favors.

“I will say this just once....” (Navirio)

This time Navirio move one step forwards.

“As you can see, there are 2000 knights and hundreds of adventurer joined together on my side. But on your side, I could estimated there are only around 800 people. Even if there is an S-rank adventurer on your side, it’s clear that you have no chance of winning so just surrender quietly!” (Navirio)

“That’s right.... as expected it’s going to be difficult with this much of a number difference, I need to call for reinforcement” (Denoga)

Denoga took something from inside his clothes. I have no idea what he is going to do.

“Can you survive inside the chaos?” (Denoga)

Denoga extended his arm which held something to us. There is a black ball riding atop his palm. Huh? I think I have seen it somewhere before.... that’s right, at the Elf village.... it’s bad!!!

“Oh gospel of the great darkness come fills my heart” (Denoga)

Responding to Denoga’s words, the black ball emitted black light that covered the surrounding but soon disappear. The black ball shattered into pieces and danced to the sky.

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Again huh! I could hear a sound like heartbeat from somewhere in the dinstance. However, that's not important right now.

"Be careful!! horde of monsters will come!!" (Wazu)

"Oh? You did know that. Even though that merchant told me it was a rare article...." (Denoga)

Because I told everyone about what's is going to happen with a loud voice, Denoga affirmed disinterestedly. Believing in the contents of my interaction with Denoga, Navirio passing some instrcution to the knights at once.

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In this way, we were caught between a group led by Denoga and horde of monster, we entered a brawl.

Chapter 61
"Arrogance" Calls Other Insect

In the rear side knights and adventurers are engaged in a mortal combat with hordes of monsters. Fortunately, the monsters that were gathered from the surrounding are mostly low ranked. Though the collaboration between knights and adventures looks imperfect, it seems they managed to endure the monster attack somehow.

At the front line, holy knights and knights corps also engaged in melee combat with the red shield group in the same way. Since we allocated many knights to fight horde monsters, we lost our numerical advantage and it seems the war wouldn't end easily.

Then in the open area at the center of battlefield, stood three people from royal family, Leria-san, and I that are confronted Denoga and Fluegel. Orlando was invited to join the knights.

"The surrounding has started their party, should we also begin?" (Denoga)

Denoga said so in a carefree manner.

"Are you going to fight with this number difference?" (Narellina)

"Of course. I don't think I could win in normal fight though. Even compared to Naminissa, my fighting ability is inferior to her, because of that I will use this thing" (Denoga)

Denoga took a red ball this time and swallowed it. So he also has it as I thought. Denoga's eyes turned black, his body shape also changed, cracked marks spreaded through his body, his nails grew like a sharp blade, and black wing sprouted from his back.

"FUFUFU.... IT'S WONDERFUL. THE POWER IS OVERFLOWING WITHIN MY BODY" (Denoga)

"Wh-What is that? What on earth is going on?" (Navirio)

“I WONDER? I DON’T KNOW EITHER. HOWEVER, THIS POWER IS ENOUGH TO KILL INSECTS LIKE YOU ALL. WITH THIS I CAN BECOME THE KING OF THIS COUNTRY. THEN LET’S BEGIN!” (Denoga)

Navirio was shaken by the drastic change of Denoga's appearance and his movement stopped.

Denoga tried to cut Naminissa, who was caught off guard with his nails. Before I could react, Narelline parried his attack with her sword.

“Even if you has changed, it doesn’t change the fact about everything you have done to us. I will cut you down with these hands!” (Narellina)

“CAN YOU DO THAT?” (Denoga)

On those words the fight between Denoga and Narellina has started. Though they exchanged an attack violently, I felt neither of them were serious yet. Each of them still tries to assert their opponents ability at the moment.

My attention directed to Fluegel who still didn't move from his place. I felt something eerie from him for some reason. Then Naminissa, Navirio, and Leria-san approached me.

“Wazu-sama, we will do something about Denoga by ourselves because it’s a problem of the royal family” (Naminissa)

“Wazu, I don’t know how strong you are but I want you to keep Fluegel busy as long as possible. Can you manage it?” (Navirio)

“To be honest, I saw how you saved Navirio-sama and Narellina-sama earlier, but let me tell you this, Fluegel is strong. We can’t win against him.... but, if it’s you perhaps....” (Leria)

I see. It seems Fluegel didn’t move in anticipation of me. I guess he wary of me because he also saw how I saved Navirio and Narellina before. Although Denoga’s power certainly has changed but the strength I felt from Fluegel is different. How should I put it.... he can be said to be on a different level altogether.

“Understood. I will manage it somehow with Fluegel because of that I leave Denoga to you all. I will come to help if things looks dangerous just in case, but you want to defeat him by yourself, right?” (Wazu)

Naminissa and Navirio nodded on my words, they ran to the place where Narellina and Denoga were fighting accompanied by Leria-san. I think they will be fine. I pray in my heart that everything will end safely. I slowly turn my eyes towards Fluegel.

“Did the talk end?” (Fluegel)

“Yeah, it seem I will be your opponent” (Wazu)

“.... kukuku.... sound’s good to me. That’s also what I wanted. I saw your movement when saving Navirio-sama and Narellina-sama from before, it was brilliant. I couldn’t take my eyes from you, it made my whole body shudered” (Fluegel)

Surprisingly, Fluegel seems happy and breaks into a broad smile.

“After climbing to this point what awaits me is just boring battle.... I will fight a strong man after a long time at last!! Please entertain me to the fullest!!” (Fluegel)

He hammered his knuckle pads with **clank!-clank!** to express his joy. Is he a battle maniac?

“In others words, you didn’t choose your side because you wanted to fight me?” (Wazu)

“That’s it. Certainly I was cooperating with Denoga-sama to return a favors from his late father, but he is....” (Fluegel)

Fluegel looks at the transformed Denoga with pitiful eyes and I also following his line of sight. There are Narellina and the transformed Denoga trying to cut each other, Naminissa was using barrier magic to defend the attack, Leria-san was skillfully using a whip and magic attacks with hit and run tactics, and Navirio was giving instruction and magical support. They have good cooperation there.

After confirming their situation I turn back my attention at Fluegel, --”So?”-- he gave me a gesture as if saying that. I only could answer him with a bitter smile.

“Well then, shall we also begin?” (Wazu)

“Come at me anythime!” (Fluegel)

Chapter 62
S-Ranked Fighter

Fluegel turned his upper body into a diagonal stance, with one foot forward and one on the back, his opened left hand sticks out in the front, his clenched right hand was pulled close to his body, then he drop his center of gravity while still maintaining his standing posture.

On the contrary, I just slowly clenching my fists as is. I mean.... I don't have any fighting skills, or to be precise I don't have any combat skills whatsoever. I just kicked and punched my opponent until now.... hmm, I wonder how is my ability when compared with an S-ranked opponent?

"Well, let's start?" (Fluegel)

I wonder if I could learn fighting skills somewhere.... **bakon!!!**

A shock came to my belly!! Shit, it's not a time for.... **dogun!!!**

I was kicked on my cheek.... **dogon!!!**

Currently I was lying down on the ground after receiving a continuous attacks of beating → kicking → throwing.

Crap!! Since Fluegel lowered his foot and tried to stomp me, I rolled my body to avoid it at once. I stood up quickly. I put my power into my hands and immediately punch him but my fist only cut the air.

Huh? He could avoided it?

Fluegel's kick landed on my abdomen and blew me into the air. Upon landing, Fluegel sent me a quizzical look.

"What the heck are you?" (Fluegel)

"Hmm?" (Wazu)

“How should I put this, it’s doesn’t feel right. Even with my physical ability, I felt like I was hitting something as big as a thousand years old tree. Your movement also like an amateur, no it's like a wild beast rather than an amateur.... could it be you don’t have any combat skills?” (Fluegel)

Thatt’s correct.... Oh? You could understand that much just by watching me? Certainly, I fight relying on my physical abilties alone to defeat the opponent. Only when I lived in the Mountain that I could gained some decent battle experiences. Did Fluegel see through it....? just by looking at my movement.... is this abilites of an S-sanked person....?

“I thought that I could enjoy a good fight here at last.... oh well.... let’s end this quickly” (Fluegel)

While Flugel is scratching his head to indicate his disappointment, I shoot my punch towards his face but it was also easily avoided.

“With your physical ability alone, you are good if the opponent is just a weak A-ranked adventurer at most. But without a technic your attack won't reach me” (Fluegel)

He said so and the bottom of his palm entered my flank. In that moment, just like a drop of water spreading a ripple in the water field, I feels the same sensation through my body. I feel an intense pain from inside my body. I fell on the spot just as is.

Guh.... what the heck is this....

For a moment, there was an unpleasant feeling as if a foreign object entered and spreading through my body.

I was screaming inside.

I had a taste of iron in my mouth when put my fingers in, there was a red liquid. Is this blood....?

The unpleasant feeling had disappeared not long after. I got up and spit out the remaining blood in my mouth while glaring at Fluegel.

“What was that....?” (Wazu)

“Huh, did Leria not tell you?” (Fluegel)

“About what....?” (Wazu)

“I am an S-ranked adventurer with a nickname “The Destructor”. I am the owner of special magic that can destroy the internal body of my opponent by releasing magical power through my attack” (Fluegel)

I see, that’s why Navirio told me to keep Fluegel busy not to defeat him. My attack couldn’t touch him, I don’t even have any battle skills to match him, but on the other hand Fluegel could a deal damage to me.... damn it!!

“Good grief, I’m really disappointed.... well do your best to keep standing” (Fluegel)

Fluegel approaches me in an instant, his left fist came flying towards me, I jump backwards to avoid it, guh....!! suddenly his right fist was planted on my left abdoment.

dokun!!!!!

“Ughh.....!!!!!” (Wazu)

I feel an intense pain within my body that was stronger than before. I fell down to my knee on the spot, struggling and flailing. The pain quickly disappear not long after.

I glared Fluegel with teary-eyes.

“Fu..... Fu.....” (Wazu)

“I threw a rather stronger attack than before but it seems you are still fine” (Fluegel)

DAMN IT!!!

I stand in an instant to punch him. Though it’s not like the time when I helping Navirio, but the worlds flow is slowing down.

Still, Fluegel could avoid my fist and he beat me down instead. Once again pain runs through my whole body.

The pain disappeared as I regained my balance. I launched a kick but it was also avoided easily. This time he grabbed my clothes and slammed me down to the ground.

Pain runs through my whole body and quickly disappears.

Clenching my teeth, I kick him while twisting my body but he is not in the place where he was standing before. I looked around but couldn't find his figure.

Then, I suddenly feel some weight on my back this time, my body sinks to the ground just as it.

I feel a pain and it's disappears.

It seems he jumped to the sky and kicked me off on his landing.

"It's useless. Your movement is too monotonous. You are easy to read, see? No matter how strong your attack, it useless if it couldn't reach me" (Fluegel)

To break the balance of Fluegel who gets on me, I put my strength and tried to get up while hitting him using my backfist. But before that happen, he kicked my face and my fist didn't even graze him.

Pain runs through my body and it's disappear.

Fluegel stood in front of me after take some distance.

DAMN YOU....!!!

"You still can't understand? You have no chance to win!" (Fluegel)

DAMN..... DAMN IIIIIITTTTTT.....!!!!!

I can't win at this rate..... what shoud I do.....? I can't lose here!!

I tried various attacks while observing Fluegel's movement but it still couldn't reach him. I felt a pain in my body so many times and repeatedly disappeared.

"Haa.... Haa...." (Wazu)

Currently, I and Fluegel are standing face-to-face. Fluegel is standing calmy without any change like before the fight begin. In contrary, I am standing with worn out condition because of continuously being sent to the ground so many times. It's getting hard to breath and I also was throwing up repeatedly.

"Haa.... Haa.... I understood...." (Wazu)

Chapter 63
The Things I Understood

There are two things that I understood after Fluegel beat the hell out of me.

Human.... no, almost all living creatures possess a natural healing power. Even if you get hurt the wound will heal over time. That is a matter of course, but there are also things that can't be healed over time like disease or fatal injuries for example. Was there aything else? oh well, that's not the pioint.

Take as an example, let's say that the amount recovered by natural healing power was 0.1% in one hour. That means if your HP is 1000.... it would recover 1 HP in one hour. Now let's put that condition into my status. First of all, "HP : How could I die, I wonder....?"

Honestly, I really want to complain to the goddess and earth goddess.... forget it!!

That is to say that my HP is so high that it can't be quantified and the amount that's recovered by the natural healing power is also enormous in accordance with it. In other words even if I received damage, it would be recovered in tremendous speed?

This is the cause of the phenomenon where I felt pain but it soon disappeared. To put it in other words it's healed in an instant, I guess? Though if hurt it still hurts no matter what.... but now that I have gotten used to it, I don't feel inconvenience in particullar. This is the first thing!

The second thing.... I wonder if it's the effect because I have been watching Fluegel movements for a long time? Somehow I could understand how to move my body better. Like how to posture my body when punching.... or how to move when kicking a target.... something like that? It feels like I understood how to utilizing my body efficiently during the battle now. I wonder what? Thinking about how I fought until now, it seems there were a lot of wasteful movements.

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As if facing a monster, Fluegel's eyes harbored a fear when looking at me.

“Wh-Why? after received my magical attack that much.... why are you still alive? Or rather, how could you still stand there calmly? Are you really a human?” (Fluegel)

How rude!! I am a human!!

Probably....

“Ummm....? how should I put this.... that’s right.... what do you think about changes a deserts terrain? (Wazu)

“Haa....?” (Fluegel)

“Like how to make it not a desert anymore? For example, how to turn it into a lake?” (Wazu)

“Haa....?” (Fluegel)

“Let’s assume that you want to make a lake. Your current attack to me now are like dropping a water drop in to a desert to turn it into a lake. Do you understand what I’m trying to say?” (Wazu)

“ .....? “ (Fluegel)

“In short, It doesn’t work at all” (Wazu)

“Have you gotten stronger in the middle of fighting with me? like such a folish story is possible-----!!!!!” (Fluegel)

Between the interval of our exchange, Fluegel fill it with his attack. However, unlike before I could see his movement.

Avoiding his fist, I shoot my punch towards Fluegel’s face but it can be avoided by shifting his face, while at it Fluegel’s knee came fly at me. Sound of something broken was heard when I hit his knee to parry the attack.

bogiiin....!!!

“Arggggggghhhhhhh.....!!!!” (Fluegel)

Fluegel collapses on the spot with his broken leg.

My STR status is dreadful as usual.

Having been beaten up one-sidely until a while ago, I got irritated and hit him somewhat seriously.... it broke in one punch even though the other party is S-ranked huh?

While I think about it, Flugel stood up while being unsteady and took his stance back.

“Fuh.... hahaha.... hahaha....!!!” (Fluegel)

What is this? It’s creeped me out when he began to laugh in a cheerful manner....

“It’s nice.... really.... the fight should be like this.... it's interesting because ones life is at the stake! Hahaha....” (Fluegel)

I could sense Fluegel power increased from the look. His muscles are swelling and he gives off more intimidating air than before.

“....won’t you heal it? that foot” (Wazu)

“Haa...!! does it I looks like could use some kind of magic? Besides, it was a good handicap for an opponent who fought like an amateur until a will ago, no?” (Fluegel)

Hohou~ he said something funny....

Even though he's sweating away because his leg is hurt so much, he still put on air.... I don’t dislike that kind of attitude though....

While floating a smile, I approached Fluegel step by step until the distance where each other’s fists could reach the other party. There is nothing we could do except a fist-fight at this distance.

“Then it’s a handicap for me for a person who couldn’t move properly, let’s us continue with this distance” (Wazu)

“Fuhaha.... hahaha.... hahaha....!!! I see, you gave me a handicap huh!! Bring it!! I don’t dislike a guy like you!!” (Fluegel)

We glared at each other with a smile and began to exchange fists fiercely. We didn't avoid it, the fists landed on each other's face, body, and everywhere.

To be honest I have no damage and his internal destruction attack don't work well on me. On the other hand, I dealt a great damage to Fluegel.

But still, Fluegel didn't collapse and kept hitting me. Though I could avoid it anytime, but such intention never crossed my mind. We will keep on hit each other until one of us collapse.

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How long of a time has passed?

It may be a few seconds

It my be several minutes

It may be quite a long time

We just kept hitting each other while couldn't see the end. Fluegel's fist landed on my face and my fist was sink into his abdomen.

"Guhh.... you are remaining intact even after I did this much.... you are really a monster...." (Fluegel)

"I won't be happy to receive such words...." (Wazu)

"Hee... even though I praised you from the bottom of my heart...." (Fluegel)

"Calling me a monster is not compliment" (Wazu)

".... well.... this time you won.... let's do it again later.... " (Fluegel)

"I also won't be happy to receive such words...." (Wazu)

Fluegel fell forward just like that.

Chapter 64
It's Increasing

“Fuuu~~~~” (Wazu)

I take a big deep breath. I’m tired.... to tell the truth, I thought that I would lose.... I look at Fluegel at my feet.... he was sleeping. He didn't fainted but fell asleep. In addition he is snoring loudly. How should I put this.... he has thick skin on his face.

I let out a sigh and looked around. It seems that other battles are still going on. Although the number of monsters are decreasing steadily, new monster are still appearing from behind. It seems that the red shield group also put up a good fight tenaciously. Naminissa in the center also works hard.

When I was watching the battlefield all the way, Meru come down from the sky towards my head. Upon landing, Meru is patting my head with **peshi-peshi** to congratulate me. I caress Meru's head and take out the guild card from my bosom to check the status. It’s because I thought that there was a reason for me to be able to match Fluegel’s attacks.

I dropped a drop of blood and looked at the guild card, there were several changes. I looked at the status part with a glance and it seems there is nothing different in particular, but the skill part has changed.

Skills :

Fighting level 3
Extreme Cannibalism (Unique)
Abnormal Conditions Almost Invalid (Unique)
Earth Goddess is overprotective(Unique)
War Goddess fell in love at the first sight (Unique)
Goddess is getting irritated (Unique)

Sponsored by : Goddess, Earth Goddess, War Goddess

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Ughh, the goddesses are increasing. Eh why....? did I do something to make her appear....? Ca-Calm down.... It's no use crying over spilled milk.... let's see....!!

First, Fighting skill is good. It is a wishful skill. However, how could I gain this skill? speaking of what I did, I just beat Fluegel as usual and tracked his movement with my eyes.... umm, I guess that's it.

I wonder if my battle with Fluegel is like sparring between a pair of teacher and disciple? Oh well, let's put aside that for now.

Let's see the next.

Earth Goddess is overprotective :
Kyaaaaa---!!! Wazu-kun got beaten up very badly---!!! Internal destruction? I won't allow it!! With my super protection, I will make the inner body stronger in accordance wit VIT status!! E~Eiii!!!

Wh-What is this goddess doing....? what has she done? at this rate, I will get farther.... and farther away.... from humanity....

I check the race status in hurry.

Race : Human (77%)

It's decreased....!!! It's getting reduced....!!! The part that I don't want to decrease has been reduced....!!! What are you guys doing, Earth Goddess-sama....

I take a look at the next skill.

War Goddess fell in love at the first sight (Unique)
It has been a long time since I saw this kind of fight!!! My blood is boiling up for the first time after a long time!!! Let's have a bout if you could meet me!!! You can embrace me if you win!!! I will embrace you if I win!!!

Eeh....? what's with this goddess? I won't fight her, moreover with such stupid logic.... I mean.... she said she would embrace me or would let me embrace her.... is this the same thing? no, it's different. It's about which side will take the initiative.... but that's not the problem here!!

I sighed an check the last skill.

Goddess is getting irritated (Unique)
Wait there ladies!!! Wazu is for me!!! Because Wazu is mine!!! Please don't have a strange thought about him!!! I won't forgive anyone who lays her hand on Wazu before me!!! Please remember that!!!

I wonder since when have I become Goddess-sama's thing.... moreover she warned the other goddesses.... it seems that her jealousy is getting stronger.... I want to think it just my imagination....

Fuu.... I have gotten used with the sentence. I understood that, but what do you want? to strengthened me further.... also my guild card is getting somewhat like a meeting place.... it can't be the members will increase later? it won't right? right?

I throw up a sigh and look around again. The battle still continue like before.

Now, what should I do....?

I don't think to participate in the fight of Naminissa's group. It seems they want to settle thing with their own hands. Of course it's a different matter if I see their life is in danger. But looking at the situation, it seems that there is no need to worry.

Then it would be a better to help the other fights. Monsters? Red shields group? it's troublesome.... so let's crush them both.

I bolted to the battlefield.

Chapter 65
The Person Who Overhelms

I rushed out at once towards the battlefield with Meru on my head. First of all, I grabbed the head of a cow-shaped monster which held a black iron club that I found on the way. I threw it towards the horde of monster that are still appearing from behind.

boooom------!!!

After the cow-shaped monster that I thrown passed by, hundred or more monster carcasses were scattered in pieces. The open line has been made through the monster horde. The cow-shaped monster was dead because it couldn't bear the pressure and speed.

I jumped into the air. A big bird whose beak is hard and sharp like an iron, I beat it down towards the ground where the monsters are gathered while breaking its beak

boooom------!!!

The ground gouged up and exploded as the bird crashed. The monsters in the surrounding were blown away by the impact alone, the bird monster died together with the monsters around it.

I regained my balance upon landing. I gave a heel drop over the head of a monster which was drooling from his large and big green mouth. The momentum couldn't be stopped, the monster was torn into two when I touch the ground. Meru seemed to be happy and clapping her hands with **peshi-peshi**.

Knights, adventurers, and monsters were frozen on the spot because couldn't understand what just happened, but I didn't stop there. I brushed off the monsters around my landing point. I tried to practice Fighting skill such as how to do a roundhouse kick while it's still fresh in my mind.

I will crush all the monsters under one blow.

Many of monsters are frightened when they saw their companions get blown away easily and escaped in the midst of the confusion. Still, I won't stop.

I reaped the lives of remaining monsters while moving with tremendous speed. I saw a monsters that were about to attack the knights and adventurers who stopped their movement because they were watching me. I picked some stone and threw them towards their faces (monsters). The stones penetrated their faces in a speed which can't be seen.

I ran in a semicircular track while mowing down the monsters. I kicked them off as I passing by. Monsters whose lost their face or monsters with a hole in their belly came down like rain. I advanced while leaving hundreds of monster bodies scattered behind. The remaining monsters has already escaped whilst the monsters in this place had lost their live.

My movement didn't stop. This time I headed towards the red shield group. Upon seeing me come, the majority of them threw down their weapon and raised their hands to surrender.

To attack the people who had no will to fight anymore would just attract unnecessary attention so I leave them to the knights around.

I mean, they naturally opened the path as soon as I approached, and they also prostrated themselves as soon as our eyes met.

Oi, I haven't done anything to you yet....

Even so, there are still people who came to challenge me. They approached and tried to kill me with the sword but got immobilize in return. I broke their sword, crushes their red round shield, punch them once, and finish.

Unlike the monsters side, there are allies and enemies here and there in this place. I push forward as if sewing the battlefield.

The people who challenged me had been sent out with a punch and kick. Orlando was fighting with two people at the center, the three are trying to cut each other in front of my eyes.

Orlando is superior if we are talking about the sword skill but these people are good with using the shield. It seems the battle won't end anytime soon.

“Yo, Orlando! Need a help?” (Wazu)

I stopped my feet. I spoke to Orlando in a light tone while I beat a guy who used the opportunity to come near and attack me with a sword without looking.

“Guhh.... no.... I am fine.... if I can’t do this much.... I am not suited to become.... a knight!” (Orlando)

He answered while delivering an attack to the opponent. His breath is ragged but I'm sure he is going to win. Orlando is calmly reading the movements of his opponent and sent an accurate attack. As I thought Orlando is stronger than average knights.

“Then, I leave this place to you!” (Wazu)

“Yeah!! leave it to me!!” (Orlando)

Orlando continued his fight and I headed to defeat other red shield guys. Beating, kicking, throwing, I leave the knocked down guys to the knights. I'm going to drive them off one after another.

There is also a tough-looking man among them. He is a big man with a body around 3m height. He appeared while making **tumb-tumb** sound.

“Guhehehe!! This is your end-----”

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Breaking his red shield and armor, my fist sank into his abdomen. Well, he just had a big body. I go off to clean the remainder of the red shield guys.

Before long the red shield guys has been cleared up. You can hear groaning voices from all over the place. Orlando also seems to have won the battle. He approach me while looking around.

“Wazu.... this is overkill, no?” (Orlando)

“I think so too....” (Wazu)

In the end, I defeated almost all the monsters and the people from red shield group alone.

Chapter 66
Settlement And Unpleasant Feeling

All the monsters has been annihilated and the red shield group has been destroyed. The knights that are still able to move are treating their injured companions or capturing the red shield guys remnants. Without taking any action, it seems they had decided to watch over the battle occurring in the center of the battlefield. The knights also understood that Naminissa's group wanted to settle the fight by themselves.

The knights also didn't dare to approach me. Though they kept taking a glance at me as if the were seeing some hero. Please don't look so much.... it's kinda embarrassing....

Well, it's true that I have done something far beyond a normal person could do.... sigh... it's uncomfortable being stared at....!!!

I turn my line of sight towards the center of the battlefield along with Orlando. Though it hasn't been settled yet, it's clear that Naminissa's group has the upper hand. Even Denoga transformed, the person himself doesn't have battle experience so it's not a big deal. He couldn't utilize his new gained power, with that degree of ability it's impossible to beat Naminissa's group. The impatience is mixed with irritation because things didn't work as he thought and his attacks became disordered.

Narellina's sword cuts Denoga's flank while avoiding his attack. From behind Naminissa protects Narellina with barrier magic, Leria-san's whip stopping Denoga movement, and Navirio's fire magic gradually reduces his physical strength.

