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# **Sono mono. Nochi ni...**

(That Person. Later on...)

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## Chapter 155: The third meeting by chance but, aren't they increasing?

In the fourth day we came into the dense forest around the mountain. Since the day was coming to an end, we started to look for a place where to spend the night and came across a huge tree with a hollow in the base. It was in a place in which it would be easy to supervise the surroundings so we decided to spend the night in here. It would be impossible to continue running without proper rest and traveling in the night would be dangerous.

So we took out the ingredients from Meru's magical storage and Tata and Mao started cooking with some weeds that Freud brought from who-knows where. We decided to everyday alternate the ones in charge of cooking all the way since we were in Grave-san's country in order to gain experience in it, which means that of course I have to make food some days too. It seems that today, our group's best cook, Tata is going to teach Mao while cooking. And it seems that Mao is earnestly helping Tata while listening to her instructions with zeal. Normally the ones in charge of cooking are grouped in pairs, but there is a pair that is always a mistake in this case and that would be Haosui and Kagane. When this two are paired for some reason the food always become somewhat creative, or should I say eccentric? Some of their peculiarities come out. Normally they can cook delicious food but when the two get together it becomes a contest to see who can beat the other, and although their food is not exactly delicious, it always come to me barely being able to eat it and telling them which one was better. The DEX level of the both is high so why it is only to me that they feed this "strict" cooking? Once I mustered the courage and asked them to make something normal but the two answered "Cooking is Love!! And the results shall be neglected!!" so I gave up... I guess that I should be grateful that they are cooking for me and don't bother with luxuries such as 'flavour'...

While I was thinking that everyone else was setting the tableware when those girls appeared once again.

"We are bandits~... eh?!"

"Oh! We met again!"

It is already the third time that I hear the voices of Purple-san and Blonde-san. I answer them as I scratch my head.

“... hello.”

“Ah! Yes!! Good afternoon!! mh? Or is it already good evening?”

“Hello-hello~ It’s been a while!”

Purple-san gives me a respectful greeting while Blonde-san raises one hand while greeting me. It almost feel as if we were friends already, but they are still bandits.

“And? Are you still doing that? Your Certification Exam?”

“Yes! I’m giving it my best!”

“We are in the middle of the examination for level 3.”

Yep, it’s gone up again.

“It seems that you have gone up again.”

“Ehehe...”

“It’s good for me too that this girl has already started to earn an income.”

When I bring up the level upgrade Purple-san gives a really happy broad smile while Blonde-san starts patting Purple-san’s head as if looking to her little sister. Well, if you were to see that, normally you would think that is a really heartwarming scene but, the core problem is that their activity is banditry so I can’t really feel good for it. Rather, what bothers me since before is another thing.

“I’ve meant to ask for a while but, who are those three in the back? Your friends?”

I point behind Purple-san and Blonde-san towards three people who are hidden behind the trees of a moderately open area in the forest.

Their complexions and ages are all over the place. A fat guy in his thirties, a thin guy in his forties and a medium built guy in his teens. For some reason the three are wearing clothes with purple as its base color and wearing bandanas in their heads that are equally purple. In their hands are sticks around 10 cm long painted in purple... what are they for? To fight?

“They are good people who root for me from the shadows!”

“They were originally people selected for the test but, for some reason immediately after she confronted them we started to see them from time to time... and when I think that they already left, they appear out of nowhere...”

Eh? What’s that? It’s a little scary... are you girl aware of what you are saying? Suddenly those three start waving their purple sticks and cheer for Purple-san with loud voices. No, seriously... what are those purple sticks for? I kind of start feeling something frightening that I can’t understand from those three. Blonde-san continues explaining.

“What’s more, when is time to go back, they give a large sum of money to this girl... and they don’t try to come closer than a certain distance. Well they are harmless and they help us a lot so I can’t bring myself to chase them away...”

“They all are good people!! You doubt them too much!!”

“And this girl keeps saying this so I can’t really relax...”

Blonde-san makes a somewhat exhausted face and lets out a great sigh. I get the impression that this person is the worrying type. I’m sure the last time we met she was talking about her boss pestering her, and Purple-san also said that her words and actions are a little off... she really has it hard... I still won’t give them any money.

“Then, this time too are you asking for money?”

“Actually... I was hoping you could give us some food.”

Ha? While I was being perplexed by what Purple-san just said, from her and Blonde-san stomach comes out a ‘guuu~” sound.

“... food is it?”

“I’m sorry... to be honest, we have being in this forest for a few days already and we haven’t got anything decent to eat. If you could spare something for us we will disappear in no time.”

Blonde-san embarrassed, tells me their circumstances. Food... well I can at least do that. And as I was thinking that, I turn my sight to the girls.

And from them I can feel a clear intent to kill overflowing. Why?

I signal with just my hand for Purple-san and Blonde-san to wait and carefully approach to where the girls are.

“Uhm... your faces are a little scary...”

“...”

Why aren't you answering me...? Eh? What should I do? While I was being lost at to what to do or say, Freud approaches me with an effeminate smile.