I was astonished to see how good Navirio orchestrated the movement of this group. I wonder how far he was reading ahead. Though everything looks good so far, I'm concentrating on my feet so that I can jump in
anytime.

Their battle was already entered the final stage. Denoga's body was covered by a large number of cut. The burned skin because of fire magic attack also can be seen everywhere.

Denoga shakes his big shoulder with ragged breath. Using the remaining spirit, he attacking fiercely with his long and sharp nail clad in magical power.

“GAAAAAAAAA!!!!! YOU INSECTS!!!!!” (Denoga)

Denoga directs that nails together with an earth-splitting roar towards Narellina but it was repelled by Naminissa’s barrier magic. He lose his balance when Leria-san’s whip wrapped his feet and fell on the spot.

Narellina raised her sword high in reversed grip towards Denoga who fell down while showing his back.

“This is the end Denoga!!!” (Narellina)

In an instant, the fire wrapped Narellina’s sword before it pierced through Denoga's throat.

“GUHAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA.....” (Denoga)

Big cracks opened on Denoga’s body. His long claws and wings shattered and disappear. Denoga’s life meet the end with blood flowing from his throat and formed a red puddle on the ground.

“Ouuuuuuu.....!!!!!”

The knights raised a shout of victory. Orlando and I bumped each other fist while laughing pleasantly. Naminissa's group approach us with avirio in the lead.

“It has ended.... I would like to say that but, the king and the queen still remains asleep” (Wazu)

“They will be fine. There was a part of a memory from the time when I was still being manipulated, about Denoga boasting the cause of father and mother slept. So don't worry because I know how to release it.” (Navirio)

“I see, that’s good then” (Wazu)

Navirio and I shook hands. Naminissa and the others watch us with a smile on their face.... but then a person abruptly applauding to attracts our attention.

claps-claps-claps

I turn my face towards the direction. There is a person who's covered his whole body in black clothes with a backpack that's twice as big as his body. A slender man who is hiding his face with a black hood was applauding there.

Peddler on travel? Only his smile could be seen but it gives an unpleasant feeling.

“It’s trully wonderful!! To defeat a new awakened demon!! As expected of the royal family!! Well, because the origin are just flies from garbage so it's not that unexpected though”

I remember at the Elf village when I saw his figure.... umm.... what’s is his name again.... oh well.... let’s beat this guy first.... it seems the balls are from him.... peddler.... I heard it before.... it can’t be....

Besides, who is this guy? There is nothing from his figure that should make me be on guard, then why.... I feel this unpleasant feeling just by watching this peddler.

“It was truly a wonderful fight~!! Es-pe-ci-al-ly the man with the dragon on his head over there!! Your strength is the real deal!! I had instinctively shuddered!!”

The man approaching me while talks in a cheerful manner. This unpleasant feeling is getting stronger and stronger from every step he got closer.

“You are.... this?” (Wazu)

Though I only said these words, whether he understood exactly my question, the man stopped his steps, spreaded his arms happily with a distorted mouth.

“Hahahaha!! That’s right!! I gave that trash the red ball and the black ball!!”

Naminissa tension rose at once because of the mans confession. But still, his expression doesn't change and keep smiling.

“Speaking about it, the thing is.... just recently a reaction from “Jealousy” and “Lust” has disappeared so I wonder.... could it be it’s your doing?”

“I don’t understand what you are talking about but certainly I have defeated 2 men who transformed like this” (Wazu)

“Oh I see!! It's not like I would take revenge or something, ‘see? because it doesn't matter how many trash died”

The man suddenly tapping his chin while thinking of something. should I attack now....?

“Umu.... I would like to see it!! Compared to that girl, which one is stronger?”

“That girl?” (Wazu)

“For that purpose, I need you to go get her.... despite everything she is “Lazy” after all. Be-ca-u-se of that!!”

The man took out a black crystal from his bosom and quickly crushed it with his bare hand. Then, a black mist arises from his hand and disappeared into the air.

I have a bad feeling when suddenly the weight disappeared from my head. I look up and found that Meru was trapped inside a black crystal that floated on the air.

“kyui-kyui!!!” (Meru)

“Meru!!!” (Wazu)

“bye-bye!!”

The man waved his hand and the black crystal disappeared along with Meru into the sky.

The dark emotion surrounded me. I grabbed the man's lapels with force while take a stance where I can hit him anytime, but his smile is unchanging.

“Where did Meru go?” (Wazu)

“It’s in her place! You can find her at northern hot spring town, then I will going ahead~!! See you there~~”

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With those parting words the man slipped from my hand and disappeared into the air when I tried to cath him back.

“Are you going?” (Orlando)

I slowly turn back when I heard Orlando’s voice.

“Yeah, I'm going to pick up Meru.... sorry, even though I said wanted to see your knight figure” (Wazu)

“I don’t mind” (Orlando)

Naminissa and the other are gathered aroound me.

“Leave him to me. I promise I would make him a knight under my direct control” (Navirio)

“Thank you very much Navirio” (Wazu)

Navirio promised to make Orlando a knight. He will be fine if I leave things to Navirio.

“Wazu-sama.... we are truly indebted to you this time. About the rewards I will.... I will give it to you without fail so please look forward!!” (Naminissa)

“Ye-Yeah” (Wazu)

.....reward? is there such a thing? Oh well, I would gladly accpet it if there is a reward.

“**cough** I will definitely go to see you later” (Narellina)

“Eh? Ye-Yeah...” (Wazu)

Narellina cleared her throat and said so while winking at me. Her face is red. Did she catch cold?

“Then, see you later!!” (Wazu)

I started running towards the direction where Meru Flew away.

Chapter 67
Idde Talk : Naminissa

It was love at first sight.

I was attacked by a mysterious group and ran away. I was fascinated when he appeared gallantly after I ask for help through the ring by channeling magical power into it. I like everything about him from head to toe. I have completely fallen for him. Fiance? I have nothing to do with such a person. Father would understand for sure.

On my way to Maima village. I tried to gather information about Wazu-sama from his friend Orlando. Such as his favorite food, hobbies, and so on. But the most important thing is whether he has a lover or not. Thus I found out that Wazu-sam doesn't have one right now. If there was no one here I might have started to dance in joy.

Did he find out I was watching his back? His back is also wonderful....

In Maima village Wazu-sam was charging towards the enemy alone. I had been asked to hide inside the shadow of a building and wait. I was excited to see Wazu-sama's strength and coolness, my breath becomes rough, puffing and blowing. Orlando floated a wry smile at such appearance.

I am grateful to Wazu-sama who has helped Freud and Kumia in the blink of an eye. Then we headed to the imperial capital to meet Leria-sama who is my collaborator. I went back to Wazu-sam after made an appointment but his eyes have been deprived by a disgraceful dressed female adventurer. I was driven by jealousy and pulled Wazu-sama's ears. I wonder if I will also be able to seize his attention if I dressed like that?

A serious thing occured.

Southern hero came to visit when we were talking with Leria-san. Then, Wazu-sama suddenly got restless and hid himself. What’s the matter?

It has been a while since I met Aria. She looked tired for some reason, I wonder if she was all right? Aria was trying to ask something from Leria-san but changed her mind at the end.

I was surprised when Wazu-sama suddenly collapsed after Aria and group left the room. I am getting anxious. Leria-san pulled me to take a bath when I was in dismay. I have to polish my body carefully to impress Wazu-sama later.... shampoo and conditioner are wonderful things.

Wazu-sama has woken up when I returned from the bath. I couldn't hold myself and jumped to hug him a little.

Ufufufu.... so this is Wazu-sama's smell.... sniff.... sniff

Just watching Wazu-sama's face that's about to cry made my heart aches. I gently wrapped his hands with my hands. I hope my words could make him better even a little. Whether my prayer has been granted, Wazu-sama smiled.

You can embrace me, you know? Please don't worry about the surrounding eyes!!

I feel like Wazu-sam is looking at me passionately. Just by a stare from him my lower body is.... opss, it's disgraceful.

I understood the reason about why Navirio nii-sama and Narellina ane-sama turned strange. But at the same time I heard they were already about to start the war, we headed to that location immediately.

In the Bondo plains, the knights were already formed in two faction and about to start the fight. I certainly would like to rescue ani-sama and ane-sama, but I couldn't bear to see the knights get hurt in the process.

I there something I could do? I am helpless....

Wazu-sama called out when I was in such a condition. His serious eyes told me that I could rely on him.

Wazu-sama ran towards the knight alone after telling us to wait. I know that Wazu-sama is strong, but I want to stand by his side to help even a little but Orlando stopped me. --”Everything will be fine if you leave it to Wazu”-- he said so and told me to calm down. We were watching Wazu-sama without moving from that place.

.....it was just in an instant, Wazu-sama had rescued Navirio nii-sama. I was astonished to see Wazu-sama's strength was beyond my imagination. Then Wazu-sama headed

towards Narellina ane-sama along with Navirio nii-sama. We headed to that place while thinking that we could help even a little bit.

Narellina ane-sama has been rescued before we arrive as a result. She clung at Wazu-sama afterward.... Narellina ane-sama... please get away from him already.... or I will get angry.... Wazu-sama as well!! I know that Narellina ane-sama's breast are bigger than mine.... but I also have pretty decent breasts!! If you want to enjoy the feeling of breast, plese use mine instead!!

We celebrated Navirio nii-sama and Narellina ane-sama's safety and thanked Wazu-sama. But he told us that everything is not over.

What do you mean?

According to Wazu-sama's story, those who gave Navirio nii-sama and Narellina ane-same the cursed tools are inside the forest.... I was told that the person is Denoga. The story about my fiancé is gone now. I took a guts pose in my mind. I want to become Wazu-sama's thing right now.

And then the former fiancé in question appeared before us.

Chapter 68
Idde Talk : Narellina

My heart was deprived at a glance.

Even if I lost my reason and my body didn't listen to what I said, the memory remained. I didn't want to point my sword towards the knights (Navirio's) and hurt them, but everyone who approached me had seemed as enemy. I felt full of gratitude towards my knights that still followed me despite my condition. However, deep inside my heart I was also afraid that I would see and attack them as an enemy later. It's wrong, I screamed inside my mind that they are not an enemies but my body was forced to hurt them.

In such a situation, he appeared in front of my eyes and saved me. I left the weight of my body on his form in relief. This is my first time to be held by a man. **badump** I could hear the sound of his heartbeat that put me at peace. I would like to remain in his arm forever just as it is....

Wazu said that Denoga who gave me the cursed tool was inside the forest....

He is the fiancé of my cute little sister!!

Such a person in unworthy for her!!

I would ask my father to cancel it at once!!

The thing that worried me was Naminissa looked happy when she heard that Denoga is the mastermind of this incident.... even though he is her fiancé, why did she look so happy?

Naminissa and I are twins, we often liked the same thing since the old days.... it can't be.... did she also fall in love with Wazu!!

Denoga appeared in front of us. After he did all of this, what nerve he has. I wonder what he was planning this time.

Denoga summoned a monster horde with a black ball and transformed with a red ball. Even if you have turned into something mysterious, did you think could overpowered our anger with such an effort? It doesn't matter even if you are a son of the late king!!

The thing about Denoga is the problem of our royal family so we must settle it by ourselves. Understanding it, Wazu was going to keep Fluegel busy for us. His strength as an S rank adventurer is extraordinary. We may be able to do something if we challenge him together. Fluegel was that kind of opponent. However, we have to settle things with the transformed Denoga before that.

As were fighting with Denoga, I saw Wazu was badly done by Fluegel. You.... I am going to kill you!!

Denoga's claws come closer when I let my guard down because I turned my attention towards Wazu. I managed to parry it with the sword somehow but it was really dangerous. Guhh, I have to concentrate fighting this guy now. I have to defeat him quickly and help Wazu!!!

Our cooperation was brilliant. We had a breathtaking combination like some veteran party of adventurers. Wazu was overwhelming Fluegel when I turn my line of sight at him again this time.

How strong is Wazu!? As expected of my future husband!! How much are you going to make me fall in love!? My heart is beating so fast just watching you!!

More unbelievable things happened. Wazu who has defeated Fluegel, also crushed the group of people with strange shield and the horde of monsters all alone.

Wonderful!! Please hug me!! ....opss, my concentration got distracted by Wazu's coolness.

When the surrounding people were astonished, we also succeeded to defeat Denoga. Using the opportunity when he lost his balance and fell down because of Naminissa's barrier magic, I unleashed a deadly sword attack.

“My sword burns everyting” (Narellina)

Fire from the fire magic flared on my sword. I thrust it towards Denoga's throat in a reverse grip. Denoga’s life was over just as it is.

But the situation didn’t end there. A peddler wearing black clothes took the dragon child who was on Wazu’s head to the northern hotspring town. Certainly over there.... don't tell me the girl he mentioned before was....

It seemed Wazu is going to leave this country to pick up Meru. I caught a word "reward" from Naminissa when we exchanged conversation. Therefore, I also promised to meet again. It's not good to stealing a march, Naminissa.

After that we returned to the imperial capital. We made father and mother drink a medicine that was prepared under Navirio nii-sama instruction, their consciousness came back not long after. The whole family embraced each other. I was relieved from the bottom of my heart that it was over.

The prime minister was surprised to hear that Denoga was the mastermind of this incident. Though he was crying because Denoga died, but I wonder how he really felt deep inside his heart.... I'm sure he was also trying to get rid the royal family from behind the scene.

A few days later, Naminissa and I lined up together in front of father and mother who were finally able to move. We are going to convey the result of our discussion from the past few days.

Orlando who is Wazu's friend has become new exclusive knight of my older brother. Currently, it seems he was moving around according to instruction from older brother, because of that they are not here.

“Father, the young man who has helped us, we are thinking to go after Wazu and marry him, could you please allow us to go?” (Narellina)

“Father, please grant our wish” (Naminissa)

“Sure, no problem” (Givirio)

Eh....? can you allow us to go so easily?

“I heard about this young man from Navirio. If you two are good with him, why not? About that shitty father (prime minister) and shitty son (Denoga), we didn't recognized the engagement and all” (Givirio)

“ “Thank you veru much!!” “ (Narellina / Naminissa)

Naminissa and I holding each other’s hands in joy.

“However, he is a commoner, is that really fine?” (Naminissa)

“No problem. I mean, we already quit from the royal family so don't worry about it. It's troublesome and I don't want to be bothered by that shitty prime minister. I will be going to the south with the people I could trust and the people who are willing to come with us. Because of that we are not a royal family anymore~” (Givirio)

“Haa~a....” (Narellina)

I knew that father was a happy-go-lucky person but I didn't think he would go to this extent.

“Could I also have a words for the two?” (Mirellina)

“What is this, mother?” (Narellina)

“We have not meet Wazu yet so bring him to meet us without fail, okay? Also, I’d like to see my grandchild’s face soon!” (Mirellina)

“ “Understood!! Certainly!!” “ (Narellina / Naminissa)

Grandchild huh!! Understood!! When we are promised to ourselves in the heart, Naminissa's maid (Kumia) came into the room.

“U-Umm!! Please excuse me!! Leria-sama has came to see Naminissa-sama and Narellina-sama” (Kumia)

Leria-san? Did something happen?

Chapter 69
Another Talk 2 : Cleaning Up

I, Tata-san, and the others are headed to Linnic city as fast as possible. It's because Wazu-san may have left the city if we don't hurry. I think we were moving at a considerable speed. Tata-san had difficulties to breath, she must be tired. But still, she kept moving her legs forward. She wants to see Wazu-san as soon as possible, that's same goes for me. Because of that I didn't neglect to help her. I applied a wind magic on her legs so they could move easier even a little. It's a strange feeling even though she is a rival. Perhaps, I didn't dislike her who is honest with her feelings towards Wazu-san. We talked of each other's episodes when Wazu-san helped us.

We arrived to Linnic city in a short time. We have to go through the examination to enter the town. First, we elves at the front and then behind us Tata-san who wore a hood that attached to the cloak of travel clothes to hide her identity. I asked about the reason behind it, even though she was from this city.

Garret-san said that there was the possibility that the idiots who had lived from sucking the sweet nectar from the previous lord will be looking for her as revenge towards Wazu-san. I'd like to say that it's their own fault.

We were passed through the gate without being inspected on the sight of Garret-sans face. They also didn't asked us any question whatsoever in particular. Just like that, we enter Linnic city.

First we headed to adventurer guild. According to Garret-san, Regan the guild master there should know Wazu-san's whereabouts. However, Yuyuna and I had another concern inside our mind.

We feel a gaze watching us since we entered the city. I think that Garret-san also noticed it, but he said we don't have to mind it now. Thus we arrived at the adventurer guild without meeting any problem in particular.

"Do you know Wazu's whereabouts?" (Garret)

Led by Garret-san, we arrived to a room where a man without hair on his head was inside. That person is the adventurer guild master, Regan. He was in trouble when he heard about our circumstances.

“Too bad.... he had left. He should be in Mabondo kingdom right now” (Regan)

It seems that he has already set off. According to Regan's story, Wazu-san headed to the imperial capital with a young man called Orlando. I am relieved because he wasn't with a woman but at the same time I am disappointed because I couldn't meet him.

However, because he said he went on foot, I think it's still possible for us to meet him in the imperial capital if we head there with a horse-drawn carriage right away. But we decided to stay overnight to heal our fatigue from the journey so far and head to the imperial capital tomorrow morning.

Though I am still fine but it would be impossible for Tata-san. Besides, if I leave her and meet Wazu-san alone, it seems as though I was stealing a march from her, and I dislike it. We have to be together to meet him.

As for the inn, we were introduced to "Wind of Light Pavilion" that's running by Regan-san's wife, we plan to stay overnight there. Wazu-san also stayed in that inn before. Is this only me who wants to use the same room as Wazu-san used before?

That's a story for a later time, we leave the adventurer guild to head to the inn. The moment we come out, we are surrounded by a dozen of rude-looking guys. Some people also blocking adventurer guild entrance door to cut our way for escape.

“Yoo~ Garret!! If you are here, it means Tata has also come back? Give her to us quietly if you don't want to taste some painful experience!!”

Is he the leader of these guys? A man who is neatly dressed speaking to Garret-san. Though he was neatly dressed, it couldn’t hide his vulgar face. There was only an unpleasant feeling from his gaze as if appraising us. Probably, these guys were the people who had lived from sucking the sweet nectar from the previous lord that Garret-san was talking about before.

“What are you going to do with Tata?” (Garret)

“Isn’t it clear!? we ere going to mess up her pretty face and drag her in front of that shitty bastard!!”

Shitty bastard? is he talking about Wazu-san.... suddenly the anger rose up inside my body. I put my hand on the hilt of my short sword.

“What was that again!? ....ah that's right, we will make that Wazu bastard suffered and regret for being alive!!”

I slowly walked towards that man the moment Wazu-san's name come out.

“Haa? What the heck are you? Are you perhaps Tata?”

“Regret for being alive....” (Sarona)

“Haa? What did you say?”

I stopped in front of that man and pull out the short sword with anger.

“IT’S YOU WHO SHOULD REGRET FOR BEING ALIVE!!!!!!” (Sarona)

The man who was slain by me spouting blood and fell as is sinking on the spot. I shake off the blood that attached to the sword and take off my hood. I turned my eyes full of anger towards the other guys.

“You should understand the result of your stupid behavior now!!” (Sarona)

After that it was just a trampled play. Nenya-san and Ruruna fought while protecting Tata-san. Yuyuna skewered those guys with spear and Garret-san cuts them with sword. I ran around while killing those guys one by one with a short sword and magic. The adventurers who heard the commotion also come out. Regan-san also joined the fight pleasantly.

Those who could still fight disappear in the blink of an eye. They all were taken by security guards of this city. The adventurers from this city were all pleased because they could return a little favor to their savior in this way. Cheers also raised from the citizens who watch the fight. We leave the rest to Regan-san and Garret-san and headed towards the inn. Thus we spend overnight there.

On the next day, Tata-san and I went out from the room where Wazu-san was staying before and took breakfast. After that we headed towards the imperial capital with a horse-drawn carriage that Garret-san has
prepared. We are going to see Regan-san's elder sister, Leria-san that might know information about Wazu-san's whereabouts.

To be honest, The Path of Inn is so deep....

Later time, Reagan became the new lord of Linnic city with the support from the citizens. As a former of guild master, he created good cooperation with the adventurers guild to keep the peace in Linnic city. After being independent from Flebondo kingdom, this city will become the world's smallest middle-ranking country a bit later....

Chapter 70
The Person Who Followed

A few minutes after I running in the direction where Meru flew away, I feel a presence of person following me. Though I was running at a considerable speed, I couldn't completely shake off the presence behind. It's kinda bothered me so I stopped on the spot and look back, there was....

“Oh? Why did you stop your feet? We should hurry to find Meru-sama” (Freud)

“....what are you doing here?” (Wazu)

There was Naminissa's personal butler, Freud with his usual shady smile. He still keep his cool face even when I glared at him.

“The reason why I was here is simple. Under Naminissa-sama’s command, I’m going to cooperate with Wazu-sama” (Freud)

“....cooperation? I didn’t ask for help” (Wazu)

“Do you have any idea about the location where Meru-sama was taken?” (Freud)

“No. I’m counting on you then!” (Wazu)

I will receive his goodwill obediently this time. I must not lose sight of my purpose. The most important thing now is to return Meru to my head.

“So, where was Meru taken to? It’s a hot spring town in the north, no?” (Wazu)

“Yes, it seems there is no doubt, and about the girl that the peddler was talking about, if he wanted to make her fight with Wazu-sama who has stopped being human, there is only one person that comes to my mind. Probably, she is “The Northern Hero Haosui”. Because the hot spring town in the north is where Haosui-sama lives” (Freud)

“Oi, who is the person you have called stopped from being human?” (Wazu)

How rude!! I am still a human being.... for now!! Would you like me to show you my guild card? I don't show it because there are so many problematic people in the skill column.

“And then, Northern Hero Haosui was it? Even though she is a hero, is she really a companion of that kind of peddler?” (Wazu)

“How should I put this, Haosui-sama is not interested with good and evil. However, a strong person has the tendency to seek another strong person.... I wonder if it's the case this time” (Freud)

“....sigh” (Wazu)

“Well, we will understand when we meet her in person” (Freud)

Freud bowed elegantly. That's a gesture of a perfect butler but for some reason I feel some ulterior motive every time he does it.

“So, how can I head to that hot spring town from here?” (Wazu)

“Let’s see.... if you proceed at the previous speed, there is a village across the river ahead, let's stay overnight there first. Since there are several choices from there, let’s talk about the details at the inn” (Freud)

“I understand, let’s go then” (Wazu)

Just like that I followed Freud’s suggestion. I ran at the same speed as before. I gradually increase my speed because I suddenly want to know how fast he could run. Freud caught up without dropping a single sweat not long after.

Huh? could it be he's as fast as me?

“Even though I was speeding up, you could catch up to me easily huh” (Wazu)

“Because I am a butler” (Freud)

On second thought he is a dubious person indeed....

I arrived at the other side of a river in fearful speed.... I was running too fast so I ran through on the top of the river just like that. Of course Freud as well.... we head towards the village at that speed.

There was person shedding blood from a shoulder who had collapsed on the roadside. The moment it entering our line of sight, we rapidly dropped our speed and headed there to help.

“Are you okay?” (Wazu)

As we approached the person who collapsed, we found out that it was an old man. I called out but there is no response from him and he also doesn't seems to be conscious. Freud checking the condition of the old man.

“....he is still alive” (Freud)

Freud took out some bandage from out of nowhere to treat the wounds in an appropriate manner. I brought the old-man to a shady place nearby and let him rest.

“Is he perhaps from the village ahead? If it so, something might have happened there” (Wazu)

“Well.... we will know when this person gets up” (Freud)

There are two mixed feeling inside me now. Of course I want to save Meru as soon as possible but at the same time I couldn't abandon the person in front of me. I am getting impatient because I can't handle these two well. I inhale a deep breath to calm me down. Then, Freud who noticed my condition calls out.

“Don't worry. His purpose it to make Wazu-sama go to the hot spring town, not to bring harm to Meru-sama” (Freud)

“I knew it....” (Wazu)

Though there is no guarantee of what that peddler said is true.... but it's relieving my frustration a little.... I feel pathetic right now.... fwuh.... let's believe in Meru.... in order to meet Meru in my usual self.... let's think positively....

“Ugh, this place is....”

Freud ask about the circumstances when this old-man woke up. This old-man is Buff-san. He is an inhabitant of the village ahead. As for why he was wounded and collapsed, it seems his village was attacked by bandits a while ago. They managed to repel the bandits because their number are small.

It seems that he was looking for his cows that got scared and ran away. He lost his consciousness in the process because he went to search for his cows without treating the wound first.

I consulted with Freud in a low voice because there is a possibility that the bandits attacking the village again.

I decided to head to the village with Buff-san while Freud is going to search for the cows that ran away to bring them back.

Freud went into the forest nearby to look for the cows. I carried Buff-san on my back and headed to the village.

Chapter 71
Nidi Village

According to Buff-san's story, Nidi village is a village of agriculture and pasturage that's well-known with its dairy products. Above all, cows are carefully raised and loved by everyone in the village. He seems to hurt so much because he couldn't find his cows that ran away. I mean, he preached to me about "The Path of Cow" from my back.

Cows in the village are cute, cows produced delicious milk, etc. His love for cows is too excessive. I don't want to pay attention but he was talking behind my ears. It's a secret but I really want to run away right now. "The Path of Inn" or "The Path of Cow", please spare me from any of that.

I responded to his preaching with --”I see~”-- or --”Yes~”-- but then, --”Such answers are extremely rude for a person whom pursuit the path of cow”-- I was scolded. I don't remember entering that path in the first place....

Then, we arrived at Nidi village under Buff-san's guide, but there were no figures of villagers at all. Buff-san also notices this strange situation, then screams rose from somewhere inside the village.

We heading towards the direction where the screams were heard in a hurry. Men and women of all ages were making noise in an open place of the village. Everyone didn't seem to notice our arrival because they were facing in the opposite direction. I spoke to a young man nearby while shouldering Buff-san.

“Excuse me, what's going on? What are you all doing in this place?” (Place)

“Oh, actually.... eh who are you? wait, Buff old man!! what happen? were you looking for your cows?”

What a busy person....

“Noisy.... I am fine as you can see” (Buff)

While still being carried by me, Buff-san swung around his arm in buzz. Please stop because it was dangerous.

“So Morph, what is this fuss all about?” (Buff)

Buff-san called the young man Morph, he showed a strained face when hearing Buff-san’s question. Then he approached us and spoke in a whisper.

Wait, how long should I carry Buff-san....?

“Actually.... the bandits came back again.... they attacked in a large number this time and Fluff was taken hostage a little while ago.... those guys said to give all our money and valuable things if we don't want Fluff's life in danger....” (Morph)

“What did you say!!!!!” (Buff)

Hoi calm down!! You will fall at this rate!!

“Umm, are the villagers collecting money right now?” (Wazu)

“No, we don’t have money, we has been using it all for our beloved cows.... more importantly, who are you?” (Morph)

“Oh, my name is Wazu. I came to this village to send home Buff-san who I found collapsed on the road” (Wazu)

“I see, Buff old man has been in you care, thank you very much for saving him. It would be good if we are not in this kind of situation....” (Morph)

“I came in a bad situation huh?” (Wazu)

“Yeah, we couldn't fight back because Fluff was taken hostage, those guys also didn't believe no matter how much we said that we don't have money” (Morph)

“Fwuh.... for the time being, let’s see if I can do something about this situation” (Wazu)

I put Buff-san down and headed to the front row with Morph-san in the lead. Meanwhile, I asks about this Fluff girl. Apparently Fluff was 12 years old girl and she was also Bluff-san's cute granddaughter. Therefore he got mad earlier.

We stood in the front row while looking at the other side, we could see around 30 bandits over there.

Is the person who stood in the center their leader?

A big man with an unrefined beard was shouting to the villagers to hand over their money. He pointed the tip of a knife on his hand towards a girl's neck who got caught and seems about to cry. I guess she is Fluff. The surrounding thieves also set up their swords and daggers to threatening this side.

“Come on, bring us the money at once!!”

“Also, bring us a beautiful woman while at it!!”

“That’s right, let’s have a lot fun together with us!!”

I can’t bear to listen. I move one step forward to quickly end this turmoil, but Buff-san beside me is running forward before I could take an act.

“Bastard~ release my granddaughter at once!!” (Buff)

Wa~Wait!! You are too reckless old man!!

“What the heck are you!? Do you understand the situation?”

“Grandpa!!!” (Fluff)

Buff-san stopped his steps when the bandit showed him the knife that directed towards his granddaughters neck. Morph-san and I who came later, move in front of Buff-san to protect him.

“Stop there!! If you move from that place, this brat's life will end!!”

To be honest, I may be able to save Fluff with my speed. However, I can't guarantee it will be safe. Because the knife is touching against her neck, she will get hurt even if it only moves a little. I want to avoid it in all cost.

When I was at a lost about what to do, I feel the ground is shaking. No, it's not just my imagination but the ground is really shaking. Together with the tremor, I hear a big number of something running echoed all around.

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Chapter 72
Hero?

“Mooooooooooo!!!!”

Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow. Cow.....

A large number of cows are approaching at great momentum, while shouting *moo* they are running towards this place. No, towards the bandits to be precise.

And then, there is a huge cow twice as big as the other cow in the front leading them. One eye that closed because of scar increased its heinous look.

However, it's not the cow that draw my attention but a fellow on the top of that cow instead. Black and white with cow pattern cloak, cow-shaped mask that covers his whole face except a mouth part, his face is hidden but....

He wore butler clothes.... Freud? He is Freud, right....?

The man shouts loudly with a big laugh.

“WAHAHAHAHA!! If a cow demon king exists, I also exists!! I am “Cow Hero”!! I love cow, for those people who also love cow, I will bring a judgment to the evil in this place for you!!” (Hero Cow)

Huh....? I wonder what.... my head is hurt for some reason....

“Uoooooooooooooooo!!!!!!”

The villagers eyes are sparkling regardless of their age and sex, they are shouting in excitement. There are also some people who whistling with **phi-phi** sound.

On the other side, I and the bandits who couldn't get to the situation dropped our jaws respectively.

I couldn't comprehend the situation, I just looking at the cows that heading towards this place in daze. I noticed Hero Cow's line of sight, ah that's right!!

I move in an instant and snatched the knife from a bandit that was still in daze before saving Fluff.

Fluff and all the inhabitant of this village glued their sparkling eyes towards the horde of cow. --"Yahoo....!!"-- then she also started hopping in joy at the scene. Where did your crying face from before go? and it seems she also didn't noticed that she has been saved.....

The Hero Cow nodded at me and then he lead the horde of cows to charge towards the bandits in great speed.

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The bandits are being trampled by cows. I couldn't see the end but a lot cows rushed all the way here from afar. It's horrible, but despite such a sight the villagers are in great excitement.

The cows who were running in the front row turn their heels and trampling the bandits once again. The bandits are shrieking in agony, even if they try to escape, the cows are chasing them at a frightening speed and they are getting blown away as a result.

Then the hero cow jumped with **hop!!**, he spun around on the air before landing to the ground splendidly. The villagers are getting even more excited.

Dyed with anger, the bandits are aiming towards Hero Cow who just landed to the ground to return the favor. But no matter how many swords that comes simultaneously to cut him, Hero Cow avoids them with a nimble movement. One by one their consciousness being deprived by a single hand chop towards their neck in return.

It seems like I was watching a superb fight scene from some drama....it was splendid.

The bandits are fall down one by one as if responding to Hero Cow's movement. All villagers started to cheering towards Hero Cow's action, the adults are shouting with --"Get them all!!"-- or --"I have been waiting for this!!"-- and the children --"It's cool!!"--.

Is he cool?

But if my eyes aren't playing trick on me, the most dangerous group is a female camp. From a little girl to an elderly, all women are looking at Hero Cow with a face as though they were shot through their heart. --"How charming...."-- when I heard that, I wondering if my hearing had become strange.

To that extent.... huh? I wonder if I am the odd one here.... no no, I was almost dangerously taken in. His appearance is not cool or anything no matter how I look at it. I sat on a stump that was near and devoted myself to watch from the side.

Soon the trampling drama of cows and Hero Cow ended, then Bluff-san was screaming --"Juliaaaa~~~"--. He cuddled to the face of a gigantic cow that led the horde of cows. Is that a female cow....? The gigantic cow expressing her joy with a --"mooooo~o~o~o!!!"-- roar.

Hero Cow stands on a roof of the house. He is standing in full height like the time he appeared while seeing the villagers in calm manner. The villagers showering such a figure with a words of gratitude.

"Thank you~~~!!!"

"You saved us~~~!!!"

"It's cool~~~!!!"

"Kyaaa~~~!!! Marry me please~~~!!!"

"How charming~~~!!!"

"Hero Cow!!!" "Hero Cow!!!" "Hero Cow!!!"

I let out a big sigh at the scene. The Hero Cow tooke a pose and shouted something in a loud voice as to reach everyone in this place.

“Those who love cows!! Evil has perished!! Everyone drink milk to become stronger and healthier like me!!” (Hero Cow)

What is this guy saying with a thumbs-up pose? Just drinking milk doesn't make you that strong. But the villager are getting more fired up to hear that.

“Well then let’s meet again!!!!” (Hero Cow)

The Hero Cow turns his mantle and leave this place in dash. Still, cheers of the villagers never stopped.

“Hero Cow!!!” “Hero Cow!!!” “Hero Cow!!!”

Do as you like, I couldn't keep up with these people anymore.

Chapter 73
How Do You Go?

"The Hero Cow.... it seems a wonderful person has came to help" (Freud)

"Uaaah....!?" (Wazu)

I was surprised to suddenly hear a voice come from behind. Looking back, there was Freud with his usual smiling face. Huh? That? Not long ago.... how can he be standing behind me? I mean, I couldn't feel his presence approaching from behind at all!!

"No, it was you, right?" (Wazu)

"No way, I am a butler!! Because I couldn't find the cows, I thought about what to do and came back to the village for consultation, then Hero Cow had saved the village at the time I arrived" (Freud)

"No, it was your voice" (Wazu)

"....." (Freud)

Oh, he was showing a troubled face. This is the first time I saw this kind of expression from him.

"I see, it seems there is a person that resembles myself in this world, a similar face with mine under the mask of Hero Cow perhaps" (Freud)

"Hee..... in other words it's not you~?" (Wazu)

"Because I am a butler" (Freud)

"Yeah..... it was definitely a butlers clothes" (Wazu)

"Oh....." (Freud)

Freud is showing a seriously troubled face. Huh? Do you want to hide your identity that much? Oh well..... it's not like I want to bother Freud with this matter. Or rather, I DON'T CARE!!!

"Forget it. It's not like I want to know Hero Cow's identity. So, are we going to spend the night in this village? What are we going to do from here on?" (Wazu)

Freud returned to his usual face when he heard my words, then he cleared his throat with a cough.

"From this village we can go to the hot spring town using 3 different routes. The first one is the safest and most time-consuming process by following the main road just like what we did now. The second one is to cross the mountain located between the village and hot spring town. This is the fastest and the most dangerous one. Although this mountain not as thick as Center Mountain, the environment is still harsh to pass through. The third one is to travel along the route by a ship from a nearby port town, from there we will heading towards the harbor town near the hot spring town. This is one has moderate speed and moderate risk" (Freud)

"Let's choose the third option then" (Wazu)

"Certainly" (Freud)

The reason is simple. Because we are in hurry so detouring is out of the question. I don't have any problem to cross the mountain but I don't know about Freud. I didn't choose it because it would be a trouble if something happen to Freud the only one who knows the way. So I choose the sea route which has moderate speed and risk.

After that we decided to stay overnight at Buff-san's house.

Because a banquet has begun in the center of the village, we were made to participate in it. According to a story I heard there, it seems that the cows are treated even better that usual because of this incident.

By the way the bandits who survived were buried in a hole outside the village in the same manner as I did before. It seems that the knights will come to pick up them in a few days.

The cuisine served at the banquet was outstanding. The dairy products is the best and very delicious it's just as expected of their specialty. Milk, cheese, and butter are prepared and I ate everything until full.

Of course in the middle of eating, Buff-san's preaching about The Path of Cow continued. Huh? what is this..... when thinking about it, I couldn't recall the taste of dishes I ate..... let's forget it.....

The topics of the villagers during the banquet were of course Hero Cow. Everyone praised him, the little boys were saying scary thing like they wanted to become Hero Cow in the future. Stop it or you will become a dubious person like the guy next to me.

More importantly, is Freud not embarrassed to hear the villagers praising him? I checked his profile, it's an usual cool smile, he has a bold spirit. Or rather, he was joining the villagers conversation to praise Hero cow. I don't want to learn his mental power, an I want to say he should be a little prudent.

The next day, Freud and I continuing our journey. The villagers gave a lot of dairy products but I only took as much as I can carry. We moved at normal speed because we know that it won't take a long time to reach our destination.

We arrived at the port town without any problem. We are in a hurry because the ship is just about to leave port. When I want to buy a ticket to board the ship, I just remember that almost all of my property was stored inside Meru's space-time magic.

I thought of defeating a monster to make some money but the ship is going to leave soon so Freud paid it in advance. Damn!! To think that I borrowed a money from this guy..... this is humiliating..... let's forget it.....

Then, we boarded on ship and heading towards the port town but a problem has occurred again on the ship.

Nidi village was originally famous as a village that makes the world's best dairy products, but after this incident the village become even more famous. The picture book with the title "The Story of Hero Cow" has been made by the villagers. In the beginning it's spread over other stockbreeding villages, cities, and then passed through the royal family which caused a big movement with the mysterious words "If bad things happens, Hero Cow will be come to trampling with a milk on one hand". Then, people from all over the world who want to do livestock raising are gathered in this village. This village changes to an animal husbandry city that worships cows and Hero Cow but that's a story for the future.

Chapter 74
Another Story 3 : Encounters

There were people who wanted to meet me and my elder sister according to Leria-sama's story. It seems she came to pick us up because they were waiting in the guild masters room now, thus we headed there. Wazu-sama..... it's unlikely, I wonder who are these people? On our way I told Leria-sama that father would leave the country, while laughing she said --"Then, should I also move the adventurer guild headquarter to the south?"--, are you serious?

As we entering the guild masters room, there were 5 people inside. There are 3 elves, I wonder if the two of them are a brother and a sister? they have a similar face. The two are a beautiful women and a handsome man.

The other elf person is a peerless beauty that usually only exists in the paintings. Silver hair that really suits her well, even I who is also a woman was fascinated to see her.

The next one is a cat-eared beastwoman with sharp eyes that gives off a strong impression. The last one is very beautiful woman with a gentle smile that has wrapped everything up.

The five of them stand up and curtsied to greet us, then we sit down on the sofa at the other side of table.

Leria-sama sat down on a seat that overlooking us, she floated a genuinely happy smile for some reason..... I wonder what is it? From that smile, I can feel something like a child who found something interesting. Leria-sama claps her hands to gather our attention while observing our reaction.

"With this all members completed. First of all are the princesses of this country Naminissa Mabondo and Narellina Mabondo" (Leria)

We are bowing while still in a sitting position on Leria-sama's introduction.

"Then, from this side are Nenya, Tata, Sarona, Yuyuna, and Ruruna" (Leria)

The other side also returns a bow.

“So, about the reason why these people came here to looking for Wazu is.....” (Leria)

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My thought ceased to work for a moment..... looking for Wazu-sama..... these beautiful women are? it ca-can't be.....!!!

“To put it simple, it seems that wazu has confessed to Sarona and Tata here” (Leria)

Yeah, the boom is coming~!!!!! I guessed so!!! It’s just as I thought!!! Two people both their face turned red, but it’s still beautiful..... that’s not it!!! My sister and I were lost for words.

“By the way Naminissa and Narellina also have feeling for Wazu” (Leria)

She said it~!!!!! How do you know that? I never told her about it. Uguu, my face suddenly gets hot. If I turn my line of sight towards Sarona-sama and Tata-sama, I will see an awkward smile on their face respectively.

Certainly, it's not like I never thought the possibility of other women are falling in love with him, but this is all too sudden. This early encounter is beyond my expectation. After that, we talk about each other's events as we exchange information. Wazu-sama has helped us, that's something we all have in common.....

“We want to to solve the misunderstanding and convey our feeling.....” (Sarona)

How e-n-v-i-o-u-s~~~!!!!!!

I envied them, Wazu-sama hasn't done it to us yet. Damn, Sarona-sama and Tata-sama are one step ahead of us. But I won't lose!! I will snatch Wazu-sama's heart for sure!!

.....but they are really good people. One of us will be chosen, what will the people who aren't chosen feel in their heart? It may be myself. Besides other than us, Wazu-sama has confessed to them. I feel sad when I think about it.

We got to know each other because we liked the same person.....

It seems we will surely get along. No, I want to get along with them, we are similar and we also have the same concern about what's going to happen next to us. I bet everyone of us thought so too.

The answer was a remark from Narellina ane-sama thats sitting next to me.

"Fumu..... so, for now we are all a member of Wazu's harem, but only if he accepts the harem" (Narellina)

Narelline ane-sama said that with a smile.

That's right!! That's it!! Certainly only one legal wife is recognized but polygamy is allowed. But it also exists in vice versa. Why would that idea never come to my mind? fool, idiot, I am an idiot!!

We got the light. Certainly, with a harem all of us will be able to share the happiness. Looking over at Sarona-sama and Tata-sama, they certainly nodded. There seems to be no rejection for a harem. Narellina ane-sama GOOD JOB!!

I reach out my hand towards Sarona-sama in front of me.

"Do you think we can get along well?" (Naminissa)

".....surely" (Sarona)

Sarona-sama smiles and shakes her hand with mine. In the neighbor Narellina ane-sama also holding Tata-sama in solid handshake.

"Let's make Wazu-sama accept the harem and be happy together" (Naminissa)

" " " Yess!! " " "

Four people adjusted their hands together. Even if there are other people, I will include those person and make a harem. Please be prepared my future husband!!!

Chapter 75
Encounter On The Ship

“*ororororororororororororo*”

I saw something fall to the sea, mixed beautifully, and flowing. A small rainbow was also formed. He was throwing up magnificently..... Freud.

On the edge of the ship deck we boarded, Freud is throwing up because of seasickness.

As a service because he lent me money to board the ship, I gently rub their back..... Yeah "their", because there were two people.

“*ororororororororororororo*”

“There. There. Throw up everything to make it feel better” (Wazu)

One hand rubbed Freud's back and the other hand rubbed the back of a man who was throwing up next to him.

“I am so sorry Wazu-sama, to think that I am this weak to the ship so much---” (Freud)

“Sorry dude, I am not good with the sea---”

“ “*ororororororororororororororo*” “

I wonder how it came to this..... Freud was fine at the beginning, but before I noticed it he was throwing up beside this man at the edge of the ship.

According to his story, it seems that this was the first time he boarded a ship and was saying something like he never expected to get seasick. I rubbed his back while listening to such a story. I asked the crew to bring me some water to helped rinse their mouths.

I didn't get seasick even though it was also the first time I rode a ship, I wonder if it's because of the skill?

The man who is throwing up beside Freud, he is a man with long black hair who lightly dressed, his body seems was well-trained because a muscle can be seen from here and there. Two swords that intersect each other was hanging on his lower back. Judging from his face, he was the most handsome man I have ever seen so far, but right now his handsome face was clouded by his painful expression.

Such a sight continued for a while until it finally calmed down and their complexion has also returned a little.

“Thank you very much for rubbing my back” (Freud)

“You saved me dude”

“Yeah, it was not a big deal” (Wazu)

The two people thanked me at the same time. After that Freud observing the face of man next to him to confirm his identity.

“Are you perhaps “Grave-sama The Whirlwind” by any chance?” (Freud)

“Oh! It's been awhile since I've being called by that name but please drop the "-sama" because it somewhat ticklish, we are throwing up companion after all, right?” (Grave)

“It was my nature because I am a butler, please forgive me” (Freud)

“The whirlwind?” (Wazu)

Who is he? Freud explained when I tilted my head because I couldn't understand the meaning.

“Grave-sama the whirlwind is a S-rank adventurer, he is the perosn who has many heroic tales about him” (Freud)

“Oo~” (Wazu)

“His another name which is famous is “The Harem King”. It said that Grave-sama’s wives are all around the world” (Freud)

“Ouu, currently I have 195 wives” (Grave)

“Haa.....?” (Wazu)

What to say, he is an amazing man.....

“I am on my way to see my woman who's working in the hot spring town, it seems that hero Haosui-chan was also there, I am looking forward to it~” (Grave)

“We are also on our way to hot spring town” (Freud)

“Oh, let's go together then” (Grave)

Eh? Are we going together? Even though we just came across in this ship, can he decide it that easily? How should I put this, he is a bold person different from his appearance.

“The introduction was delayed but I am a butler and my name is Freud. This person who nursed us until the end---” (Freud)

“I am Wazu, F-rank adventurer” (Wazu)

I said it. This reminded me that I am still a F-rank adventurer. I really have to deal with this somehow.

“Oh, a fellow adventurer! Nice to meet you!” (Grave)

The hull suddenly started to shake greatly when we are talking about each other. Due to the shake Freud and Grave-san went straight to seasickness state again.

“ “*ororororororororororororororo*” “

“What on earth is this?” (Wazu)

I rub the back of these two and ask the situation to a ship crew that passed nearby.

“This is bad!! The sea lord has apperad!! We have to run away fast!!”

He said so and I turn my attention towards the direction he pointed at. There is a huge snake that came out from the sea surface. I don’t know for sure because of distance, but its waistline should be around 3 meters in diameter. As if that huge snake found some prey, it approaches the ship bow while causing a big wave.

I stop rubbing the back of these two people. In a moment, I dash towards the ship bow where the huge snake was aiming and jump.

“You came at the wrong time~!!” (Wazu)

baaaam

Then I go back by running on the sea surface. I received words of praises from the crew members, --”Thank you”-- or --”You saved us”-- were said. Thus I continued the journey while rubbing their back again.

By the way, part of the huge snake's body was tied to the hull. It will be brought towards our destination port town because it can be sold for a high price.

“No less of Wazu-sama” (Freud)

“You are strong dude~” (Grave)

Please stop with the praise. Freud with his usual expression but with a pale face. Even his complexion is bad, Grave-san shows a face as if admiring. However, they soon turns their face towards the sea again because a nausea still doesn't go away. I exhaled a big sigh and rubbed their back again.

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“It’s a pirate ship~~!!!”

Again..... how many times is it with this? Even after that huge snake appeared, I don’t remember how many times monsters attacked this ship, and now it’s a pirate.... I stop rubbing the two’s back and dash off with a familiar feeling.

“Think a little more about the timing when coming!!!” (Wazu)

Under one blow, I destroyed the pirate ship and ran back over the sea towards our ship. You'll be able to survive if you are lucky.

Chapter 76
Battle At The Sea

Nothing happened in particular after the pirate ship attacked. The ship sailed smoothly in the calm ocean.

“I see..... you are a butler of princess Naminissa and Wazu is the countries hero huh..... the royal family is a place full of conspiracies!! It doesn't suit me as expected. It's a good choice to no never get involved with that kind of place” (Grave)

“Certainly, I never heard Grave-sama backing up some country” (Feud)

“You bet!!” (Grave)

Freud and Grave-san are getting along well. But Freud, I wonder if it’s good to disclose a country's internal affairs so much.

“Wazu dude is quite strong to be able to defeated Fluegel, but why he is still F-rank adventurer?” (Grave)

“Well..... how should I put this, he never gets the timing to raise his rank, or something like that?” (Freud)

“F-ranked defeated S-ranked, what kind on nonsense is that!! Even I am not sure I could win if I had to fight Fluegel. He is in the top position among the fellow S-rank adventurers if we are talking about pure strength” (Grave)

“Hou~~” (Wazu)

We were talking about such topic at the edge of ship, at the same time there was a little shake on the ship and a sound that reached my ears.

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Beating tone such as heartbeat sound could be heard more clearly than ever, and it seems I am the only one who could hear it. The first thing that comes to my mind when hearing this sound was a large number of monsters will be coming.....

Though I think it's impossible, I leaned forwards my body from the edge of ship to check the surrounding ocean. Freud and Grave-san shows a puzzled look because of my action, a moment later the ship greatly swaying around. The two instantly put their faces over of the edge of the ship, switches to a position where they can vomit at any time. These guys are useless.

There is a reason for the ship swaying greatly. When I turn my eyes towards the bottom of a ship, there was a great numbers of fish that was enough to cover the ocean are single-mindedly swimming to the same direction, as if to escape from something.....

If I turn my line of sight toward the opposite direction of the ocean where the fish were swimming, there are a large number of monster approaching to the extent can be seen even from a distance. Regardless of their aim is this ship or not, it seems they are actively annihilating the fish who couldn't escape.

I think that the ship can safely escape from this area with the current speed, but the sight of fish that were slaughtered is unpleasant to watch. Freud speaks to me with his pale face when I was distorting my face.

“Wazu-sama, it's better to not hold yourself---

ororororororororororororororo” (Freud)

“Yeah..... do what suit yourself” (Grave)

I stop rubbed their back, I put my foot on the edge of ship and jump off to the ocean. I bolted towards direction where the monsters were while being careful not to tread on fish.

“One after another, I had enough and getting tired with it!!” (Wazu)

Using the momentum I send my punch against sea surface.

baaaaaaaam!!!

Large splashes which many times larger than human are rising and the monsters get thrown into the air. I kicks the sea surface and jump towards monsters within the air.

One monster after another gets kicked and punched while using recoil reaction to move in the air, but the monsters that got thrown into the air are insignificant compared to the number of monsters on the sea.

I clicked my tongue. When I try to send empty punch towards a sea surface to slow down the falling momentum, a flying harpoon came at me. I changed my position and crush it.

Looking at the another approaching harpoon, it seems it was made from some kind of animal bone. There were a lot of monsters from the same kinds when I looked towards the direction where the harpoon came.

The upper body is humanoid but there are back fin and scales, their lower body is similar to fish or rather it was completely fish body. Each of them are taking a stance to throw a harpoon-like bone in their hands at me.

The monsters threw harpoons all at once to me who was in the air just as it is.

The harpoons were enough to completely cover my field of view came flying. I crushed the first attack by shaking my arm. I rotated my body that's still falling and crushed one harpoon after another with a kick and a punch.

The moment I tried to arrange posture when it was near the sea level in order to move from this place along with the landing, my motion stopped for a moment. A monster rushed out of the water as if it was aimed for this time, it bites and drags me under the sea.

doboooon

“Ughh.....” (Wazu)

gobobobo

I close my mouth with my hands, I hit the monster clinging to my body with the other available hand and retreat. I swim towards the sea level but was obstructed by a large numbers of monsters.

(Damn, my breath.....)

The monster come all at once. I try to intercept, but I can’t move my body well under the sea. My clothes absorbed seawater that made my movement get even worse.

I tried to hit them, but their movements were much faster than mine. Though no attack land on a monster, I keep hitting sea water while proceeding towards the surface. A monster approaching to bite me again, I succeeded to counter and kill it but from behind a large number of monsters came close to me, I lost to their numbers and got dragged deeper under the sea.

I am going to lose my consciousness at this rate.....

I proceed forwards aiming to the sea level again. But I couldn't move well because something restrained my foot. I turn my eyes towards my foot, a thick white tentacle was entwined around my foot. The tentacle continued to the deep sea. When I rounded my body and try to remove it, several others white tentacles surrounded and entwined around my body.

Chapter 77
Those Who Aren't Human

The tentacles that were twining around my body were come from a giant squid monster. Certainly it has a strong binding power but I had no problem with that..... if only I was not under the sea. I couldn't move my body well here therefore I couldn't remove the tentacles and remained entwined.

Meanwhile the monsters with the lower half of a fish body, thrusted their harpoon at me. It doesn't give a damage even when their attacks hit me, but now I had completely become a sitting duck here.

I didn't receive damage from the monsters attack but there is different problem separately. I couldn’t breath because I am under the sea. I will die drowning at this rate. I keep struggling to break free but the tentacles binds me tightly.

I am about to reach my limit soon. I tried to put forth the last of my power to create a gap by spreading my arms, but it was a bad move because I was too focus on it. The moment I did it, a monster body come ramming at my face before I noticed it.

“Guhooo.....” (Wazu)

Amassed air escapes from my mouth at once. I close my mouth in a hurry but the escaped air will not return. This is bad..... I could no longer muster strength. Moreover my consciousness gradually fades..... it's really bad..... I wonder if I will die here just like this..... my vision is also getting blurred.

Damn..... I can’t do anything.....

This is the end.....

My body is losing its power.....

The remaining air leaves my mouth, rising as buble.....

When I looking at the rising buble with my blurred vision, I saw people who shouldn't be there.....

Sarona-san..... Tata-san..... Naminissa..... Narellina.....

and..... Aria.....

No..... I can't die..... I don't want to die.....

Who..... Who is..... Who is trying to kill me!!

Suddenly the power came overflowing from within my body like a torrent.

My head cleared up.

I do not need air now.

“How long will I be tied by this ugly tentacle?” (Wazu)

I grabbed the tentacles from inside and tore it like thin paper. The ugly squid monster is running wild because of pain. I was freed. I looked at the surrounding monsters that are swimming and swirling around, somehow I get irritated.

“It seems that they are having a lot fun there..... Can they do the same thing in the absence of water?” (Wazu)

I emphasize my body and release a punch towards the bottom of the ocean.

baaaammmmm!!!

Seawater around this area bounces off because of the shock from a punch I released. I think if you can see it from the sky, it seem that there is a perfect hole in the sea surface. In terms of size, it's roughly as big as two islands, will 3 islands fit the size? No, will 4 islands fit the size..... oh well.

The seafloor comes into my view, giant squid and monster with lower half of body fish are thrashing around because the surrounding seawater has gone. Other monsters are alike. Oopss, seawater returns.

“Here I comes” (Wazu)

I understand what to do like a natural thing. It's as if I knew it since the beginning. I turn my hands towards the sea surface, and when the power is used, the wave and sea water stopped on the spot. Then finally, I noticed that there is a presence of non-demon around.

The fishes which were running away until just now are bouncing around with *pichi-pichi* but the strange thing is they are in this place that the opposite direction where they running away before.

Why on earth? I thought so, but I got the answer soon. I guess they tried to help me while knowing they will get killed by monsters in an instant..... I gently smile to the fishes and praised their courage in
my heart.

“You guys should not die” (Wazu)

I turn my hands towards the fishes and activating the power. The fishes disappear from this place and returned to the open sea. I turn my eyes towards the remaining monsters here.

“Well then..... it’s time to pass an iron hammer” (Wazu)

I put my strength into my foot and stomped the seafloor with **kon-kon**. With only that, the earth is rumbling and rising. It transformed into countless spears made of soil and killed one monster after another.

I walks slowly while watching the scene and stood in front of the giant squid. It used the remaining tentacles to attack me but it didn't work this time.

I caught the tentacles that are approaching and pulled the squid forward. The squid lost its balance, fell down, and come flying at me because of the pull power. I changed my empty hand into a fist and hit the giant squid's body with full power towards the sky.

kabooooommmmm!!!!!!!

In a moment the giant squid's body disappeared from this world, clouds in the sky opened a big hole, All obstructions disappear and the sun's light shines strongly towards this place.

There was already only me who alive in this illuminated place. I looked around and found something like stairs there. I ascend step by step until reaching the sea surface.

“That’s right, will it be a problem if I don’t turn it back?” (Wazu)

snap

As I snapping my fingers, the seawater dissolved and the place I was standing a while ago got buried with sea water again. After confirming that it was back to normal, I left the place to return to a ship.

I lost my consciousness there.....

Chapter 78
Growing Further

I noticed that I was still on the ship. It's a fine weather with blue sky when I opened my eyes. My body is swaying following the ship's movement. I recalled to the earlier event while feeling the sway.

I wonder what was that? It was me for certain. But, at the same time I am not sure..... I doesn't feel like myself..... it's embarrassing to remember. I want to hide my face with something now, I have an urge to roll around while shouting --”aaaaaaaaaa!!”--. No, I won't do it.

I wonder what was that really..... I felt like I used some kind of magic..... however normally I shouldn’t be able to use magic..... that’s why I couldn’t explain the phenomenon that happened in that place ..... hmm? I could feel magic power? I wonder why I could feel it? hmm..... hmm.....

Oh! That’s it. I will understand when checking my guild card, right?

But..... I am afraid to look at it.....

No!! There is nothing wrong!! I am sure it just my imagination!! I feel a chill but I am sure it just my imagination!! I won't understand unless I confirm it myself!! If I see it, I am sure I will learn various things and broaden my understanding.

I drop a little blood on my guild card to confirm my status.

Name : Wazu
Race : Human (51%..... Can he be called a human?)
Age : 17

HP : Umm..... can't be counted anymore
MP : It's zero! For now

STR : My blow shattered the stars
VIT : Can't be cut even with the Divine Sword
INT : Can't use magic for now
MND : It's meaningless
AGL : Please wait for the next time
DEX : God artisan..... You shouldn't make thing carelessly

Skills :
"True - Extreme Cannibalism" (Unique)
"Abnormal Conditions Almost Invalid" (Unique)
"Godhood" (Unique) <currently unusable>
"Special Magic : God" (Unique) <currently unusable>
"Love of Sea Goddess as vast as the sea" (Unique)
"War Goddess is having fun, can't be helped" (Unique)
"Earth Goddess is "M"" (Unique)
"Goddess has likely become a Yandere" (Unique)

Sponsored by : Goddess, Earth Goddess, War Goddess, Sea Goddess

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I should have not seen it.....

I exhale a big sigh and checking the details as usual

The name has stayed as it is..... of course it's a matter of fact

Race is bad..... it dropped with a considerable number. It said whether I can be called a human or not..... no, it still written as human race!! Therefore I am a human!!

The age has stayed as it is..... of course it's also a matter of fact

I wonder how high is my HP..... I don't want to think about it anymore.....

The text on MP column has changed. But what is "for now" at the end of the text? I am sure I will understand if I look at skill details.....

STR..... it changes a little if I look closely..... it shattered the stars not just break it..... it's getting worse.....

VIT hasn't changed. Huh? I feel relieved for some reason. I hope it stays just as it is..... for the peace of my heart.

INT also had "for now" at the end of the text. I will understand this later as well.

MND said it's meaningless. I see, it's meaningless huh..... people who attack me with magic are doing a useless thing.....

AGL..... it's the biggest problem this time..... sigh.....

The heck with "**for the next time**" !!!!!!!!!!!

Perhaps they couldn't come up with a good text, does this mean it has changed? Is that so?

DEX. I guess I'll follow the warning quietly or something fearful will be made.....

Well then..... It's finally the skills turn..... It will be all right, Wazu..... Believe in yourself..... You can definitely take it.....

It would be good if that's the case.....

"True – Extreme Cannibalism" : Conventional ability, you also can eat magical power now. The higher quality of magical power, the better its taste. For that reason, you can feel quality and quantity of magical power now.

Oh, I'm supposed to be able to feel magical power with the influence of this skill huh? But, what does eating magical power mean? It's not something that humans can do..... let's not eat as much as possible.....

“Abnormal Conditions Almost Invalid”

Unchanged. I like this skill the best. Please stay just as it is.

“Godhood” : Evolves to a being close to god. You can't activate it with your own will at present.

It's scary, I guess this explained the phenomenon from before. Will I finally turn into an in-human being?..... but close to god..... I wonder if it will be the same kind as the goddesses..... I don't quite understand..... however I couldn't control it with my own will huh? I guess this activated by itself because my life was in danger in the previous battle.

“Special Magic : God” : Creation of heaven and earth. You can cause all kinds of phenomenon. Current status, unusable at present.

I think it's a magic that I used to stop the sea water before. Current status is unusable, probably it can be used only in godhood state. Whether I can use it or not doesn't matter now. I don't have time to worry about it, especially now.

The thing I have seen so far is that I have been strengthened on the whole. Please don’t tell me that I will become even stronger than this later.....

Yoshh!! Let’s see the rest in jiffy!!

“Love of Sea Goddess as vast as the sea” : Thank you for helping my beloved people of the sea. I will repay your kindness with this body when we meet. For now, I will give you plenty of blessings as thanks.

Yeah, as I thought.

“War Goddess is having fun, can’t be helped” : I want to meet you soon and fight!! You are getting stronger again..... uughhh~~~..... I will absolutely win and make you mine!! My body feels good to touch because it has moderate muscle, so please wait in expectation!!

She is a battle maniac as the name implies. This goddess..... is that really feels good to touch..... gulp.....

"Earth Goddess is "M"" : Aah..... Uuh..... Wazu-sama cold gaze in godhood state..... merciless attack..... aaaaa..... irresistible!! Please abuse me in godhood state!!

I wonder what she is saying..... this goddess..... more importantly what is this "M" thing? I don't really understand.....

"Goddess has likely become a Yandere" : KuKuKu..... evEryoNe..... hoW loNg aRe yoU goiNG tO mEddLe beTweEn Wazu-san anD mE? DoEs aLL-ouT-waR sOundS gOoD foR yoU?

I wonder what is this..... I don't know the meaning of word Yandere but I feel scared for some reason..... I can feel something dangerous is approaching.....

It suddenly comes to my mind

(Goddess-sama is number one for me~)

I tried to think so and look at the guild card once again.

Skills:

"Sea Goddess is sulking" : Not fair~!!

"War Goddess is sulking" : Not fair~!!

"Earth Goddess is sulking" : Not fair~!!

"Goddess triumphed" : HO~HO~HO!!

Yup, let’s forget it.....

I put my guild card into my pocket quietly.

Chapter 79
I Relieved To Set Foot On The Ground

I stored the guild card and raised my body to go to where Freud is for the time being.

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It huuuuuuuuurrrrrrrrrrrrttttttttttsssssssss!!!

My body is screaming in pain. Even though I just moved my upper body a little, but it hurts all over. Is this because Godhood skill? It seems to be a side effect because I had just returned from Godhood state. Ughh..... it's been a long time since I felt such a pain. I got tearful eyes a little because so much pain.

I move my body while enduring the pain to go look for Freud. It takes everything just to walk.

Freud and Grave-san were poking their noses towards the sea from the edge of the ship. They were talking to each other in positions where they could throw up any moment. I move my aching body and head towards that place.

"Wazu-sama. Is it all right to move around?" (Freud)

"Yeah, I am fine" (Wazu)

"To think that you'd suddenly faint after returning to the ship, I was really surprised" (Grave)

"I seems I made you worry....." (Wazu)

Freud's observing my condition. His complexion was bad but it turned into a smile. Or rather, you guys are the ones who look like are going to die.....

"However, what on earth happened? Your hair have changed a bit....." (Grave)

"Changed?" (Wazu)

Huh? Is there something strange? I couldn't tell because I couldn't see it. I wonder how it changed..... I hope it doesn't become strange. I couldn't confirm it myself.....

"Here, look at yourself

Mirror of water shows my figure" (Grave)

When Grave-san casted his magic, a thin water around the size of face appeared from his fingertip. I understood the part that has changed as I brought my face closer to it.

Originally my hair color was pitch black, but now those black hair have turned white here and there. What to say, it seems like some kind of pattern.

"What happened to my hair?" (Wazu)

"It has been in that state since you returned here..... any idea about the cause?" (Freud)

"There is something but....." (Wazu)

I think it's the effect of Godhood..... will it return to original?

"You don't have to worry, isn't it nice? I think it looks cool!!" (Grave)

"Is that so?" (Wazu)

Grave-san is so positive..... well, it seems impossible even if I want it to go back to original now. Should I keep this appearance? because I don't know the way to return it.

"By the way, how long have I been sleeping since I had returned?" (Wazu)

"Hmm? Not much time has passed, right?" (Grave)

"Let's see, it's not even one hour, I guess?" (Freud)

Grave-san answered lightly and Freud answered with an approximation. It seems I won't be able to move around that long after entering Godhood state. Is it going to be like this each time? I don't think I'll face a situation where my life is in danger so often, but I have to be a little bit more careful.

After that the three of us continued chatting to kill some time. It's mainly the talk about Grave-san's harem relationship. I was terrified by the broadness of his woman preference.

Regardless of their age, it seems he's earnestly wooing every woman he likes. From an ordinary townspeople to a knights, there is also a woman pirate from the south sea.

However as Grave-san said himself, he didn't want to get involved with royal family. It seems he was also never going after the women who have a partner.

However, are they not fighting each other with so many wives? Or, won't he be targeted by some crazy jealous guy out there?

Apparently Grave-san's wives are in very good relationship. They established "**Grave's Wives Associatio**n" to exchange information everyday. They are also protecting Grave-san from bad insects behind the scene.

"But Grave-san you're an S-rank adventurer, aren't you? How is it possible, that you are in the position to be protected?" (Wazu)

"No. No. No. I'm not always wary of my surroundings. What would happen if I got attacked at such time? S-rank or not, I still can be cut by sword" (Grave)

That's true. Perhaps I'm an exception.

"You can't underestimate the information network of my wives association!! Because they are all over the world!! Hahaha!!!" (Grave)

"I see, you are completely hidden under their butts huh?" (Wazu)

"Of course!! I am no match against my wives!! But if there is a guy who'd hurt my wives..... the death would be coming to them..... no matter who that guy is" (Grave)

The atmosphere of Grave-san who said so suddenly changed. The surrounding air became heavy. It becomes impossible to move in such intense pressure. It can be said that he is in the perfect appearance of S-rank adventurer now. Well, I'm fine though.

“I know it!! I never thought of making an enemy of Grave-san” (Wazu)

“Well, that goes for me too” (Grave)

The heavy atmosphere disappeared at once and Grave-san floated a friendly and gentle smile. There is such a person huh..... I and Grave-san shook hands firmly.

But harem.....

Well, that’s impossible for me. I don’t have a partner in the first place.

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Then the three of us continued our conversation, shortly afterward the ship arrived at the harbour. At the moment of arrival, Freud jumped off of the ship and sprawled out on the ground, he began to stroke the ground like a lover.

“Haa~ wonderful, it’s not shaking!! I won’t leave you anymore!!” (Freud)

I and Grave-san were astonished towards Freud's eccentric behavior. Grave-san slowly pointing at Freud.

“Is he always like this? Even though he’s a princess’s butler? Well, I don’t mind it because he is interesting fellow.....” (Grave)

“Dunno..... I just met him recently.....” (Wazu)

For now, I tried not to think deeply about Freud. Or rather, just leave him alone.....

Chapter 80
The Horror Ruruna Felt

This is a story of the horror I felt that day.

Yes, that day. It was the day after several days has passed since we met Naminissa-sama and Narellina-sama, their family decided to step down from the royal line. It seemed they will head to the south with those, who wanted to follow them. Actually we also met the king, he was an easy-going person..... I mean, a friendly person.

When people see elves, most would normally think of how to capture and sell us. Oh! There were also a choice to make us a plaything, weren't there? But the people of this royal family lacked such atmosphere entirely and casually interacted with us, I was so glad.

Oops, I derailed from the story.

In these past few days we were staying with their family. The reason is simple, to help Naminissa-sama and Narellina-sama's travel preparation. Numbers of shoulder bags and magic item that has been imbued with low tier space-time magic, called "Item Bag" are being prepared, we are going to use it to carry things. This bag can store more luggage than its appearance allows it to, with this our journey will become easier. As expected of royal family, I thought.

Then, Orlando was introduced when we were preparing for a journey. He is an exclusive knight of Naminissa-sama and Narellina-sama's elder brother, Navirio. Orlando is a man who came from Linnic city together with Wazu-san. We were listening to the story about Wazu-san in the previous war.

I was surprised, even though I knew that Wazu-san's strong. He trampled down monsters that came to our village single-handedly, and this time his opponent were monsters + knights + S-rank adventurer..... I want to complain about how strong he is. I heard he made a guild card, I wish he'd let me see it later.

By the way, it seems that recently Sarona is suspecting me to have special feelings towards Wazu-san. I'll have to say it later that there are no such feelings..... I just want to be his friend. My ideal is a cool, rich and good-looking man like a prince, a strong

and yet gentle person who will treasure me forever. Setting aside if such a person really exists.....

Our relationship became close during preperations. With a common acquaintance called Wazu-san as a clique, we were talking about various things. Eventually it reached the point where they were talking about what part of Wazu-san they liked, what they wanted to convey to Wazu-san when they meet, or how it would be nice to spend the wedding night together. I wanted them to consider about me a little who was also in this place.

In such heated conversation, Tata-san's "night lecture" attracts most of our interest. She is the only person experienced among Wazu-san's harem members. Although it's a painful experiance, but for our sake and in order for them to please Wazu-san, she taught us that knowledge. I truly believed that a time when I will need this knowledge will come in the future, so I also listened to it carefully.

Finally, tomorrow is the day. King and his followers will head to the south, and we will head to the north to chase after Wazu-san, because our preparation should be also finished at that time.

The day of horror.....

We have our dinner in the hall inside the castle to celebrate our departure. According to the king's story, Narellina-sama's knights order and Navirio-sama's knights order have merged and they will also follow them to south. Approximately half of the knights who served in this country and around 70% of the citizen seems to be planning to leave. The guild eadquarters are also going to move to another place. I understand well how much king and his family were loved by their citizens.

Still according to the story, it seems that the prime minister was delighted because he is going to become the next king himself. I think this country has already ended..... but that's a story for another time. We were talking happily to enjoy our time before temporary separation. But then our conversation stopped when the door opened abruptly.

The horror will begin soon.

Before everyone’s line of sight, there was the prime minister we were talking about a short while ago. A lanky bald man dressed in clothes which were adorned with silver

and gold in poor taste, there was a vulgar smile floated on his face. A bunch of knights behind him were observing us with an indiscriminate look, they were probably those who sided with him. Prime minister looked at the surrounding people inside the hall, then he bowed in exaggerated manner as if an acting.

“Greeting everyone, are you enjoying the meal inside my castle?” (Zizu)

“.....You are going to officially become the king after our departure tomorrow, got that?” (Narellina)

The princess answered without hiding her frustration towards the prime minister’s statement.

“No, I am not wrong. Because the current king will die here!!” (Zizu)

The knights raised their swords under the prime minister’s command. When we were surrounded, Orlando-san and other knights from our side stepped forward to defend us, keeping the opponents in check.

“Fufufu..... going to keep struggling until the end huh..... how troubling, I will also teach the citizens who is my slave, to know their place later” (Zizu)

“Bastard..... how dare you to call our citizens as slave” (Givrio)

“What are you so angry about.....? Well, it doesn’t matter because you are going to die here no matter what” (Zizu)

He said so and his knights moved one step forward in unison.

“Bastard.....” (Givrio)

“Fufufu..... that’s right, your daughters will become playthings for the knights in this castle, they will receive plenty of love so rest assured” (Zizu)

“Hehehe..... my lord, please also give us the elves over there”

“Sure” (Zizu)

The knights are licking all over us from bottom to top with their lustful gaze. Then, the prime minister said something that should have never been said.

“After I mess up their pretty faces, let's see.... the country's hero that people are talking about, Wazu was it? I will bring you in front of him and say --”Look at this lump of trash who once were worshiped by citizen”-- I shall have him die afterwards” (Zizu)

snap!!!!!!!!!!!

The horror begin.

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“ *The enemy of mine, listen to the sound of wind that calls upon death* “ (Sarona)

The knights swords and armors were turned into scraps by Sarona's magic. Her smile frozen. It seems she doesn't intend to kill them with magic that easily.

While the knights who lost their equipments were frightened, a woman with red hair dashed forwards, Narellina-sama. She sent a jump kick towards a knight and started to beat down the surrounding knights in rage.

“Fu~mu..... my martial arts skills seem to be a little dull..... well, it’s because I lack a suitable training partner” (Narellina)

There, she continued to fight in melee combat with the knights who siding with the prime minister. Orlando and the knights from our side also joined the battle on this side. I also joined in while felt the anger surging, because a person who rescued our village was being insulted.

Come to think of it, what about the prime minister? When I looked around, I found the prime minister was caught between a transparent wall and hall wall. Hmm? What on earth is going on..... Once I widen my field of vision, I noticed Tata-san and Naminissa-san were in front of him.

“Guge-ge.....” (Zizu)

“I see, there was also such a way to use barrier magic” (Tata)

“Yeah, because this is a kind of a wall, you also can use it to capture the opponent like this” (Naminissa)

They are talking with a smile but..... I feel a chill running down my spine.

“I wa-wa-was wrong!!! Pl-Please help me~~~~~!!!” (Zizu)

“Can I learn it?” (Tata)

“Of course, I will teach you later!!” (Naminissa)

They didn't hear the prime ministers plea and continued their conversation in calm manner..... I feel terror creeping inside my heart for some reason, I promise to not make them angry at any cost.

In the blink of an eye, the prime minister and his knights lost and were confined in the dungeon. The next day, after handing over the key to the knight who stayed, we started our journeys to our respective destinations.

Chapter 81
Nude Communication

We arrived at the port town and headed to the inn with hot spring facilities in this port town to stay overnight as we have decided beforehand. The inn fees will be on Grave-san as his thanks for nursing him during the trip.

Thank you very much. Look, don’t just nod Freud, say thanks to Grave-san!

Since we are all men, we rented one room to be shared together so that a little bit cheaper. Even if we are going to stay for awhile, I don't have anything to do here in particular so I head to the hot spring.

Freud disappeared into the town saying there was something to do, while Grave-san immediately headed out because he found a woman that attracted his attention. Please calm down a bit more, these two adults.

It seems the bath turn is divided by gender and time. Good timing, men's turn just started not long ago when I came, I could enter smoothly just as it is without waiting. There were no other guest when I entered the place, I took off my clothes inside the dressing room and I leisurely soaked my body in hot water after I finished washing it.

“Fu~i.....” (Wazu)

It seems like the fatigue remaining in every corner of my body slowly dissolves into hot water, it feels really good. I heard sound of someone entering the bath as I was enjoying myself, there was Grave-san when I looked towards the entrance. He has toned body as expected of S-rank adventurer. I couldn't see him as someone who would throwing up helplessly during the trip. More importantly, please hide your front.

“Yoo~, Wazu boy!” (Grave)

“Hmm? You are early Grave-san. How about your business?” (Wazu)

“Well of course, she has become a splendid number 196!!” (Grave)

Grave-san said so. He washed his body while humming before soaking himself into hot water. To conquered a woman in this short time.... he is an enemy of men in a way..... well, he has a good face..... his personality also isn't bad.... he paid my lodging fee..... S-rank adventurer so there is no doubt he is strong..... damn, he is perfect!!

“Fui~ hot spring bath is nice..... here, I can forget about unpleasant parts of world....” (Grave)

“You are S-rank adventurer and have a lot of wives, is there something you are dissatisfied with?” (Wazu)

“Of course!! There is no limit to human greed~ There are various things that I want to do, and various things that are going to happen..... well, this is so called life” (Grave)

“.....?” (Wazu)

What is this guy saying?

“You don’t get it? Well, Wazu will understand it in the near future..... I also needed years to come up with the answer” (Grave)

“I don’t quite understand, it sounds like an adult’s things” (Wazu)

“Hahaha!! I see, I see!! I am an adult!! Then as an adult, can I ask something?” (Wazu)

“Hmm? What is it?” (Wazu)

“I am sorry if I make a mistake but how should I explain this, I could read inside your heart sort of? It seems that you are lives in hurry, an impatient person”

“Eh?” (Wazu)

“I am still a husband of 196 wives. I have eyes that can read a people and I got such feeling from Wazu” (Grave)

Am I impatient.....? Certainly, my head is full of thought about Meru right now. Grave-san is not a bad person, he would be a reassuring ally if he wanted to cooperate. I honestly told about Meru. The reason behind this, destination, and I also told him about the peddler who dresses all black just in case.

“I see..... You are heading to hot spring town to save a dragon child? All right, I understand the situation. Then, I'll help with that!” (Grave)

“Eh? really?” (Wazu)

“No problem!! I was originally planned to go to hot spring town. Besides, aren’t we friends already?” (Grave)

“Friends!!..... right!! Thank you very much!!” (Wazu)

Freind!! It’s been a long time since someone told me that. Following Orlando, this is a new friend of mine. Honestly, I am very happy!!

“However, I feel there is something else besides this matter about Meru. Is there anything else you can think of?” (Grave)

“Something else? .....hmmm..... is there such a thing? Nothing comes to my mind in particular.....” (Wazu)

I am .....hmm.... I couldn’t think of anything.

“If nothing comes to your mind, perhaps Wazu-sama himself may be unconscious about it so that he couldn’t think of it” (Freud)

“Fumu..... I wonder if that’s the case.....” (Grave)

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“.....” (Wazu)

“.....” (Grave)

“.....” (Freud)

splash

Freud was here all of a sudden so I stood up unconsciously.

“You!! How did you come in!?” (Wazu)

“Yes? I entered the bath normally after I washed my body normally, but what of it?” (Freud)

“No, No, I completely didn’t notice it!!” (Wazu)

“Because I am a butler” (Freud)

“.....are you trying to clean up everything with that words?” (Wazu)

“Fufufu..... because I am a butler” (Freud)

“That’s right, because butler is such a thing” (Grave)

“I don’t agree with Grave-san!!” (Wazu)

“Wazu is too concerned about the small details” (Grave)

“That’s right!!” (Freud)

“That’s not the point here~~~~~~~!!!” (Wazu)

My scream and two laughs echoed in the hot spring.

Chapter 82
To The Hot Spring Town, Osen!!

We left the port town and started our journey to the hot spring town on the next day. Osen town's hot springs district is located in the southwest direction of this town, Grave-san taught me that we need 5 days on foot to reach it.

Fish was really conspicuous when we were looking for food supplies for the journey, as expected of port town. But we abandoned the idea and purchased dried meat that would last longer instead. It seems that vegetables aren't produced locally here.

Too bad. I could have purchased a lot fish and store it inside space-time magic if only Meru was here.

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The journey to Osen town hadn't any particular problems, 2 days have passed and now is the third day. Around the noon, five men suddenly appeared in front of us while we were following the road towards Osen town.

"Stop!! Don't move from that place!!" (bandit 1)

"What is this?" (Wazu)

"Eee, would you mind handing over all of your money and luggage to me?" (bandit 2)

It's bandits. Swords and knives, man in the center of the group who is holding a spear speaks to us. Their attires don't look like those of bandits at all, it's ordinary villagers clothes that make you feel a sense of cleanliness. Though their faces are truly bandit-like.

"I am afraid we can't do that" (Freud)

While Freud give a polite reply, Grave-san showed me a face as if asking about what should we do. However, the other party didn't wait.

“It can’t be helped, you are going to leave this place stark naked. I Thought I would stop with luggage and money alone if you didn't refuse at first!!” (bandit leader)

It seems that bandits don't intend to take our lives, I don't know whether it's a kind or not. The five bandits approached us. Okay, battle start?

When we were preparing to intercept that attack, someone suddenly ran through our side from behind and approached the man in the center. She is a good looking woman with stout figure.

Having no time to stop when it looked dangerous, the woman who was getting closer to bandits jumped in with kicking position towards the man in the center instead.

The man in the center of group didn't avoid the kick and got blown off to the back. Eh? What does this mean?

“You!! You have a child now, why don't you work properly!!” (bandit leader's wife)

“ “ “ “Anego!!” “ “ “ (bandit 1,2,3,4)

(TL : Anego = elder sister ; Aniki = elder brother)

Hmm?

“No, even I wanted to do proper job, but the boss in my workplace was a nasty guy so I hit him without thinking and stopped!! Because of that, in order to earn my Angel's milk cost I became a bandit.....” (bandit leader)

“Such a stupid reason!! Do you think our child will grow up into a decent person from money that you earned as a bandit!?” (bandit leader's wife)

“No, but.....” (bandit leader)

“Don't give me stupid excuses!!” (bandit leader's wife)

They seem to be a married couple who probably just had their first baby. The father became a bandit to earn milk costs..... I want to give some money to that figure.

Although he said that it was an angel a while ago, I am curious whether their child's name is really Angel or just a metaphor. If that is his name, it's going to be a problem in the future. Especially if their child resemble the father, further problems are likely to arise.

"By the way, what about Angel?" (bandit leader)

"I entrusted her to father, I came after listening to mother that you might be playing banditry again!! I was ashamed and couldn't tell father" (bandit leader's wife)

"What is embarrassing.....?" (bandit leader)

"Then, can you tell our daughter that she grew up from money that her father earned as a bandit?"

"....." (bandit leader)

"A-Anego!! Aniki doesn't has other choice-----" (bandit 1)

"You shut up!! This is a problem of my family!!" (bandit leader's wife)

"Ye-Yesss....." (bandit 1)

Oh, he was silent after a single shout. This lady wears terrible force. I wonder what we should do. I want to leave this place at once.

"You there can leave now!! Sorry because my idiot husband disturbed your journey" (bandit leader's wife)

"N-No problem....." (Wazu)

T-Then let's get going, that's what I wanted to say but I couldn't find the two companions around. Grave-san is standing next to the woman and Freud is standing next to the man.

"It's as this lady says!! You should get a proper job to raise your child!! I agree with this lady!!" (Grave)

"Y-You....." (bandit leader's wife)

“No, No, I couldn't accept it. First of all, it's important to earn money so that the child would grow properly. You can teach the child strictly so they don't walk in the same path as their parent later. I am on this man’s side!!” (Freud)

“Y-You.....” (bandit leader)

Huh? Are you participating? Why don't we just leave them alone? Even I don't feel like poking my nose at other people's household problems.

The remaining four bandits talked something with each other in whispern and separated themselves towards man who was called aniki and woman who was called anego, two people each. It has become a confrontation of 4 vs 4 now.

Huh? Could it be..... Eight people in front of me turned their eyes to me all at once.

“Of course Wazu is an ally of women, right?” (Grave)

“There is no doubt that Wazu-sama will choose this side, right?” (Freud)

Oops, the decision seems decided by whom I choose. All of you are cowards!! Let's try to escape.

“No, No, No, it has nothing to do with me. She said we could leave, so why don’t we go now?” (Wazu)

“Not good!! This is one of the problems that you aren't supposed to avoid by all means!! We should settle it here and now!!” (Grave)

“I agree!! This is no longer just their problem!! So, which side is right Wazu-sama?” (Freud)

I failed to escape. These guys are entering their own pace. I feel that Grave-san simply wants to support the female, on the other side Freud just favored the male’s effort.

No way, why did you shove their problem at me? what should I do now..... we are going nowhere at this rate. I exhale a big sigh and I advanced my way towards the women.

“Well then, after considering carefully I choose this side” (Wazu)

“Yoshaa~~~~~!!! That's Wazu boy for you!!! I knew he would support me!!!” (Grave)

“That's a lie~~~~~!!!!! I was betrayed by Wazu-sama~~~~~!!!!!” (Freud)

Freud reaction is exaggerating but I know it just an act. The woman camp raised their hands in joy while the man camp disheartened but of course Freud alone is different. I exhale a big sigh after talking to Freud a little.

I said to the woman --”I hope she becomes a good child”-- to the man --”Pull yourself together”-- and secretly handed out some gold coins I borrowed from Freud a while ago.

After that, since we had no more business in this place anymore, we continued our journey to Osen town again. Looking back, the woman was waving her hands greatly while the man was lowering his head deeply in gratitude but.....

I hope their child isn”t named "Angel".

Chapter 83
Just A Little More To Osen Town

This is the fourth day of our journey towards Osen town. While we were tidying our camping equipment, Freud noticed a man approaching this place. I stop my hands and turn my attention to the man. He was walking here in a carefree manner and stopped at the point where each other's attacks could reach.

As he was getting closer, I could see him wearing very light clothes, deep green tights and short sword on his waist, a queasy feeling came from his long and narrow eyes, even though he has reasonably good face. I wonder if it's his habit to mess around with his bangs. While doing so, he looking at us with an appraising eyes.

“You've also come for That, huh? Could it be you are thinking that you can win?”

“What is it.....?” (Wazu)

“Huu~? Are you playing dumb here? I can tell, you see? You are also challengers, aren't you? In other words you are my rivals, got it?”

I want to hit him once for the time being.

“What is this “challenger” thing.....?” (Wazu)

When I asked what was that all about, a response came from Grave-san.

“You didn't know Wazu? Haosui-chan the northern hero who currently lives in the hot spring town --Osen, has vowed to become a bride for a man that win against her. Because of that, those who are confident with their strength all over continent have came to challenge Haosui-chan, but nobody could win even though various people have challenged her so far” (Grave)

“I see.....” (Wazu)

Haosui has never been defeated so far. She is quite strong, I guess?

“So~, in other words~, you guys have come for such a thing~, right?”

I'd like to say what kind of thing it is. For a moment I forgot about him, or rather are you still here? Get lost already!!

“Like I said~ You guys have no chance~ Because I'm going to defeat Haosui~ I will do it!! Got it? So, can you give me your money? Got it?”

This guy is annoying!!

In short, he is doing bandit-like things here, right? Targeting the challengers, I wonder if he is quite strong? I can't see that though. Moreover, this side has me, Grave-san an S-rank adventurer, and Freud a fake butler.

I don't think we will lose, except for Freud. However, such idea didn't transmit to the man.

The man in front of us while still fiddling with his hair, pulled out a short sword with his vacant hand and directed its tip towards us.

I thought would finish this quickly, but Freud interrupted me before I could advance. “This fellow, there is no worth for Wazu-sama to lay his hands on him, please leave it to me” (Freud)

“Hmm? No, I don't mind it. Because I will get it done in a moment” (Wazu)

“Well, wait a moment Wazu. Let's leave this guy to Freud here. I have seen Wazu's strength on the ship awhile back, but I never saw Freud's fighting strength” (Grave)

Certainly..... I don't remember ever seeing Freud fighting in full power. Oh, I'm getting interested now.

“Then, I leave him to you” (Wazu)

“Thank you very much” (Freud)

Freud bows elegantly and turns back to the man.

“I will be your opponent” (Freud)

“Okay~ let’s start with you~ I will make you a prey of my sword~!!”

The sword’s tip lunged at Freud in a sharp thrust at the same time he said so, however Freud avoided it with minimum movement.

A man dropped his short sword when Freud hit his hand with a chop, before they passed each other because a man couldn't stop his advance.

Freud turned his body slowly, it had become a situation where each other standing position swapped.

More importantly, his hand hadn't stop playing with his bangs during that time, or rather he is more concerned with his hair than the fight.

“It was a splendid attack” (Freud)

“You too~ pretty good~ ..... I never thought~ you dodged my first attack brilliantly~”

“Because I am a butler” (Freud)

Oi, why are you praising each other without a care in the world? Just Hurry up and finish him already!! I mean, this guy was just playing around with his hair since beginning. I'm getting frustrated just by looking at him, also how he speak in roundabout way is annoying.

“Fumu..... his attack was impressive. Freud’s also doing pretty well” (Grave)

A person next to me was calmly analyzing the battle. No, No, No, what Grave-san said may be true but..... I could care less whether Freud is strong or not anymore, I’m just bothered by this man who doesn't stop playing with his bangs since a while ago.

“Well then, this is my turn to attack!!” (Freud)

Freud is going to attack the man.....

“Wa-Wait a moment!!”

Freud put his hand on a short sword in front of him, but the man's words stopped Freud’s advance. Freud waited dutifully.

“What’s the matter? Is there a problem?” (Freud)

“Yeah, a big problem!! Because of the previous movement~ my bangs have fallen into disorder. Please wait a moment because I will fix it soon~”

Freud nods and waits on the spot in the meantime. Eh? What are you doing? No, that's enough. Let's finish him and leave this place.

However, on contrary to such thoughts of me, the man began to carefully fix his bangs.

“Hey, you’re in the middle of fighting, right? Don't stop the fight just because your bangs got disordered” (Wazu)

When he heard my complaint, the man stared at me with serious look and shouted. Of course his hands didn't stopped touching his bangs. He is still doing it, stop it, please stop it now!!

“I won't be popular with women if my hair is disheveled!!!!!!!!!!”

What are you saying? There aren’t any women here in the first place, you don’t have to worry about such thing. However, I tried to ask a good-looking person next door just in case.

“Is that so?” (Wazu)

“No, I think it's important, but I don't think it's a good time for it” (Grave)

“I bet!!” (Wazu)

I have same thoughts as Grave-san. So, what's with this guy? The moment we turn our eyes to see his foolishness, two shadows jump from the woods behind towards me and Grave-san

“Yihaa~~!!~ Your back is open~~!!!”

I knew that there were people there since the beginning, the same goes for Grave-san I guess. We silenced each of them with a single blow.

I see, in other words this annoying man draw our attention as a decoy, and the other two people were going to attack us from behind.

Well, they were choosing wrong opponents this time.

If you look carefully, the man who is still playing with his bangs despite this situation turned pale.

“Eeh..... Aah..... Umm? Could it be I am in dire situation now?”

Stop playing with your hair already!!!!!

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After that, the man who had been made bald, other two people, and a written paper containing --”↑ these guys are criminals”-- were hung on tree. Good for him, he didn't have to worry about his bangs got disordered anymore so I'd like him to thank us later.

In the end, Freud's strength remained a mystery but I decided not to think about it anymore.....

Chapter 84
Hot Spring Town Osen

We arrived at Osen town on the evening of the fourth day. It seems like we had been moving faster than expected. In order to enter inside the town, I showed my guild card with the status hidden to the gatekeeper.

Once in the past, they seemed to use some kind of ancient relic to confirm identity of person who enters the town.

I, eh? Is that necessary?

I look around, there seems to be no one who acts like that other than me. The gatekeeper sends me a wry smile.

There is only simple fence surrounded this town, there were no high walls like in the other cities. I asked for the reason, it seems because the scenery of hot spring town will be ruined so they removed the walls. However, he taught me that there is invisible magic barrier that always protected the town.

Other things he taught me, this town is divided into three sections. They seems to be called "mixed bath district", "men bath district", "women bath district", their difference are just like how it sounded.

Most of people went to the district following their own gender, that as expected. There seems to be soldiers who entered mixed bath district very rarely, but most of time there were only men inside.

Although in the past mixed bath district only used for bathing, recently over there, borrowing a wisdom from certain shop in the south, a place that dedicated as common place for men and women to soak only the foot called footbath was made. It seems that place was popular and more people come to mixed bath district.

Actually, it seems that the magic barrier was also a wisdom from that store, people in this town revered highly of the store owner. For a moment, I remembered the all black dressed peddler when I hear about this store. But thinking back about the change in this town, it's likely a different person.

I mean, the owner of this store thought something amazing. If by any chance I come back to my hometown, I'd like to visit the store.

I ask them to return my guild card while talking, after that we enter the hot spring town, Osen.

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It seems the place we entered was the entrance of mixed bath district. It's already late night so we are planning to look for inn to stay a night.

I want to go looking for Meru at once, but an unfamiliar town, moreover night time, I don't know where should I start without slightest clue. I abandon the idea for tomorrow. I hope Meru stay safe.

All inns in the mixed bath district were fully booked so we headed to the men bath district. But after a little thinking, we all decided to go back and stay in a barn at the mixed bath district.

Because in the men bath district, muscular men who seems to be Haosui challengers are all over the place. There are time when the heat of hot spring get into their heads and a fight broke. That district has turned into a lively (noisy) place.

I think that our judgment isn't wrong. We ask for permission from the innkeeper and spend the night inside a barn.

On the next day, we were allowed to use hot spring because of the innkeeper's kindness. I decided to search for Haosui as the first step in looking for Meru whereabouts.

I asked the innkeeper; apparently Haosui fighting challenge has become number one entertainment in this town so the location was found out immediately.

Haosui fight her challenger on the big stage in the middle of town. It seems that some people especially comes here to watch it. Based on the information we all headed to that place.

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There are two people on the stage, man and woman. The man showed off his exquisitely well-trained body with proud to stir up the audience. He wields a giant sword that seems to be able to cut a tree in single strike. With one hand, he swing a giant sword from overhead while making buzzing sound to stir up the audience even more.

On the other side, standing to confront the man is a small tall girl around 14 years old. Her hair color is bright green. Part of her hair were arranged to stand with hairpin in such a way resemble two horns.

Is that pajamas? It just as I said. She wore a loose clothes from top to bottom, both of her hands are hidden inside overlong sleeves. This is the very appearance of someone who just woke up, not someone who is going to enter the battle.

However, what caught my attention the most are her eyes. On a small face where the childness remains, there are sleepy half-opened eyes with dark red color. I think she had swallowed the red ball, but I didn't see a crack anywhere on her body. How come?

That peddler said that he wanted me to meet "that girl", there is no doubt. And form his words, I came to understand that he was talking about this little girl I'm seeing right now, the northern hero Haosui.

The battle in front of me ended with an overwhelming victory of this Haosui girl.

Along with a war cry, the man swung his giant sword towards Haosui. However Haosui didn't move an inch, seemed sleepy and yawned.

The audience who didn't know about Haosui would have thought the battle ended with that attack. However, the giant sword never cut Haosui. The moment it touched her body, the giant sword crumbled down and shattered.

The audiences get all excited because of the sight, while the man turns his eyes at Haosui as if just seeing an illusion.

Well, even I can do the same.

There was no Haosui's figure at the end of a man’s line of sight because she had moved beside him. Then, with a fist that Haosui casually released, a man's body flew somewhere to unknown place out of the town.

The audience understood that Haosui's victory has been established, they raised a cry of celebration even without knowing about what was just happened.

“No less of “The World’s Strongest” .....Her strength is a real deal. Even I’m not sure I can win from her” (Grave)

“The World’s Strongest?” (Wazu)

I carelessly reacted to Grave-san's murmur.

“Yeah, that’s Haosui-chan’s nickname. Just like “The Whirlwind” of mine” (Grave)

“I see” (Wazu)

Certainly, that was one of inhuman strength. Ordinary sword will crumble just by hitting her..... Let’s not think about myself.

More importantly where is Meru right now? Does it mean she is in Haosui's place?

I restlessly look around the surrounding area but couldn't find Meru’s figure. I thought whether I should ask Haosui directly.

Our lines of sight meet when I turn my eyes at Haosui. She stares for a moment and slowly approach me. She speaks words while standing on the stage in front of me.

“.....are you the person that child was talking about?” (Haosui)

Chapter 85
Reunion With Meru

I’m following Haosui. She said that she would take me to Meru. I was guided to her temporary residence in this Osen town.

It's good that she is willing to guide me..... I'm grateful..... what a nice place!! I mean, her temporary residence is in the women bath district!!

This place is normally off-limits for men, the surrounding women surely think --”why is there a man here?”-- their gaze are scraping my HP.

Please excuse me! Please pardon me! Please forgive me! Haosui brought me to this place!!

The gatekeeper at the entrance of women bath district give me an entry permit because of one word from Haosui. As expected of the world's strongest.

I don't want to admit it but I feel a little excited when I set foot on the garden of women. No, it's normal, every man surely will get excited.

But at the same time a regret feeling dominated me. Somehow, I feel out of place. I just entered but unable to stay still. I want to leave this place at once.

By the way, Grave-san told me that his wife was working here; I didn't know where he is now. Freud has gone somewhere because he has some kind of errands. So, I am the only man in this place.

I'm really sorry. Please don't stare at me with those eyes. Please!!

I am following Haosui from behind with such feelings. Not long, we arrived at her place, it seems an inn. The steam from hot spring was rising from behind the building, typical sight of inn in this town.

Haosui entered inn normally and I also followed her afterward. The inn staffs and the guests inside directed their attention at us, I couldn't calm down at all.

The inn staffs lowered their heads when Haosui passed by and the guests started to make noise. Their attitudes changed immediately after realized that I was behind her.

The surrounding have the same facial expression as if telling --”who is this man?”--. Some of them clicked their tongues. I want to see Meru and immediately leave this place. This place is not paradise at all.

Haosui stopped in front of a door of certain room then she prompted me to go inside.

Is Meru really inside?

I mean, we just met. Can I trust her? It might be a trap.... well, even if this is a trap, I have no choice but to go inside. I open the door and take a peek inside, over there.....

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Meru who is being pampered by a large number of women like a king was there.

The black crystal from that time seems to have disappeared already. Meru was being taken care of by the women around her. Just opening her mouth and the women around feed her food. Her body seems to have been thoroughly polished.

More importantly, what are you doing? I mean, Meru is female, right? I can see this composition if you are a male, but why the women.....Oh I see, she is loved as a pet, right?

I wonder what this is? I’m glad that she was safe, but what should I do with this indescribable feeling.....? Before I came here..... I think Meru has been doing like this for a long time..... damn!! I am not envious at all!! DAMN IT!!!

When I immersed myself on the spot with such dark thought, Haosui pushes me from behind.

Is she telling me to quickly go inside?

I entered the room while being pushed by Haosui, Meru who saw my figure jumped on the spot, flew, and collided with my face.

I tried to spread both hands and receive Meru but she drove straight to my face as expected. She climbs up to the top of my head and with --”kyu~iii.....”-- she began to relax herself there. *peshi-peshi * she started to beat my face with her forefoot to protest because I was late to get her.

No, weren't you enjoying yourself in this place?

The women who saw this situation were looking at me with envious eyes. I am enjoying the feeling on my head after a long absence while receiving such a gaze. I suddenly noticed.

“Huh? Did you get a little heavier?” (Wazu)

“KYUIIII~~~” (Meru)

Meru protested to my murmur with beating my face rather stronger than before.

“Sorry! Sorry! You have grown!!” (Wazu)

Meru stopped hitting me, it seems she was convinced. She began relaxing herself again on my head. I stroked Meru's head. Haosui stepped forward and said to the women in this room.

“Need to talk with this person..... please go out.....” (Haosui)

“Yes~”

The women nodded on Haosui's words and leave the room obediently while waving their hands towards Meru. There are only me, Meru, and Haosui remains in this place.

Haosui confirmed they had left the place. Haosui sit on a rag called cushion in slow movement and beckoning me to sit down as well.

“As this child said..... it seems you are her guardian” (Haosui)

“Meru said it? Do you understand her words?” (Wazu)

“Because I am a dragon descendant..... a Ryujin” (Haosui)

I see, the two protruded hair that stand on her head represent the horns of a dragon.

“Anything else.....?” (Haosui)

“Then, do you know what is going on now.....?” (Wazu)

“About the ball.....? I swallowed it..... understand everything” (Haosui)

She understood but still swallowed it? so why did she.....

“.....is it over? Then, main subject” (Haosui)

“The main subject.....?” (Wazu)

“Fight me.....” (Haosui)

Chapter 86
The Power Of Haosui

Haosui told me to fight with her.

“Why is that?” (Wazu)

“That’s.....” (Haosui)
From that point Haosui slowly spoke, or more like muttered about her purpose. To put it briefly, when training oneself, she realized that she couldn’t find someone who were stronger than her in the surrounding anymore. She couldn't tell the reason about why she was obsessed with strength

As she continued seeking for the greater strength, she challenged those who were said to be strong all over the place and kept being victorious, from there people started to call her Northern Hero.

People who came to challenge her has started to appear this time. She was in this town hoping to find a good opponent. In order to gather more challengers, she added a condition to become a bride of person who can defeat her. If there is a person who can win, it seems she really don't mind to marry him. But someone who could defeat her never appeared.

She spent every day with nothing but boredom, she started to wonder whether this was her limit.

One day, a peddler who dressed in black presented her a red ball that said could make her stronger even more.

Haosui who greedily seeking for strength swallowed it. She got even stronger, but no one could hold a candle to Haosui because of that.

It said that she began to spend more time with lazing around than before. She seemed to never go out from her room except when heading to the stage. It was at such time that Meru appeared. Then she heard about me from Meru.

“Heard from that child..... really strong..... stronger than her father.....” (Haosui)

“We-Well.....” (Wazu)

I'm certainly strong.

“I don't know how strong her father was..... however, I think that I was stronger..... but that child said you were stronger than me..... therefore, I won't expect it..... but fight me” (Haosui)

“Unn~~” (Wazu)

To fight such small girl, as expected that's..... but I don't want to leave her who had swallowed the red ball from that peddler alone. If I defeat her, I wonder if her body will also become cracked? I don’t want to see that.

But I don’t know the way to cure it..... what should I do..... When I was deep in thought, Haosui cautioned me.

“I'm going to win anyways..... You can understand when you see this..... see it for yourself” (Haosui)

Having said that, Haosui handed a guild card out of her clothes.

Huh? This? Where did you take it? It’s somewhat warm..... s-stop it!! It’s better to not think about it.

Her guild card was in the state which can be seen already, Haosui's status was written there so I read it.

Name : Haosui Tsurugi
Race : Ryujin (Demon Lord)
Age : 14

HP : 9999
MP : 9999

STR : 999
VIT : 999
INT : 627
MND : 871
AGL : 953
DEX : 538

Skills:
“Battle king” Lvl.Max (Compound)
“Tactics king” Lvl.Max (Compound)
“Dragon-ization” (Unique)
“Special Magic : Dragon” Lvl.Max (Unique) <currently unusable>
“Super Recovery” Lvl.Max (Compound)
“Body reinforcement” Lvl.7
“Total Tolerance” Lvl.8
“State Abnormal Invalidity”
“Hero” Lvl.6 <currently sealed>
“Demon Lord” Lvl.1

It cooomeees!! I can tell that her status are high but I don't know the differences compared to my status. I mean, my status are written on texts not numbers. So, let’s see the skills explanation.

“Battle king” Lvl.Max (Compound) : Can use martial techniques and handle all kinds weapons with this skill. You will be able to use variety of weapons and martial arts better. It’s possible to become the first rate weapon user or master of martial arts as the level goes up.

Huh? What is this?

“Tactics king” Lvl.Max (Compound) : Instantly understand all kinds of war situation and find the way to break through. Situation understanding, sense perception, and skills will be put on work together using this skill. Those processes will be getting faster as the level goes up. It’s become possible to make to make correct judgment based on own knowledge.

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“Dragon-ization” (Unique) : Transform into a dragon with status rises significantly.

Is this unique skill of Ryujin people?

“Special Magic : Dragon” Lvl.Max (Unique) : Magic that can only be used in dragon form. Can shoot various breath attacks as the level goes up.

My special magic “God” also seems have the same condition with this.

“Super Recovery” Lvl.Max (Compound) : Increase natural HP and MP recovery speed. The speed will be getting faster as the level goes up.

Huh? Are you perhaps never getting tired with this skill?

“Body reinforcement” Lvl.7 : Increase muscle strength, speed, etc. to assist various body movement. It will be strengthened accordingly as the level goes up and complex movements are also becoming possible.

Hmm? So why can I fight with this much power even though I don't have this skill..... it's just a guess, could it be my basic status is already so high? I am no longer a human as expected..... no, let’s stop at that..... don’t think about it too deeply.

“Total Resistance” Lvl.8 : Resistance to all kinds of attributes attacks increases. Greater resistance as the level goes up.

I don't have to think about this stuff because of VIT and MND status in my case.

“State Abnormal Invalidity” : Invalidate all kinds of state abnormality.

I want iiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiiit!!! Mine is “almost invalid”, I want this skill the most!!!!!

“Hero” Lvl.6 : Those who saved the world. Status significantly rises. The status correction will further increase as the level goes up.

As expected of Hero skill..... but it has been sealed.....

“Demon Lord” Lvl.1 : Those who destroy the world. Maximal status rise correction. The status rise correction will become even higher as the level goes up and you will be able to use special skills.

Perhaps this is due to the influence of a red ball.

To put it together..... she isn’t that strong, right? But there is Demon Lord stuff on her race. She wasn’t an opponent that normal people could win. More than anything, her basic status and skills are too specialized for battle.....

Though I don't think I will lose against her.....

Chapter 87
I Never Said I Won't Do It

Haosui spoke in disappointed voice as if she had lost interest when she saw me checking her guild card in deep thought.

“.....So? Understand now? No one can win against me” (Haosui)

“.....Then, why do you still want to fight me?” (Wazu)

Haosui looked up at the void as she thought, slowly returned her line of sight at me and slightly tilted her head.

“.....Because there is nothing else to do?” (Haosui)

The influence of demonization..... well, that's not likely. Perhaps because she got too strong and no one around is strong enough to compete with her, she felt like losing her goal..... she just wanted to fight out of the habit.

Looking at Haosui like that, she certainly seems to have lost her spirit in life.

“.....You also can’t refuse” (Haosui)

“Why is that?” (Wazu)

“Hmm.....” (Haosui)

Haosui pointed at Meru.

“.....I sheltered that child. Took care of her. Gave her food”

I can't talk back when she brings that up..... I don't mean to refuse but I'm not sure if this is going to be safe for her.....

Because she took care of Meru, I want to save this little girl in front of me. However, I can't think of a good plan to realize it at present.

To tell the truth, I need time but I don't think I have the leeway. I don't know when the bat-like wings or other stuffs will start to grow like those people who swallowed the red ball. I think that I should not waste time any longer.

“.....I understand. I will accept it, but can you give me some time?” (Wazu)

“.....Then 10 minutes later” (Haosui)

“.....Understood. That's sounds goo----- wa-wait!! Too short!! Why only ten minutes?” (Wazu)

“.....One hour later?” (Haosui)

“That's nothing different!!! I mean, let's put it for another day!!!” (Wazu)

“.....Then, tomorrow?” (Haosui)

“Gime me more time!!” (Wazu)

“Muu ....You said a difficult thing.....” (Haosui)

“I said nothing difficult~~~!!!” (Wazu)

In the end..... we decided to fight at noon two day later..... sigh.....

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For now, I have to find a breakthrough strategy during these next two days. I left the room while thinking about it. On the outside, a woman with sexy smile was looking at me.

She wore overlapped thin fabric from top to bottom, there is a thick band wrapped around her abdomen part, this is the first time I saw this kind of clothes.

Her hair was tied up to behind, there were also some golden decoration inserted in some place on those parts. The mole under her eye emphasizes her bewitching features.

Being stared at by such a beautiful woman, I involuntarily make a gulp sound. That woman slowly walks towards me.

Huh? Me? Then, she gracefully bowed and introduced herself.

“Nice to meet you Wazu-san. I am the lord of this Osen town and also Grave's wife, my name is Serena” (Serena)

Shuu~~~ I wonder why, I calmed down at once.

“Nice to meet you too, my name is Wazu. So..... Does Grave-san’s wife need something from me?” (Wazu)

“Yes, there is also request from Grave. Since the inn to stay has been decided, I came here to guide wazu-san to that place” (Serena)

“Oh I see! So, umm, I am in your care” (Wazu)

I am heading to the inn under the guidance of Serena-san. On the way, I hear a man screaming from somewhere far away.

“Did you hear the scream just now?” (Wazu)

“Yes, it seems some foolish man had tried to enter the woman bath district to peep” (Serena)

Eh.....? No..... But it was a scream.....

“Since there is no wall in this town, some people think the security in this town is lacking and they can peep at women to their heart contents. In fact, there are tremendous number of traps, invisible barrier, inhibition of recognition from outsider, etc. various means had been taken. Even if this is the southern hero, he won't be able to enter women bath district without permission. The shop that installed it said so” (Serena)

“This is really strict.....” (Wazu)

“Yeah..... when installing it that person said "Search & Destroy peeping tom" truly impressive words” (Serena)

(TL : Search & Destroy here is using English spelling)

“Search & Destroy? What is that?” (Wazu)

“Hmm, it seems something like murder on the spot when get found.....” (Serena)

“S-C-A-R-Y!!” (Wazu)

What was that scary sounding words!? I mean, I wonder what happened to the man who screamed earlier..... well, it's his own fault.

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We returned to mixed bath district. I was guided to the third floor of the largest and the most luxurious inn in this district.

“Eh? Is this the place?” (Wazu)

“Yes, this is the inn I manage, I prepared the best room in this place. I am very sorry for yesterday because no room was available. Grave also said that I should prioritize customers, but I never thought you all would stay in a barn.....” (Serena)

“No, it was nothing big. I don't care about it” (Wazu)

“I feel relieved if you say so. Then, I will show you to your room” (Serena)

Upon entering the inn, the staffs bowed to Serena-san before returned to their work. There are also some customers who knew her occasionally greets her. Serena-san carefully responds while guiding me.

The room we entered is really wide and gorgeous, the room also uses furniture that seems expensive. Honestly, is is really okay for someone like me to use this room?

However, the scenery from this room was also stunning, I thought that it's really worth to stay in the room with such scenery.

On the table in the middle of such room Grave-san was drinking leisurely alone. Noticing me coming, he raised one hand to invite me.

“Yo~ Wazu!! Are you finished with Haosui? I mean, is that Meru on the top of your head?” (Grave)

“Yeah, I’m going to fight her after 2 days. Meru, that’s Grave-san my friend. Come, say hello to him” (Wazu)

“Kyuii~” (Meru)

“Ou~ I am Wazu’s friend, Grave. Best regards!” (Grave)

That's right, maybe Grave-san can teach me something to solve this problem.

I thought so and talked about Haosui's situation, the red ball, and what happened to people who swallowed it. Grave-san who heard it looked up in thought after --”Hmm....”-- he turned back his eyes at me.

“Something like that happened huh..... Sorry but I can’t think of anything. How about you Serena?” (Grave)

“Let's see, Haosui-san doesn't cause problems in particular either, on the contrary, the business is booming as a result of the challengers who came to this town. I would like her to return to normal safely if possible..... but please forgive me. I also don't know any means to help her. I can't be any help, please excuse me” (Serena)

“No, please don’t mind it. I can't come up with anything either” (Wazu)

The two couldn't help me either. I wonder if Freud knows something. He isn't here, but let's ask just in case. However, I don't know when he will come back. But even Grave-san doesn’t know anything so I don't think he would.

I am on my wit's end here. I even feel like I want to ask god for help right now.....

Hmm.....? God.....? Goddess.....?

Chapter 88
Ask The GoddessWhen You Are In Trouble

That’s it!! There are the goddesses!! Because it’s the god, they should know everything. I thought so and I took out my guild card from my bosom. Grave-san called out when he noticed my sudden behavior.

“What's wrong you suddenly took out your guild card?” (Grave)

“No, just a little.....” (Wazu)

It's impossible to tell him that my guild card has turned into something like assembly hall for goddesses, so I answered him vaguely. I spelled out about the current situation and checked the guild card.

Skills :

“Sea Goddess is sleeping inside the calm ocean” : .....zzZZ .....zzZZ .....ehehe ..... It's ticklish~~~

“War Goddess is too immersed with her training and didn't notice it” : Ora! Ora! It's just started, give me more!!

“Earth Goddess is busy cultivating trees” : Fufufu..... it grows bigger and bigger~~~

“Goddess is enjoying her snack time” : Hmm, this cake tastes good!! I guess it's okay to eat this much..... but I have to exercise later.

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W-H-A-T--T-H-E--H-E-C-K~~~~~~!!!

What are you doing? These goddesses!! I always feel like they are looking after me more than necessary, but why are they ignoring me now!?

Even though I am trying to help Haosui, why is it? Don't tell me, you are not interested with her?

Even though she is a hero? Normally, it's their job to guide and help hero, right?

That's.....? Are they angry because I occasionally leave them? I wonder if the goddesses are trying to say that they aren't such a convenient women..... no, that's..... impossible.....

Pe-Perhaps..... it was just the timing that's bad, let's check again for the time being. I spelled out the current situation and checked the guild card once again.

Skills:

"Sea Godddes is sleeping" : .....zzZZ .....zzZZ

"War Goddess is seeking her limits" : More! More! I ought to be able to do more!!

"Earth Goddess is singing with flowers" : Lalala~ ♪ Lalala~ ♪ Lalala~ ♪

"Goddess is seriously suffering" : What should I do..... I will get fat if I eat any more cake..... but..... it should be fine to eat just another one.....

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baaaaaaaaam!!!!!!!

I slammed the guild card to the floor. Smoke was rising from the part where the guild card had landed. Grave-san who seems to be worried calls out.

"O-Oii!! Are you okay? What happened?" (Grave)

"No..... just a little unexpected thing has happened..... but it's fine, I feel better after slamming my guild card" (Wazu)

"I-I see....." (Grave)

Dammit..... because of the goddesses , it seems Grave-san thinks I'm a little strange in the head. Yo-Yosh, let's calm down once. Take a deep breath..... huu~ haa~

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Fuu~ I calmed down. All right, let's try once again. The goddesses surely know something. I shall continue until I get the answer, but..... it doesn't seem to work this way.

I will fight Haosui without getting any answers at this rate. That means I have no choice but to kill her..... no, don't give up, let's try again.

It's somewhat embarrassing, I don't want to do it but..... I have no other choice. I slowly calm my mind and mutter in my heart.

(Is there a goddess out there..... a goddess who will help and guide me, who got lost..... gentle, strong, smart and beautiful..... such a lovely goddess.....)

I pick up the guild card and check it again.

Skills :

"Sea Goddess woke up"

"War Goddess stopped her hands"

"Earth Goddess answers the call"

"Goddess answered in a hurry" : The tears of Millennial-Class White Dragon have high healing and sacred power. Because she is a ryujin, I think that the effect will be higher. Let her spew out the red ball, then it may be possible to save her with those tears.

The answer cameeeeeeeeeeeee~~~~!!!! You were looking after me after all!! Then, you should reply from the beginning.....

Skills :

“Sea Goddess smiles gently”

“War Goddess laughs dauntlessly”

“Earth Goddess smiles”

“Goddess lifts the corners of her mouth” : Wazu-san should fall for me with this.....

Uuu, well..... thank you Goddess-sama!! I love you!!!

I thought something that shouldn't be said. The sentences in the guild card changed again.

Skills :

“Sea Goddess is ready for battle”

“War Goddess is in battle mode”

“Earth Goddess is in attacking stance”

“Goddess is ready to engage the battle” : Yeah Wazu-san is mineee~!!

Let's stop it..... Let's not think about it too deeply. Let's forget it for the time being. I appreciate it but..... I put back my guild card into my pocket quietly. Hopefully the world will not be affected because of this.....

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But a new problem arises now. Where can I get the tears of millennial white dragon? I don't know such a thing. The white dragons in the mountain supposedly haven't lived that long. Meru's mother, Meral also shouldn't have lived that long. I turn my eyes into the room vicinity while thinking about what should I do.

Is she showing interest in the flowers that decorated the room? I thought that as I watched Meru who was flying around happily.

Wait..... Meru's grandmother, Megil is also a white dragon. If it's her, perhaps she has been living for thousand years. However, where is she now?

Meral should be know about her whereabouts. There is no other clue. Why don't we visit her after a long time? I want to know what happened to that couple, Meru should also miss them. That sounds good, let's call Meru.

"Meru!! We are going out!!" (Wazu)

"Kyuii~~" (Maru)

Meru returns to her usual fixed position on my head in response to my words.

"Hmm? Where are you going?" (Grave)

Grave-san called out to me who suddenly was going to leave.

"Aah!! I'm going out to do some errands a little. I will be back in two days before the fight with Haosui" (Wazu)

"Should I help too?" (Grave)

"No, it's fine. It's something like visiting one's parent's home after marriage. Then, I'm off!! Please inform Freud for me" (Wazu)

"I understand. Be careful on the way!!" (Grave)

"Yeah!!" (Wazu)

I say so and leave the room, leave the inn, leave the town and head to the mountains that stand in the center of the continent.

Chapter 89
Let's Meet Meru's Parents

I am aiming at Ragnil's castle in the mountain summit. I run in a hurry because I can't spend too much time, so my speed is relatively quicker than usual. I hold down Meru who is clinging her claws against my head with one hand so she won't fall.

After running for about 1 hour, we arrived in a vast forest at the foot of the mountain. Since we found various tree nuts here and there on the way, we collected them and decided to take a rest in a little open space for the time being.

A group of about 15 people came out from the woods and surrounded us. They are holding swords, knives, axes, etc. they are bandits no matter how you look at it. Rugged man with the finest equipment and the best physique from the group, steps forwards and threatens us.

"Hahaha!!! The great me is the bandit who's ruling this forest!!!"

"I and Meru are in the middle---

baaamm

---of snack time!!" (Wazu)

bam-bam-bam-bam

I sent the bandits flying somewhere away with punches in a blink of an eye. Goodness, they interrupted the healing time between Meru and me after a long time. I don't mind to give them the second serving if they are still alive. Oh, I will let Freud be their opponent.

No problem occurred after that. I started to climb mountain in the center of continent. I keep proceeding forwards despite the weather that's constantly changing. It has nothing to do with me.

I was relieved that Meru also did not seem to have any problems with the weather. Doing this and that while proceeding, I meet them again.

Cat-like monster and fish-like monster duo.....

The two surround bonfire under a big tree, it seems they are having meal now. Cat-like monster's eating grilled small fish, while fish-like monster's eating grilled big fish and some kind of meat alternately in each hands.

This is wrong. This scene is surreal. Or rather, Do your best cat-like monster. Don't look so pitiful. Because there is huge fish-like monster next to you, eat it!!

While thinking such a thing, they noticed our presence in this place. Meru and I stopped our movement while watching them. The two silently watching us back while keep moving their mouths on food eagerly.

Then, because cat-like monster's food was originally only a small fish, it finished it immediately. On the other side, fish-like monster was still eating because originally it had a lot more food. The cat-like monster was looking at fish-like monster enviously.

I couldn't endure it any longer. I rushed out at once and kicked them off with the momentum just as it.

baaaam!!!

"The cat should be fish's predator!!" (Wazu)

Those guys who were kicked by me flew somewhere far away until can't be seen anymore. Since it's monsters, they probably won't die. I never meant to kill them in the first place.

Because I thought that I wanted the cat-like monster to work hard. Be sure to defeat the fish-like monster and stand on the top. Show me that you are the boss. Surely, you can do it. I'm cheering you on!!

I looked at the direction that those two guys disappeared towards. I also thought I have to do the best myself and ran towards the castle again.

Monsters attacked several times before we arrived, but they all went down with one punch. However I felt uneasy. I felt something like the sense of incongruity when entering the mountain for some reason..... It was such a feeling.

Meru and I reached the castle within a day. It seems it's better to stay here for tonight. I would like Meru to spend some quality time with her parents too. While thinking such a thing, I slowly open the castle's door.

On the other side of the door, there was Ragnil who's carefully cleaning the castle with a feather duster.

I slowly shut the door back.

Hmm? I wonder if I was too tired? I think I have seen Ragnil doing something inappropriate for a dragon king. I'm sure it was just my imagination. I slowly opened the door again.

"Even though I'm not cheating..... Why do I have to be punished.....?" (Ragnil)

While saying so, he used the feather duster to clean the surroundings with pitter-patter. Have you not been forgiven yet.....? While wondering about what should I do in this situation, I feel the weight leaving my head. Meru flew towards Ragnil.

Ragnil noticed Meru who was getting closer to him while happily flapping her wings.

"Hmm? Ooh, Meru!! How have you been? Are you eating properly?" (Ragnil)

"Kyuii~!! Kyuii~!!" (Meru)

"That's good!! Come to think of it, how about Wazu....." (Ragnil)

Our eyes met. It seems he just noticed me. We look at each others eyes in silent for a while.....

"....." (Ragnil)

“.....” (Wazu)

“..... For the time being, please come in!” (Ragnil)

“..... Ye-Yeah don’t worry!! I won’t tell anyone!! I will forget everything I just saw” (Wazu)

“..... Sorry, please do!” (Ragnil)

I don't want to see the dragon king in miserable situation..... Ragnil guided me to enter the castle with Meru who is sticking to his belly happily.

Chapter 90
The Tears Of White Dragon

The place Ragnil guided me to was the great hall in the castle. There was Meral who was sprawling comfortably in that place. Meru, who saw the figure of Meral, separated herself from Ragnil at once and flew towards Meral's place. Ragnil who saw Meru leave him seemed lonely.

Be strong papa dragon!!

Meru was hovering above Meral before she dove towards Meral's face and started to rub her face against Meral's.

“Oh Meru? Fufufu..... it seems you came back home to visit. I’m glad to see you after a long time. Did you become a little bigger?” (Meral)

“Kyuiii~!! Kyuii~!!” (Meru)

“I see. You were having fun. I’m glad to hear it” (Meral)

I slowly got closer to the two.

“It's been awhile, Meral” (Wazu)

“Yeah, Wazu also seems to be fine. It seems you have taken a good care of Meru, I feel relieved” (Meral)

“Well yeah, though various things did happened. Since we are going to stay for the night, you should enjoy the parent-child time to the fullest” (Wazu)

“I see, thanks!!” (Meral)

Meral raised corner of her mouth and showed me a happy dragon's smile as I said so.

“I am delighted with the offer, but why are you here again? Are you just coming here to let us see Meru? (Meral)

“No, actually.....” (Wazu)

I told her the reason why I came here. I skipped the details that I heard this information from the goddesses just in case.

“I see, you are looking for mother with that kind of situation. Then, why don't you ask my mother directly? I think she will listen if it's Wazu who’s asking” (Meral)

“Oh, she is here?” (Wazu)

“Yeah, she is here to monitor Ragnil. I think she is reading a book in the study room now. The place is in the innermost room upstairs” (Meral)

“I understand, thank you. There you heard it Meru. We are going to stay the night here so go enjoy your time with your parents” (Wazu)

“Kyuui~ Kyuui~” (Meru)

I head to the innermost room upstairs through the stairs on the right side of the great hall that Meral pointed out.

I enter the innermost room at the end of the corridor after knocking on the huge doors. There is an extraordinary hall that is bigger than the great hall from before.

Huge bookshelves reaching the ceiling, with height that is not reachable unless dragon flies, covered the surrounding walls. Every bookshelf is filled with books without vacant gaps at all. The books are stored in orderly manner.

Inside this room there is a number of desks and chairs sized for human that tells who will read there. In the center of it, there is a huge dragon sized desk and chair. White dragon Megil is reading while wearing glasses over there.

Megil, who noticed my presence, slowly closes her book and turns her attention to me.

“Oh? I'm sure you are Wazu, right? But Meru doesn't seems to be with you” (Megil)

“Yes I am, it's been a while. Meru is with her parents downstairs” (Wazu)

“I see, It's good as long as she is healthy, I also should go and see her later. So, you bothered to take the trouble to come here for some reason, didn't you?” (Megil)

“You can tell?” (Wazu)

“Because I have lived a long life not for nothing. Although I'd be glad even if you simply came so that Meru could meet her parents, but I feel that the atmosphere in this mountain turned somewhat strange recently” (Megil)
It seems Megil also felt the sense of incongruity that I felt when I entered this mountain.

“I'm sorry, it's not about the mountain but if you can, I would like to ask for your help....” (Wazu)

And then, I explained about the situation of northern hero Haosui. Like before, I skipped the details about goddesses.....

“.....I see. But Wazu, where did that information come from?” (Megil)

“Eh.....?” (Wazu)

gulp!! Why did she ask?

“What’s wrong? You can’t tell me?” (Megil)

“.....” (Wazu)

It can't be helped..... I am in the position of asking for help in this place. I'm not too close with Megil to begin with, let's speak honestly to gain some credits. Though I don't know if she can believe me. Well, in the worst case scenario I will show her my guild card.

I tell her that I got this information from the goddesses. Her countenance slackened and she began to laugh out loud.

“Ha-Ha-Ha-Ha!!! I see, you heard it from goddesses!!” (Megil)

“Do you believe me?” (Wazu)

“Yeah, I believe in you since the time I entrusted Meru to you. However, only limited number of people were informed about the tears of white dragon's power, even among the ryuujin race. I thought from whom you had heard it.....so it's goddesses, that's make a little sense. It seems that you are quite favored by them” (Megil)

“Ha-haha.....” (Wazu)

I can't say they favored me to the extent sought for physical relationship.

“However, that brings back memories..... I didn't hear anything since that time..... but it seems they are doing fine” (Megil)

“.....Eh? Are you acquainted?” (Wazu)

“There was a little story in the old days” (Megil)

“.....Old days?” (Wazu)

“It's not a good deed to probe the secret of a woman so much, you know?” (Megil)

“Excuse me.....” (Wazu)

It flew for a moment, “How old are the old days?” But I was discouraged in an instant when I thought about it. Perhaps it was just my imagination, but I got the feeling that goddesses in my guild card were beginning to clamor. Well, I won't check it out though.

“So, about the story of this hero.....” (Megil)

“Yes?” (Wazu)

“What is this Haosui girl’s hair color ?” (Megil)

“It's green” (Green)

“I see..... I thought whose dragon blood she inherited that it would make her strong enough to become a hero..... But I see.....” (Megil)

“.....” (Wazu)

Umm~ there are a lot of things I'd like to ask since sometime ago but let's endure it.

“All right, rest assured. I am the thousands years old white dragon, if you can save that child with my tears, you can take as much as you want!!” (Megil)

“Thank you very much” (Wazu)

We came down to the first floor to get an empty bottle to store the tears.

Meru clinged to Megil firmly the moment we came to the first floor. It seems she was glad to see her grandmother.

Megil who is stroking Meru's back happily, Meral who is pleased to watch them, Ragnil who seems envious, this scene makes me remember how strong the bond of this family.

Megil put the tears inside an empty bottle that Meral prepared and we enjoyed our time in this castle afterwards.

Chapter 91
Overnight At The Castle

I stayed overnight in the castle on that night. But right now, I am alone in the balcony. Because it's precious family time, I didn't want to interrupt them so I sneaked out from the great hall to this place.

I am drinking while looking at the starry sky alone. I brought the drink from the town, of course it isn't alcohol that should be matched with this atmosphere. I have enough with alcohol..

(Haa~ it’s delicious~)

I don't want to touch alcohol anymore. I don't like it because my head hurts the next day after I drink it. I have zero tolerance with alcohol. Perhaps I will become tolerant if I keep drinking it, but that's painful so let's stop.

I watch the sky while thinking such a thing, stars shine brightly, it's such a wonderful night sky.

I wish I could look at such a night sky together with my beloved one. But I don't have one.....

I am alone..... I wish someday I can find someone who truly loves me..... but looking from the past events, it seems to be difficult..... I wonder if I will be alone for the rest of my life.....

Let's stop, just thinking about it makes me feel down. It's ruining the taste of this delicious drink. Let's enjoy the night and forget about everything.

When I immersed myself in such thoughts, I heard the footsteps of someone approaching from behind. I turned my face towards the sound. There was Ragnil who was coming while holding a cask.

“What are you doing in such a place?” (Ragnil)

“Why did you come here, Ragnil? When I'm being considerate to give you some family time.....” (Wazu)

“Fuhahaha~ Since you are here, I'm thinking that I want to drink with Wazu!!” (Ragnil)

“I'm not drink alcohol” (Wazu)

“I don't care!! Because the most important thing is to be together” (Ragnil)

Saying that, Ragnil sat next to me and began to drink from the cask filled with alcohol.

“Puhaa~!! Sake is more delicious tonight because there is a friend next to me!! That’s right, I am sorry for troubling you with Meru and everything” (Ragnil)

“Don’t worry, I also enjoy traveling with Meru!!” (Wazu)

“I’m glad to hear that” (Ragnil)

With that, the cup and the cask clashed each other.

“I heard about the northern hero. It would be nice if she could be saved using my the tears of my mother-in-law “ (Ragnil)

“I hope so..... Hmm? Are you that concerned about Haosui? Even though You have never meet her in person” (Wazu)

“Certainly that ryujin is classified as human family, their life span or strength is far from us, dragons. But still, the same dragon's blood is mixed inside their body. Because of that we (dragons) recognize them as kinsmen” (Ragnil)

“I see..... I will do my best” (Wazu)

“Good, I leave her to you” (Ragnil)

We spend the relaxing time while looking at the stars.

“.....So, what do you really want to talk about?” (Wazu)

“Mother-in-law hasn't forgiven me.....” (Ragnil)

I thought so. Otherwise I wouldn't see the dragon king cleaning the castle by himself.

“So, can you put in some good words for me.....?” (Ragnil)

“There is the feeling that I'd like to help as a friend, but it's impossible. It's family's problem so I would like to avoid getting involved. Just endure it patiently!” (Wazu)

“You are a heartless friend.....” (Ragnil)

“If I’d get in the same situation as you, would you help me?” (Wazul)

“Well, I’d look at it from a distance and pray for you” (Ragnil)

So you do understand the position I am in.

“Come to think of it, I told you to introduce the problematic red dragon to someone, how about that matter?” (Wazu)

“Oh, I introduced her to a single blue dragon who is one of my aides. They clicked with each other the moment I made them meet. They are flirting around everyday, it's getting annoying” (Ragnil)

“.....” (Wazu)

How can beeeeeee!?!?

How can it go so well for everyone but me!? That's unfair!! Tell me it's a lie!! Damn it!! It's not reality!! Why doesn't it work that way for me!? Why am I still single!? What's my fault? Did I do something wrong to deserve this!? Dammit!!

I AM JEALOUS~~~!!!!!

I ALSO WANT TO BE HAPPY~~~!!!!!

I desperately poured the drink I'm holding in my hand into my mouth in one go.

“What's wrong, Wazu? Your atmosphere suddenly turned dark, you know?” (Ragnil)

“I feel like I can shatter the world if it’s me now” (Wazu)

“Y-You jest!!” (Ragnil)

I can do it, right? With goddesses blessings and all, should I try it? Fufufu..... such world..... should perish once!! After that, the world which is friendly to me shall be made!!

“FU~HAHAHAHAHA.....” (Wazu)

“What’s wrong Wazu? Please don’t scare me!?” (Ragnil)

I see the figure of Ragnil who looks worried as I collapse on the spot while laughing. The stone floor is cold and feels good. Then, I see the bottle I brought lying beside my face. In the lower part of the bottle there was paper attached, it was written as follows.

※ This drinks contains small amount of alcohol as flavor ※

What is this..... contains alcohol..... you say..... zzzzz

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On the next day, I woke up with a headache. I immediately drink water and rearrange my breath on the spot. I really want to beat myself from yesterday. I will check carefully before drink anything next time.

I come out from the room to looking for Meru. I meet Ragnil who is cleaning the castle on the way and explain about yesterday’s circumstances.

Meru was in the hall with Meral and Megil, they seemed to be talking about something. Meru jumped onto my face at once after noticing me coming and started to climb up my head. It was somewhat uncomfortable because Meral and Megil smiled at the sight.

“Wazu-san, I leave Meru in your care” (Meral)

“Yeah, sure!!” (Wazu)

“Wazu, I leave the matter about Haosui to you. Please save her” (Megil)

“I’ll do what I can do. Then, I will come again later” (Wazu)

I exchange greetings lightly and go back to Osen town with Meru.

Chapter 92
The Dream Is Big

Meru and I are running back to Onsen town. Well, actually she is just sticking to my head. Meru seems happy to have seen her parents and grandmother after a long time. I stroke Meru's head while running and she is play bitting my hand that I use to stoke her in response, it's ticklish.

On the way, we take a rest in different place than before. It's because we took different route from when we came.

I wonder if I have something that attracts them.

When we were enjoying our time while basking under the sun, they (women) appeared.

“Come on!! He is alone, go get him while he's sleeping”

“Bu-But, he is with a dragon child, what if he wakes up and fights back?”

“It's allright!! Look at his face, it's just an ordinary guy you can find anywhere. Even if it comes to fighting, it will not be a big deal!!”

How rude!! But it’s just as she said. I can't deny that my face is mediocre. It seems I will never become popular because my face is ordinary.

No, it’s wrong, a man is all about the personality, you should be gentle with women.

Therefore, first of all let's show them that I am awake. Let's pretend that I didn't notice them and leave this place quickly.

I get up~! I stretch my body on the spot~! I put Meru on my head~!

I try to leave this place, but two women who came out of the woods blocked my way.

Please let me go for your own good~~!

“You, wait there!!”

“Pl-Please wa-waiiii~it!!”

Of the two women that appeared in front of me, the first one who issued a high-spirited good voice is a woman with shoulder length blonde hair, strong-minded eyes and facial features.

She wore small vest that didn't cover enough of the area around her waist, short pants and boots that emphasized her slender thighs, matching very well with her appearance. I felt a healthy beauty from her. However, she held a long sword in her hand.

On the other hand, the woman with long and fluffy-looking purple hair has gentle eyes and facial features. In contrast to her friend, she wore long pretty dress that didn't show much skin. She pointed a knife with trembling hand towards me. She looks so cute that makes me want to protect her. Both of them are young, I think they’re about the same age as me.

“Come on, first of all tell him your demand”

“Ye-Yess!! Umm..... I'm a bandit!! Give me your money~! please.....!!”

“The "please" is unbefitting. 1 point deducted”

“Uu~..... I'm sorry!!”

“Don't apologize!!”

What is this.....? Eh? What should I do?

“Come on, once again!!”

“I am a ba-bandit~! Give me your money~!”

“.....”

Really, what should I do here? When I'm in trouble with how to respond, the blonde woman speaks to me.

“Sorry~!! Right now, this girl is in the middle of her 5th banditry field test. Sorry for the trouble, but can you accompany her?”

“Pl-Please, I am in your care~!!”

That said, the blonde woman winked at me and posed her hands in plea gesture while the purple haired woman desperately lowered her head. I guess I will go along with them, but.....

“It can’t be helped~! I will be your opponent if you do not mind” (Wazu)

I think that there is something that a man should avoid, don't lose just because the other party is cute. But what is this banditry field test all about?

“So what am I supposed to do?” (Wazu)

“You can do as usual”

“Well, as usual huh..... I don't have money to hand over to bandits!!” (Wazu)

When I flatly refused, the purple haired woman was surprised and shrunk back.

No No No!! I didn't mean to frighten you!! It's true!! I just did it as usual just like your friend told me!!

“Come on, it's only natural that he refused you, don't get cold feet just because of this much”

“I'm sorry~”

“You won't pass at this rate, you know?”

“I wi-will work hard~!!”

The purple haired woman pulled herself together and turning the knife to me again while acting tough, but her hand is still trembling.

“Come on, show me what you have learned. What should you do when your opponent refuses?”

“Umm..... th-then, I will take your life!! please~”

“You added "please" again..... 1 more point deducted”

“Haa~u.....”

Eh, what is this? She is so cute..... no, not that!! Perhaps is this my fault? I'm sorry~ I didn't plan to do that!!

“We haven't finished yet”

“Ye-Yes!! Then, this is the battle from here on. Here I come~”

She says so and the purple haired woman charges at me with her knife. Her eyes are closed.

“Whoa~ Watch out!!” (Wazu)

I instinctively avoided the knife. It was dangerous. Don't come at me with closed eyes because you’re too scared. I mean, please stop doing dangerous things.

“Stop there!! It seems your bad habit of closing your eyes hasn't been healed”

“I'm so-sorry~ I mean, it's scary~”

I was also afraid for different matter. Or rather, I think she is not suitable to become a bandit in any way.

“You are not ready yet, it seems still too early for you. You should do it over again from the training place”

“Fuee~ Bu-But I won't give up no matter what, so please don't abandon me~”

No, people have something suitable for them to do, and I think that the purple haired woman is not suitable to become a bandit.

“We will return home today. I am sorry because you had to go along with us.....”

“No, I don't mind it at all. Umm, good luck?” (Wazu)

I look at the purple haired woman and cheer her up.

“Ye-Yes!! I will work hard!! I will do my best to become the greatest female bandit in the world!! Thanks for your support!!”
That’s absolutely impossible. I think that the role where she is being protected by people will suit her better.

Then, the blonde woman and purple haired woman went into the forest. The purple haired woman kept looked back at me from time to time before the two completely disappeared from my sight.

I think she should give up becoming a bandit because it seems impossible for her.

After that, there was no problem in particular and we arrived at Osen town by night of that day.

Chapter 93
The First Attack

When I came back, Freud was waiting at the entrance of Osen town for some reason. He bowed elegantly when he saw my figure coming.

“I feel relieved from the bottom of my heart to see you return safely, Wazu-sama. You had already disappear when I returned to the inn. I heard that you flew away somewhere to do some errands. I was really, really worried that no food could pass through my throat for these past 3 hours” (Freud)

“.....When did you have a dinner? What did you eat?” (Wazu)

“About three hours ago, I had a dish called sukiyaki. It used high quality meat, various mushrooms, and wild vegetables that had been cooked inside a pot called nabe, it was really delicious. Oh yeah, I also had hot spring eggs” (Freud)

“In other words..... because you ate a lot, you can’t eat anymore right now?” (Wazu)

“Hmm..... I guess you can also put it that way~” (Freud)

“You are the one who put it in a strange way!!” (Wazu)

It's useless to debate with him as expected. I threw a sigh and I headed to the inn that Grave-san's wife brought me to before.

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When I arrived at the inn, I was guided to the same room as the first time I came here. Inside the room there were Grave-san and his wife Serena-san, elegantly drinking tea.

When he noticed me, Grave-san raised his hand and called me out.

“Ou~ welcome back~!! That was fast, have you finished your errands?” (Grave)

“Yeah, with this I may be able to do something tomorrow” (Wazu)

“Glad to hear that, then you just need to restore your energy for tomorrow’s battle!! Serena, please!!” (Grave)

“Yes~” (Serena)

After that, Serena-san prepared sukiyaki that Freud mentioned before. She also prepared meal for Meru. I am eating alone while Meru is being fed by Serena-san.

I am not envious at all~!!

After healing my fatigue inside the hot spring, I went to sleep.

The next day, I woke up early in the morning. I gently lay the sleeping Meru on my head and slowly leave the inn to take a stroll through the town.

If you look closely, although there are so many inns in this town, it doesn't mean that there are no private houses here. Of course some people really do live here.

I just noticed such an ordinary facts right now. Certainly when I came here it was night and on the next day it was so hectic, various things happened and I couldn't look around the town properly.

I stroll around the town, of course while avoiding men bath district. I make Meru eat hot spring eggs that are being sold at the street stalls, while looking at products that are displayed in the place like open-space souvenir shops.

I am killing time before the battle that is going to be held at noon.

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The time for appointment. I am standing on the stage in the center of the town. Meru is watching from the roof somewhere. There are already so many audience around the stage. I don't know from which direction Grave-san and Freud is watching from because too many people have gathered.

Haosui is standing in front of my eyes. She doesn't seem to have any motivation at all. Her both hands are lowered languidly and her sleepy eyes are directed at me. She isn't wearing those loose shirt that she wore when we first met. They were ordinary clothes that a lot neighboring townsmen seemed to be wearing.

“.....Then, shall we start?” (Wazu)

As soon as I uttered those words, even though nothing changed in her facial expressions, the power that I felt from Haosui gradually increased.

However, there is no movement from her, she’s doing nothing except observing me. When I tilted my head in confusion Haousui spoke.

“.....You can attack me first. I always give the opponent the first shoot” (Haosui)

I see. Certainly, when she fought before, it was the other party who moved first. While having the battle specialized status so high, I wondering what she is waiting for. So she is just simply handing over the first attack to her opponent.

Then, let's defeat her at once and let her drink the dragon tears..... no, wait a moment.

Inside the goddesses's conversation before, I am sure it said that she had to spew out the red ball first. Let's confirm it just in case!

“I would like to ask one thing before we start” (Wazu)

“.....What?” (Haosui)

“Can you spew out the red ball you swallowed, on your own?” (Wazu)

“.....Hmm? I don't know. I don't feel like to try spewing it out too” (Haosui)

I thought so. I was expecting this answer. But still, it's troublesome, I don't know how to get the red ball out of her. I wonder if I can fight the same way as usual? Then, what if she lost her consciousness? Hmm..... first of all, I have to fight her properly and see the situation.

“I see..... then, I'm going to attack you” (Wazu)

“Do it quickly..... I’m going to win after all” (Haosui)

What a haughty way to speak. Well it can't be helped, with her current status and all, maybe she thinks that she is the strongest among human.....

No, that's wrong. It's not that she is being haughty, she is just not interested, she doesn't feel motivated, she doesn't care anymore.

She just wants to finish this quickly because there is nobody who can defeat herself anymore. She doesn’t have expectation. Her face is rather unmotivated because she thinks that she already knows the results of this fight.

If it's so..... let's make her a little motivated.

“Well, let's start. I will go straight ahead and launch a kick towards your head” (Wazu)

“.....Why explanation-----” (Haosui)

After properly telling her about how I would attack, I quickly approach Haosui and shoot a kick while holding back towards her head. For a moment, Haosui shows a surprised expression but soon returns to her normal face.

She immediately raises her arm to block my attack while the other free hand is used to counter attack me.

I put a little bit of force on the foot I’m use to kick Haosui. She is blown off but lands normally with both feet as if nothing had happened. She focuses her eyes towards my direction. Those are her usual sleepy eyes but I can feel a little bit enthusiasm inside.

Chapter 94
The Battle With Haosui

Haosui rubs her arm that took my kick. She clenched and unclenched her palm repeatedly to check its condition. While I was silently watching her situation, the audience around the stage started to make a noise.

“O~o~!! That guy, this is the first time I saw Haosui get overwhelmed by her opponent’s attack!!”

“Keep it up~!! Ordinary face man~!! “

“Wazu-sama~!! I never thought you are a man that would kick a small girl~!!” (Freud)

“Haosui-chan~!! Today you are so cute~!!”

Just now, I'm sure I heard Freud's voice mixed with the audience. I narrowing my eyes and look around but I can't find Freud under the cover of so many onlookers in this place.

I will remember this!!

It seems Haosui finished confirming her arm condition while I was restlessly looking around for Freud. She called out to me again.

“I see..... You are indeed quite strong just as that child said..... but I am much stronger” (Haosui)

After saying that much, as if it's has been predetermined before, this time Haosui's turn to attacks me. She approaches me in high speed, she throws her fist towards my face in a casual manner.

I instinctively avoid it, but then she opens that fist and grabs my clothes. She pulls me down while her knee is approaching my face from bellow.

I cross my arms to receive it, but Haosui doesn't stop with just that, she launches her knee kick at me so many times.

I thought that her hand was still grabbing my clothes when I was receiving her knee kicks over and over, but there was a feeling of something hitting my back, I guess it was her elbow.

I fall down just as is. Riding on the momentum, I try to kick Haosui with the sole of my foot but she catches it and throws me off using her brute strength.

I rearrange my posture in the air. I land on my feet and look straight at Haosui. Her face seems to be showing a little surprise.

“.....It was a little fun. However, you can't win against me with just that much” (Haosui)

Haosui disappears from my sight and I get blown off not long after that. I look at the place where I was before, there is Haosui in kicking stance over there but soon after that she disappears again.

My body gets blown up into the air this time. There is Haosui in kicking stance like before, but her figure soon disappears again.

She appears above me who is still in the air, I cross my arms to receive her kick and my body get slammed dowm onto the floor of the stage below.

Due to the impact dust rise on the stage and a part of floor also cracks. The audience raise their voices almost instantaneous, they acclaimed Haosui.

Excuse me, I still haven't lost you know~!!

While I was cleaning my clothes from dust and debris that got stuck on it, I heard the sound of Haosui landing on the stage, she didn't move from that spot.

“I was surprised..... To think that you’d still be standing after receiving barrage of my attacks. It seems you are sturdier than I thought” (Haosui)

Well, because it seems that even the divine sword wouldn't hurt me.....

When the dust cleared up, she was staring at me as if she already knew I was there. Haosui's eyes are getting more feverish than before as if the temperature surrounding her went up. I can see the power swelling up from her eyes.

However, I'm at loss here. I wonder what was the movement that made her disappear from the last time. At the edge of my vision, it seemed like she was doing something with her legs.

Perhaps..... I guess that movement is possible because her skills are maximized for battle purpose. I am envious.

But now, I must set aside that kind of feeling. Though I'm not receiving any damage no matter how much she attacks me, it's meaningless unless my attacks reach her.

Besides, Haosui is a hero, so perhaps there may be some way or another to give damage to me.

No, she is a demon lord now. For the time being, let's prioritize catching up with her movement.

“.....Then, let’s continue” (Haosui)

Haosui approaches me again with the movement that I can’t see.

I fight a defensive battle against Haosui's barrage attack that looks like a surging wave. No, that's not exactly right.

Punched, kicked, thrown, I’m just one sidedly getting attacked since a while ago. Of course I remain intact.

However, it was worth it because I am starting to see Haosui's movements that I couldn't see at all before.

Am I getting used to it? I understand that Haosui looks like disappearing because of some distinctive footwork. This makes her able to draw near me in a moment.

Understanding that, my body could react on its own afterwards. It became possible to avoid Haosui's attacks little by little. It also became possible to follow her movements with my eyes.

I wonder what. I feel that my fighting skills are steadily rising. Perhaps, I feel like I can do the same footwork as Haosui if I want to do it.

Realizing that my fighting style has changed, I could see Haosui's face showing an impatient expression a little.

Haosui and I stand and stare each other in the same position as when we started.

“Why doesn't it work.....? Why.....? Because I'm weak.....?” (Haosui)

Haosui murmured something as if asking herself rather than asking me.

“Useless..... the weak are useless..... why..... I don't know.....” (Haosui)

I felt that her atmosphere turned strange. I thought that my eyes were reflecting the things that I've never seen before right now.

At first, Haosui was surrounded by something like dark green mist, but now it’s steadily changing to red and black color. The center of the change was from the area around her stomach.

“The weak couldn't protect..... what..... who..... I DO-N'T KNO-W A-NY-MO-RE” (Haosui)

When all the mist surrounding her changed to reddish black, the real two small horns sprout from her head. Her nails also turn sharp and stretch a little.

However, her body isn't cracking and there are no wings growing from her back, it's different from all the people who swallowed the red ball so far. Haosui eyes which are watching me, shine dubiously.

“THE WEAK IS USELESS!! BUT..... I AM NOT WEAK!!” (Haosui)

Chapter 95
"Laziness" Was The Thing She Desired

Haosui transformed right in front of me. I don't know what's going on, but I guess the influence of the red ball that she had swallowed start to take effect.

Haosui is aware of the changes in her body. She opens and closes both her hands to confirm it. Finally she clenches her hands strongly and raised the corner of her mouth slightly into a smile.

"THIS OVERWHELMING POWER..... THIS IS THE POWER I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR....." (Haosui)

No, this is wrong. She muttered before that she wanted to protect someone. Then, what she is looking for is the power to protect someone, but I think the power she has now is different. From the mist that surrounded Haosui, I can feel only evil. That's why.....

"Is this really the power you wanted?" (Wazu)

"SHUT UP..... WITH THIS POWER..... I WON'T LOSE ANYBODY EVER AGAIN" (Haosui)

Haosui dashes at me at the same time as she says so and it's faster than before. Her movement is really just an instant.

But still, it feels so slow in my eyes, maybe because I have become accustomed with her movement. I don't think that I should avoid it. I will take Haosui's attack directly as to deny the power that she has.

Haosui's powerful fist reaches my abdomen, but I'm fine. I don't budge even an inch and stand calmly on the spot.

"LIE..... THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE....." (Haosui)

Haosui can't believe that I am still fine after receiving her attack. She punches and kicks me for many times as if losing herself, but I am just standing in the same spot unhurt like nothing happened.

“WHY!?..... WHYYYY!?.....” (Haosui)

Hoasui is getting frustrated because she can't believe what's in front of her eyes. She leaps backwards and raises her hand towards the sky as if there is something there.

“COME..... MY SWORD.....” (Haosui)

With those words the sky turns dark, and lightning starts roarring .One of the lightning strikes falls into Haosui’s hand and from there, a sword appeared.

Although it seems to be just an ordinary sword that only has the length equal to or greater than Haosui’s height, but that sword makes crackling sound as if it was the thunder itself.

Haosui slowly takes a stance, she’s pointing the tip of the sword at me. However, her expression that looks over the sword is somewhat uneasy, her pupils are swaying.

“WITH THIS POWER..... WITH THIS SWORD.....” (Haosui)

Haosui leaped at me again. The aim of her sword is clear, she is aiming for my heart.

But still, I don't budge an inch from the spot.

Haosui had an expression of surprise for a moment but she immediately switches to determination. She puts more momentum to stab the sword into my heart.

The moment her sword touches me, it shatteres into pieces.

The thunder which resided inside the sword also flowed into my body, but I don't feel anything in particular.

Unn~ I didn't feel anything because I got struck several times with heavier thunder than this in the mountain.

Haosui expression collapsed, her spirit completely broke. She bursts into tears in front of me.

“.....*sob~* .....*sob~* .....WHY .....WHY CAN’T I WIN .....EVEN THOUGH I HAVE SO MUCH POWER IN MY HANDS NOW.....” (Haosui)

Haosui slowly approaches me. That figure is no longer a demon king but only a 14 years old girl.

“WHY..... WHY.....” (Haosui)

I noticed that Haosui was still wavering. That's the reason she didn't completely transformed even after swallowing the red ball until now.

There was something that’s still fighting inside Haosui. I could see the green mist I saw before trying to push back the reddish mist surrounding her.

Perhaps, the green mist is dragon's magical power that Haosui originally had. It protected Haosui until now.

Despite being small in amount, because of the influence of transformation and red ball, it is still desperately resisting.

Maybe, deep inside her heart, Haosui herself is also thinking that this power is not the power she wanted.

“WHY.....” (Haosui)

Haosui’s hitting my chest with her fist that have no power at all.

“WHY.....” (Haosui)

Haosui looks in my eyes with her face that’s crumpled because of tears.

“HELP ME.....” (Haosui)

I gently catch Haosui's fist that she used to hit me. I smile to make her feel secure.

“Yeah, I will save you right now!!” (Wazu)

Together with those words, I hit Haosui's abdomen with my free hand. I make it a little stronger or it will be useless considering her status. Haosui shows an expression of agony because of the shock and throws up the red ball. I immediately take out the bottle with dragon tears.....

Eh.....? Haosui lost her consciousness after throwing up the red ball.

Like this, I can't make her drink the dragon tears. What should I do? While thinking that, the red ball that fell to the ground shattered into particles and disappeared.

The red-black magical power that’s surrounding Haosui changes to green color, but it begins to leave Haosui's body little by little into the air.

Eh? Could it be it's dangerous? I think it's going to turn really bad if I leave her just as is!! Does this mean she is dying? Bad..... It's really bad.....!!

My hands are busy supporting her, there is no time, there is only one thing I can come up with.

First of all I apologize. I'm sorry!! There is no other way, please forgive me!! If it goes well, I'm prepared even if you are going to curse me.

Then I open the bottle. I hold the dragon tears inside my mouth and gently pull Haosui's body closer. I put my lips on hers, I open her mouth using my tongue and I forcibly pour the dragon tears inside her mouth to make her drink it.

I heard a small gulping sound and her throat also seems to have moved.

It seems I have successfully made her drink the dragon tears. I observing Haosui's condition while feeling relieved. The green magical power which had disappeared, steadily increases and returns to normal.

Haosui slowly opens her eyes. Her eyes are deep green and beautiful enough to make me feel getting sucked in. Those eyes gaze at me and she opens her little mouth.

“.....Thank you for helping me, my husband” (Haosui)

“.....Mmm?” (Wazu)

My mouth was blocked with a hot kiss from Haosui.

Chapter 96
Iddle Talk : Haosui

I have unpleasant memories. I lived with my human mother and my little sister that was the same as me, a ryujin. The three of us were on good terms and live happily despite being poor.

We had no father. Being the only Ryujin who lived in the village, moreover with unknown origin, my sister and I weren't welcomed by the people. My mother was also detested because she gave birth to such children. She never told us about our father either.

Since there was no place for us in the village, we had no other choice but decided to leave the village in the end.

Because there was nothing we could do. No matter how much I said that I would be useful for the village, nobody listened to me. The children imitated their parents and never tried to approach us.

I think that it wasn't a mistake to leave the village, it was just the timing when we left that was bad.....

The time when we left the village was exactly when the demon king’s army rampaging around the world.

Without the power to fight nor preparations, everyone would arrive at the same ending when walking in the forest.

We got attacked by monsters and ran away just like some kind of pre established harmony.

Left to the right, go to the front and back. The place where we ran as far as we could was a dead end surrounded by rocks.

We were surrounded by many monsters with no place to hide, then my mother stood up to protect me and my little sister.

Her back was trembling. But in order to protect her children from the monsters, such thing was irrelevant.

My mother was killed in no time.

I was scared of that sight, I couldn't move, my body was trembling, it was hard to breath, but I endured it while thinking about my sister who was in no better condition than me.

The monsters slowly approached us while licking with their tongues as if telling that it was our turn.

I moved to the front of my sister immediately but then get knocked off against the rocks behind and lost consciousness.

The first thing I saw after regaining consciousness was the monsters which emitted some kind of dirty laughter, trampling the already dead mother and little sister's bodies.

I screaming until no voice was coming out.

Why do we, the mother and her children have to receive this kind of treatment?

I didn't desire something disproportionate..... I just wanted to live a simple life with my mother and my little sister..... why was this kind of fate coming to us?

Why? Why? Why? Why.....?

I cursed my fate and at the same time I also started to hate the world.

In response to my cry, the monsters turned their attention at me as if finding a new toy.

At that time I thought,

I want the power.....

I want the power so I can show it to the people of the village.....

I want the power to kill the monsters who killed my mother and my little sister.....

If nobody wants to protect me, I want power to protect myself.....

I want power to protect my mother and my little sister.....

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I didn't remember what happened after that.

Before my eyes, the corpses of monsters which have been twisted powerlessly into strange positions were scattered.

The first thing I realized was that there was a lot of blood on my hands. Once again I checked my whole body, it was wet with blood as if the rain of blood had fallen.

I thought that I have did it. I thought so because there was a sense of strange power overflowing from within my body.

I realized that the dragon blood which was flowing inside me was instinctively awoken.

Is this the power I wanted?

I couldn't think well with my hazy consciousness. But still, I understood what I should do at that time.

I carried my mother’s and little sister's bodies carefully to a good place with beautiful scenery which was near. I dug the soil and buried them, I made their graves.

I want my mother and my little sister to be happy if the afterlife world truly exists.....

After that I went around and trampled monsters who caught my attention. They were not the monsters who killed my mother and my little sister but still..... I couldn't forgive every one of them.

I was walking around without destination and killed any monster as soon as I found it.

In the meantime I continued seeking the power greedily. I began to learn various martial arts and weapons at random.

A few years had passed since then. People from the surroundings started to call me Hero.

I am not such a good human being.

At that time I made Osen town into my base operation. I began to feel the limits on my strength. I had been fighting against other people who were called the strong as to seek some different form of strength.

I fought again and again, but no one approached my strength, no one could win against me.

Was this the strength I was looking for? I don't know the answer. I got tired of fighting.

One day, I received a red ball from a peddler. It said that I could gain new strength if I swallowed it.

I thought it was shady but I wanted to know the answer of the strength I have been looking for all this time, so I swallowed that red ball.

From there, I didn't know about myself anymore. I were myself, but I didn't feel like myself. I couldn't shake off the feeling that two sides of me were fighting among themselves, but I continued to fight.

There was a man who put a condition before the fight, --”Be my wife if I win!!”-- he said. When I saw the audience getting more heated up, I accepted it.

If I fought under this condition, I thought that stronger opponent than me might appear. I continued to fight under such a condition from then on.

But of course, I was really willing to become a bride of the person who was strong enough to defeat me. Because that person will also be strong enough to protect me.

I don't care about the appearance, but if possible, I want a gentle person. But no one could win against me even though I put on such a condition.

I kept fighting with such an empty feeling every day.

Suddenly a small dragon appeared in front of me. The black crystal which was capturing that small dragon disappeared naturally as if its job had ended.

I could talk with that little dragon because of the influence of dragon blood that flowed inside me.

She seemed to have been kidnaped and was brought to this place. I thought that I would protect this child for the time being.

Protect..... I wonder what I wanted to protect.....

I talked a lot with her, she mainly talked about a certain person who she's fond of. She said that that person is super strong, but treats her so gently.

I told her that I was stronger than him, but she insisted that he was stronger than me and got a little angry.

In that case, I will try to fight him when he comes to pick her up. I got a little impatient expecting that day to come.

That person finally came to pick her up. I gave some random excuse so I could fight with him.

On the promised day. He certainly proved that he was stronger than anyone who had challenged me so far, but I'm much stronger.

I thought so at that time.

Certainly at the beginning he couldn't follow my movements at all, he just fought a defensive battle.

However, no matter how much I attacked him, he remained unhurt. And all of sudden he could catch up with my super movement, my attacks couldn't reach him anymore.

I began to forget myself and gradually got impatient before a person with immeasurable strength in front of me.

“Why doesn't it work.....?” (Haosui)

I don't know.....

“Because I'm weak.....?” (Haosui)

That's wrong. I don't want to admit it.....

“The weak are useless.....” (Haosui)

That's right, it's useless. However, I don't know why it's useless.....

“The weak COULDN'T PROTECT.....” (Haosui)

I wonder what I wanted to protect.....

I feel something hot from my stomach, an unpleasant feeling of discomfort surges.

“THE WEAK ARE USELESS.....” (Haosui)

That's right, the weak are useless. I understand it.....

“BUT I AM NOT WEAK.....” (Haosui)

I am not weak. I am strong. As long as I have the power..... the power.....

“Is this really the power you wanted?” (Wazu)

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I do not remember things after that. However, I remember something about whatever attack I did, it never hurt him.

Ah, did I lose to him?

I remembered it as I acknowledged powerlessness. I wanted the power to save. The power to save my mother and my little sister. Not just the power for fighting, but the power to save someone.....

Right now, I wonder why I am in his arms..... Did he actually save me in this way? *badumb* there is a small voice coming from inside my chest.

Aah~ I want him to always look at me, I want to be his woman. That's why my body moves instinctively.....

“.....Thank you for helping me, my husband” (Haosui)

“.....Mmm?” (Wazu)

I block his lips with my lips.

Chapter 97
Secret Talk :
Guild Card Super-Conference 1

Author : This story was extracted as part of the conversation that happened inside Wazu's guild card, the MC of this story. I will send you the rough sketch of characters that appear here.

The four pillars goddesses are enshrined surrounding a circular table.

“Well, it seems everyone has gathered now” (Goddess)

The one who spoke first is the first god who helped wazu, Goddess. Pink hair with lovely body figure that is hidden under nun-like clothes. Her skin looks transparent because of her clothes made from thin fabric with high transparency. However, her important parts seem to be invisible for some reason.

※ Since it's only characters, here it's the image ※

“What is this? We were suddenly called here” (Earth Goddess)

It's Earth Goddess who opened her mouth next. Brown hair mixed with green, it's a goddess with gentle eyes. Her smile seems to be able to wrap around everything. Her clothes are so simple, her chests and her buttocks are big enough to make her clothes look like they're about to be torn apart. She supported her chests with one arm from below to emphasize the size.

※ Here it's the image ※

“Really, what are you planning?” (War Goddess)

It's War Goddess. She has deep red hair like a burning fire, sharp eyes that pierce her opponent. Although she wore a tank top to ease her movements, unfortunately her chest area is a bit disappointing, it's flat. She send a flickering gaze towards Earth Goddess and let out a deep sigh after looking at her own chest.

※ Here it's the image ※

“Did something happen?” (Sea Goddess)

It's Sea Goddess. Long hair with deep blue color like the sea. She has a slightly more grown-up appearance than earth Goddess. Slanted eyes that look like a line of grain, because only opens up a little. Although it's inferior compared to Earth Goddess, she has a nice body like a model. She wore deep blue dress with some parts that are shining sparkling black. She’s somehow emitted erotic atmosphere.

※ image ※

Combining both hands in front of her mouth, Goddess nods and makes a proclamation.

“As soon as hero Haosui was released from the influence of the red ball, she stole Wazu-san's lips!!” (Goddess)

rattle!! *rattle!!* *rattle!!*

“That was enviable!!” (Earth Goddess)

“What the heck she is!?” (War Goddess)

“Even though she is a newcomer!!” (Sea Goddess)

“ “ “That wench, even though she’s just a hero!!!!!!!” “ “ (Earth, War, Sea)

Together, the three goddesses revealed their anger.

Earth Goddess bites her nails in envy.

War Goddess rushed in anger and start to hit the desk with *bashi-bashi* sound.

Sea Goddess looks mortified and seemingly planning something wicked.

Goddess is slowly observing their reactions before continuing her words.

“Well, Well, please calm down ladies. Because we can't interfere in the current state, this kind of thing happened. In fact, we being able to gather inside Wazu-san's guild card is a miracle itself” (Goddess)

“What sort of things you are talking about!? Don't you have any hard feelings about it!?” (War Goddess)

War Goddess denounces Goddess. Earth Goddess and Sea Goddess soon follow suit. However, the expression of Goddess doesn't collapse.

“It would be a lie if I say I don't feel anything..... However, I'm in a different position than all of you” (Goddess)

“What!?” (War Goddess)

“I mean..... however you think about this, I’m Wazu-san’s number one right now!!” (Goddess)

Because of her words, the atmosphere of Earth Goddess, War Goddess, and Sea Goddess changes to an evil one in an instant.

“ “ “Haaah!?” “ “ (Earth, War, Sea Goddesses)

Between Goddess and the remaining three pillar goddesses, sparks are scattered.

“No, No, Wazu-sama is most fond of me..... I mean, he wouldn't normally drink poisonous swamp if he didn't have the love for me (earth)!!” (Earth Goddess)

“That's wrong!! He wouldn't even think about it if he didn't have my super blessing first!!” (Goddess)

“When you put it that way.....” (Earth Goddess)

Earth Goddess goes down~

“No, that's me!! Because of his status..... he will be looking for strong opponents, won’t he? I am the right person for that!!” (War Goddess)

“War Goddess..... You actually didn't do anything in particular for Wazu-san, didn't you?” (Goddess)

“No..... I mean.... he was already strong when I found him!! So my divine protection turned into something insignificant!!” (War Goddess)

War Goddess goes down~

“Fufufu~..... I guess it's my win. Because he activated deification to protect people of the sea” (Sea Goddess)

“That's wrong. It was because he was in pinch at that time, or rather it was the sea’s fault” (Goddess)

“Fu.... fu.... f.....” (Sea Goddess)

Sea Goddess goes down~

The Goddess laughs *hohoho* with triumphed look on her face because she thinks she has won.

This is the plan of the Goddess. She gathered the three goddesses in this place with the intent to break their hearts so they wouldn't dare to meddle with Wazu again in the future.

However, Earth Goddess, War Goddess, and Sea Goddess didn't give up. They rose up and put up the last resistance.

“I will charm him with my chest!!” (Earth Goddess)

“Wazu-san can't see that~” (Goddess)

“With this muscles!!” (War Goddess)

“Maniac~” (Goddess)

“With this proportional body!!” (Sea Goddess)

“I told you already that he can't see us~” (Goddess)

“I will take all Wazu-sama's abuse!!” (Earth Goddess)

“That is your desire~” (Goddess)

“We will fight with the sunset as the background!!” (War Goddess)

“I think it's friendship that will be nurtured by that” (Goddess)

“I wonder what should I do?” (Sea Goddess)

“Let's see..... no, no, don't ask me!!” (Goddess)

The four pillar goddesses were all breathing heavily. They sat back on the chairs respectively, inhaled a big deep breath, and decide to take a break.

“How about tea, ladies?” (Earth Goddess)

When Earth Goddess made a suggestion, the remaining three pillars instantaneously raised their hands.

“ “ “ Please!! “ “ “

After gracefully enjoying the tea time, Goddess started to speak again.

“Shall we get into the main point soon?” (Goddess)

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Secret Talk :
Guild Card Super-Conference 2

The place was enveloped in tension the moment Goddess uttered those words.

“Get into the point..... Do you mean about that person?” (Earth Goddess)

“That person huh.....” (War Goddess)

“Truly persistent.....” (Sea Goddess)

Everyone in this place remembered the same thing and deeply sighed at the same time.

“The fact that we, four pillar goddesses have gathered..... what’s left is just that girl huh.....” (Goddess)

“Well, it's an impossible task for us and we can't directly interfere either.....” (War Goddess)

“We also most likely are going to lose in nine cases out of ten.....” (Eart Goddess)

“I thought so too.....” (Sea Goddess)

“I never thought that, that person would be able to break the god seal and the seven supplementary seals that we placed ourselves.....” (Goddess)

“It's really troubling.....” (Goddess War)

“I dislike it.....” (Earth Goddess)

“Even though we put the seal with our utmost power.....” (Sea Goddess)

“It might be impossible with the seal. I get the feeling that that person's power is getting stronger than before” (Goddess)

“Can we do something about that peddler first? Or ask Wazu-sama to do it for us?” (Earth Goddess)

“It's useless. It's already a matter of time. The seal will be broken eventually no matter what we do now” (Sea Goddess)

“I agree. Right now, we need to consider the actions we should take after that person revives” (War Goddess)

“I thought so too. Because even Wazu-san won't be able to win at the current state, first of all we have to find a way to manifest in the world.....” (Goddess)

“ “ “ ..... “ “ “ (Earth, War, Sea)

The silence flowed for a while, and then Goddess muttered these words.

“However, when that girl comes back..... I wonder if she will also fall in love with Wazu-san.....” (Goddess)

The other three pillars responded to that remark.

“No, No, that's impossible no matter what, isn’t?” (Earth Goddess)

“That's right, impossible!!” (War Goddess)

“Yeah, that's unlikely to happen.....” (Sea Goddess)

Everyone had a subtle expressions, but that couldn't hide their anxiety. No one could say it with confidence and just averted their eyes from each other.

“ “ “ “ .....it can’t be denied!! “ “ “ “

It was spontaneous unanimous answer.

“B-But still, Wazu-san will choose me!!” (Goddess)

“No, it's me. Wazu-sama is definitely seeking healing place on me!!” (Earth Goddess)

“No, No, it's me. He is looking for someone who can fight on equal terms, that is me!!” (War Goddess)

“That's wrong. He is looking for someone who will accept everything about him like the sea, that is me!!” (Sea Goddess)

Everyone stood up while scattering sparks from their eyes. Then, Goddess put out her opened hand in front and loudly declared.

“If it’s so, then it’s war!!!!!!” (Goddess)

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The goddesses entered battle mode. The means of victory or defeat are decided using Babanuki card game.

(TL : More known as Old Maid card game but I keep the Japanese name for the reason bellow.)

Sitting on all sides of the round table, there are plenty of played cards in pairs at the center. It won't take long until the battle is settled.

Because Earth Goddess and Sea Goddess were already out of the cards, the rest was only the battle of War Goddess against Goddess.

Earth Goddess and Sea Goddess who were ahead in the game, stand from their seats and watch the two goddesses struggling with triumphed smile on their face.

“Good luck, you two~” (Earth Goddess)

“Fufu~..... How delicious this victorious tea.....” (Sea Goddess)

“ “ *gununu.....* “ “ (Goddess / War)

Earth Goddess and Sea Goddess merrily enjoyed their tea as the winners.

Being shown such a scene, Goddess and War Goddess could only grit their teeth in vexation. Still, the two goddesses never looked away from their opponent.

That being the case, the number of remaining cards are 2 in Goddess's hand and 1 in War Goddess's hand.

War Goddess made a gulping sound. Her hand slowly reaches out one of two card in Goddess's hand, she grasps the card on the left side and grins when seeing Goddess's reaction.

“I understand your habits. This is the correct card, isn't?” (War Goddess)

It was just a bluff.

Saying those words, she is trying to derive the correct answer from Goddess's reaction. That's why, War Goddess never averted her eyes from Goddess. But Goddess stares back at War Goddess's eyes and laughs dauntlessly

“What a stupid idea. I have no such habits” (Goddess)

“Stupid idea? Don't you realize it? I tell you the truth here” (War Goddess)

“How foolish..... I can see that you are telling a lie” (Goddess)

“ ..... “ (War Goddess)

“The reason I figure out that those words are a lie is simple. I guess you get nervous when telling a lie, because there is sweat flowing from your left cheek” (Goddess)

Flustered because of these words, War Goddess released her hand from the card and touched her left cheek in hurry. But, there was nothing there.

“Fuh..... who is the liar here?” (War Goddess)

War Goddess feels relieved because she isn't sweating. She reach out her hand towards Goddess's cards once again, but stopped halfway. It's because Goddess is showing ecstatic smile to her for some reason.

“Fufufu..... kukuku..... hahahaha.....!! Are you sleeping? How stupid!! Is your head made from muscle? The important part isn’t that you aren’t sweating!! Your behavior just now confirmed that my words were right!! Your behavior was proof that you had told a lie!!” (Goddess)

The last words from Goddess made War Goddess finally noticed her mistake. Just as Goddess said, her behavior reveals her lie. It was a trap set by Goddess.

War Goddess wouldn't check her left cheek if she was telling the truth. But it was a lie so she moved without thinking after hearing Goddess's words, because she thought her lie had been found out.

However, it was also a gamble for Goddess. She doubting herself whether she really had such habits. Her heart was throbbing, but she won the the bet in the end.

She won because she was lucky. Therefore, Goddess was convinced with her victory and proclaims it with confidence.

“Now, please draw the card!!! Then lose!!!” (Goddess)

“Damn~~~!!!!!” (War Goddess)

The war goddess realized her own defeat, she drew one card with a self-abandoning feeling.

The picture of card she drew is same with the picture of card in her hands.

“Whoa, I did it!!” (War Goddess)

“Im-Impossible.....!!!!!” (Goddess)

Goddess collapsed on the spot. On the other side War Goddess, Earth Goddess, and Sea Goddess celebrating their victory.

“It's our victory!!” (Earth Goddess)

“We did it!!” (War Goddess)

“It's a natural result” (Sea Goddess)

Apart from the three pillars that were pleased with each other because of their victory, Goddess was laughing darkly when she recovered from the collapsed position.

“Fufufu.....” (Goddess)

“Oh? Is the loser wanting to say something?” (Earth Goddess)

“Oi-Oi, is the loser dog going to howl now?” (War Goddess)

“It's unsightly~” (Sea Goddess)

“I see..... it's true that I lost in this game.....” (Goddess)

“ “ “ ??? “ “ “

The three pillars tilted their heads because they didn't understand Goddess's remark. Then, Goddess uttered the following words.

“Certainly..... as the name suggests, remove the "baba" and all that remains is me, a young maiden!!” (Goddess)

(TL : ババ抜き= Babanuki, can be literally translated as remove the old hag (baba) or without the old hag (baba))

“ “ “You!! Bring it on, we are really going to war this time!!” “ “

The goddesses started again the game named war.....

Chapter 99
Commemoration Talk : Parallel World?

My name is Wazu. I am a second year student in "Sono Nochi" private high school. Currently, I'm running in a hurry from the student dormitory.

“Ouch!!” (Wazu)

I bumped into a telephone pole.

I got careless and overslept. I thought it was fine to sleep a little longer because I live in dormitory nearby.

Because of that I had no time to eat breakfast. Keyla-san who is working in dinning hall, made delicious food.. It's regretful that I couldn't eat that.

I noticed that I'm going to be late as soon as I opened my eyes. I wore my blazer in a hurry and leave the dormitory at once.

I should make it in time if I run. It seems to be safe because I had moved my body quite a lot recently. I also got invitation from the school track team lately because of my speed.

However, I want to be excused from club activities whatsoever. I don't want the time to hang out after school reduced.

I keep running and manage to arrive at school before the chime rang somehow. I pass through the school gate where the members of disciplinary committee are waiting.

It seems that today the member of discipline committee conducted a surprise inspection at the school gate. I'm going to be late at this rate so I try to pass them without attracting their attention.

“Wazu-san, wait a moment!” (Sarona)

Saron-san the chief of disciplinary committee calls me out for some reason. I reluctantly stopped my feet on the spot while floated a wry smile towards her.

“I'm sorry Sarona-san. I'm going to be late for class, so can you let me go?” (Wazu)

“It's not good” (Sarona)

Sarona-san approaching me. Her hair smells good. Sarona-san raised her hands slowly and grabbed my loose necktie.

“Please make yourself look neat!” (Sarona)

“Ye-Yeah..... Doing this early in the morning, it seems like a routine of newlywed couple” (Wazu)

I murmured the second half part but it seems Sarona-san hear it.

Sarona-san's face turns red. She put more power on her hands which are used to tighten my necktie. I got strangled.

“It's painful~” (Wazu)

“S-Sorry, you may go now!” (Sarona)

“O-Okay!” (Wazu)

I was surprised to suddenly get strangled by her. I walked slowly to the school building while checking my neck.

Looking backwards, I think that our eyes meet each other, but then she averted her eyes from me in great momentum.

Umm, did I get hated because said a strange things?

— ♦ ♦ ♦ —

I’m entering the school building. I noticed that my finger is bleeding a little when I was going to put on the indoor shoes.

It seems that I had cut my fingertips somewhere before I realized it. It may have happened at the time when I bumped into a telephone pole.

I'm heading to the infirmary to get a band-aid.

But, I'm really going to be late at this rate..... no, treatment of injuries is a good enough reason for that.

When I entered the infirmary, the school nurse Tata-san was sitting on a chair gracefully.

"Hmm? What's wrong, Wazu-san? You are going to be late. Or maybe, do you really want to see me no matter what?" (Tata)

"Please don't make fun of me. I seemed to have cut my fingers somewhere so I came here to get a band-aid" (Wazu)

"Oh, that's bad!! Even just small injuries, bacteria can enter from there. Come this way, I will disinfect it properly!!" (Tata)

I sat down face-to-face following Tata-san's instruction. Her hands gently hold my hand while tending my wound. It's a secret but the temperature of my face slightly rose because of that.

"It looks like not a big scratch. It will be healed soon~" (Tata)

"Thank you. But holding hands in this position, it looks like I'm about to make a love confession" (Tata)

I telling a joke to hide my embarrassment, but Tata-san's face turns red for some reason.

Hmm? I thought, why is this!?

Tata-san frantically dumped disinfectant more than needed to my wound. The sudden pain blew away my train of thought.

"It's sting.....!!!" (Wazu)

“Oh, sorry!! Geez..... because Wazu-kun suddenly talked about love confession, I got a little happy.....” (Tata)

I couldn't hear the second half part because the pain.

I leave the school infirmary after I got a band-aid and headed to the class room. When closing the door of infirmary, I saw the appearance of Tata-san mumbling something with her face turned red was impressive.

— ♦ ♦ ♦ —

I arrived to the class room and headed to my seat. It's the second seat from the back, near the window. Orlando my best friend who sat behind, spoke to me right after I take a seat.

“Yoo~! Wazu. You are late today as well. What happened? Overslept?” (Orlando)

“Orlando, don't ask a question that you already know the answer!!” (Wazu)

Orlando is clearly a handsome guy. There are many girls who like him. No just in this school, his handsome face is also well-known to the girls from other school. His character is also good.

Good grief, a handsome man with a good personalities, just how perfect he can be!? For good or bad, I got stuck with this kind of guy.

Well, we have some kind of story in the past but setting that aside, I hope he can quickly get a girlfriend or two. But for some reason, he put the top priority to hang out with me.

His excuse was : “I'm not interested with that stuff now. It's fun to hang out with Wazu moreover love is something that suddenly falls anytime, isn't?” (Orlando)

Yup. When I heard his words, I thought he should apologize to all men all over the world who aren't popular like him. Well, I forgive him because he is my best friend.....

Then, when I and Orlando are talking about random stuffs, a guy who sit in front of me finally came.

“Good morning Wazu-kun” (Freud)

“Isn't that a bit..... unreasonable?” (Wazu)

It’s Freud.

“Is that so? I think that I’m pretty well-dressed though?” (Freud)

“No, I feel that you are nothing but out of place. We are certainly not of the same age” (Wazu)

“What are you two talking about since a while ago?” (Orlando)

“ “That's what I want to know” “ (Wazu/Freud)

He is a suspicious guy as usual. There is no way to grasp his line of thought at all.

Regan-san our homeroom teacher comes in when we are in the middle of talking.

Yup! Today it's also a splendid bald head. His head reflecting the light.

It seems that he’s targeting Keyla-san who works in dining hall. Let's pray that he won't succeed.

— ♦ ♦ ♦ —

It's the lunch break time. Orlando had appointment to eat lunch with some girls.

Orlando himself isn’t very enthusiastic, but it seems a large number of girls are going to raise a riot if he keep on refusing. Because of that, I headed to the cafeteria alone.

Freud always disappears somewhere when it's lunchtime.

Sitting in empty seat, I put my set meals on the table. Before long, another two portions of set meals are placed in front of me abruptly.

I look at the other side of table, there are the famous twin of double student council president, Naminissa and Narellina smiling faces.

“You are here as expected” (Naminissa)

“How about you accept our invitation this time?” (Narellina)

“Invitation to join student council again?” (Wazu)

These sisters always invite me to join student council everytime we meet. They even keep the vice president position open just for me. But I keep refusing because I don't feel like it.

“I have said it many times, but I don't have any intention to join student council” (Wazu)

“Don't be like that. If you join student council, you can eat like this with us everyday, how about it?” (Narellina)

“We have been eating together everyday, aren't we?” (Wazu)

“Th-That might be true.....then, I will also put "Aan~!" service as bonus” (Naminissa)

“It's also has been done as well, isn't it?” (Wazu)

That's right. This two people always appear at lunch break time to eat together with me. They also always forcibly feed me food when no one is watching. I do not know the meaning at all. But someone will be misunderstanding if they see that.

“That's right, but..... ugh, this is tough” (Naminissa)

“However, please be careful. People will think that we are going out or something if we keep doing this everyday” (Wazu)

“ “ Eeh? “ “

As soon as I said so, the face of two girls in front of me turned red. They mumbling something like --”Indeed..... it's not bad.....”-- or --”It's an established fact.....”-- as if lost in their own world. I don't understand them at all.

Well, these two people have excellent grades so they must be thinking about something difficult that I don’t understand.

While thinking about such a thing, I shifted my gaze towards the clock that was hung inside cafeteria. I noticed that the lunch break time is almost over.

I eat the remaining food in front of me in a rush. I stand up and call out the two who are still lost in their thought.

“Excuse me. I have to change the clothes for physical education class next, so I'm going ahead!” (Wazu)

“ “ Eh? What!? Waiiit!!” “

I quickly leave the cafeteria.

— ♦ ♦ ♦ —

When the school is over, I’m waiting alone for Orlando and Freud in front of shoe locker to go hang out with them. Currently the two are being called by Regan sensei. It seems there are things that he would like to ask the two regarding school event matters.

While doing that, there is a voice who calls me from behind.

“Wazu senpai.....” (Haosui)

In response to that voice I turn around behind. There is Haosui an underclassmen who also a member of track club, come approaching me.

From her clothes, it seems she is heading for her club activities.

“Yoo~ Haosui. You’re always working hard in club activities every day. Do you like running so much?” (Wazu)

“I like it..... It feels good to run forward. So, when is Wazu-senpai going to join the track club?” (Haosui)

“Sorry but I don't have intention to join (Wazu)

“That's regretable because Wazu senpai is good at running” (Haosui)

I won a short distance game against Haosui once before and we often talked after that. She also enthusiastically invited me to join the track club. Well, I don't feel like entering though.

“Don't you have to go practicing? The competition is close, isn't it?” (Wazu)

“.....Yeah, but I don't have enough motivation~” (Haosui)

“Then if you win, you can ask me anything as a reward. But of course it's in the range of what I can do” (Wazu)

“Understood..... You better to be prepared” (Haosui)

“Be prepared?” (Wazu)

Haosui looks so happy for some reason after I said that. She is heading for club activities with a beaming face.

Be prepared? What should I prepare?

Because Orlando and Freud come when I’m lost in thought, I put that matter aside for the time being and go out to play with them.

This is the ordinary time that I spend every day.

I don't have a girlfriend yet.

Aah~ I want a girlfriend.....

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