“Wazu-sama, it seems that you aren't aware of what is happening here so I will tell you. The ladies are feeling jealous.”

“Jealous?”

“Yes. If you watch closely, it seems as if Wazu-sama is having a friendly conversation with those lady bandits.”

Ehhh~... Is not that I'm friendly, more like I just know them. Are you saying that this is how it looks like? I take a deep breath and turn to the girls.

“Let me explain. I just know this girls from before and nothing more. And this time I was just thinking that I could give a hand to people in trouble. I was thinking of giving them some food and nothing else. Is that not possible?”

“Haa~...”

I just told them exactly what I was thinking but, for some reason the girls just let out a big sigh.

“Well, they say that kindness is a virtue.”

“His kindness is also one of Wazu-san's charming points.”

“Just this time, okay?”

“There's no next time, okay?”

“... no cheating!”

“It's Onii-chan so it can't be helped.”

“I think that helping the weak is a duty of the strong so...”

“Thank you.”

I give my thanks to the girls and think that this power relationship will continue in the future...

I shake my head to make that thought go away and take the food from the girls and give them to Purple-san and Blonde-san, and they start to cry while thanking me.

“”Thank you!! Thank you!!””

“I think that if you continue that way you will be able to reach a town.”

I open the map in my head and point them to the closest main road that will take them to the closest town. They both once again give me their thanks and disappear in the direction that I pointed out. Of course after them go the trio. As we were watching that, I can hear Kagane saying something.

“A natural and an idol... if we get careless...”

Idol? Is that another word from Kagane’s former world? I don’t really know nor care so I return to where the girls are to help with the dinner.

## Chapter 156: The power relationship of the monsters

As we continue inside the forest, some days have passed. I'm currently carrying Mao in my arms and Tata in my back while I move. Since we met the bandits Purple-san and Blonde-san, for some reason it has been decided that it will be two and not one the number of people I'll be carrying. Well, I really don't mind, even with two I won't get tired. A piece of cake!

... Is what I thought at the beginning but now I'm extremely troubled.

When I was only carrying people in my arms I just got to smell a really nice scent, but now the person in my back has to tightly grab onto me because I have my hands occupied with the person in front... in other words I can fully feel two soft things being pressed in my back and holding to my senses is taking my all. And when it was Kagane's turn to be in front, she came to realize my dilemma.

"Onii-chan, I can feel a hard thing being pressed in my rear..."

Says Kagane with a happy grin. I turn my face while whistling just air and tell her "Isn't it just your imagination?" but immediately realize that my actions just confirms her suspicion and I get a little depressed. And from that moment on, every time one of the girls gets on my back, she presses herself onto me more hoping to see my reaction. Please forgive me...

While that was going on, me, the girls and Freud finally enter the mountain. From around the middle of this mountain, the weather is completely unpredictable so we will rely in the magic barriers of Tata, Naminissa and Kagane to protect us while we advance. The placement of the barrier will be done in two shifts Tata and Naminissa being in charge of the morning and afternoon shift and Kagane being in charge of the night shift due to her INT level breaking the limits and awakening a skill that allows her to keep the barrier up even in her sleep. Well, if the situation requires it, I can always use deification and place the barrier myself... or so I thought but it seems that thanks to the girls training, they became strong enough for there not being a need of me doing anything. We were able to continue without problems.

Inside the barrier it was quite comfy but outside the barrier was a total mess with sometimes a scorching sun that threatened to wilt the vegetation, sometimes a mercilessly cold storm and sometimes a great downpour would come out of nowhere. But thanks to the barrier of the three girls we were able to fend it off. And besides the weather, there were lots of monsters that would chase us, but thanks to Kagane's magic, they were put down one after another. How's that! My little sister is amazing! I felt like bragging about her but there is nobody to brag to in the first place so I diverted my feelings into patting Kagane's head instead. But when Haosui saw me doing that she puffed her cheeks and making her hand into a blade, started killing all the monsters that got in our way. How's that! My wife is amazing! and abbreviating the rest I also started patting Haosui's head. But now all of the girls started to pick up rocks and throwing accurately them against the heads of the monsters or creating magical barriers over the monsters to crush them. They started to strive to be the first to slay the monsters like a ferocious hunter. In order to calm them down I ended up patting everyone's head. You girls got stronger... I started to put all the materials of the hunted monsters in Meru's magical storage, I shall not let them waste.

As we kept moving, one day the weather outside the barrier got better so we were able to see farther, but that's when I met those two again.

The Cat monster and the Fish monster.

This time, besides the two monsters there was another one.

A reptile that evolved and started walking on two feet with frenzied looks, a monster like a dinosaur was chasing the Cat monster. The Cat monster was desperately trying to escape from the Dinosaur. And the Fish monster was gazing at that scene hidden in the shadow of some trees. My feet stop and I start to watch the scene unfolding before me, and as I do so, everyone else stops to and gather around me and Mao who is in my back asks me.

"Otto-dono, what are those monsters doing?"

"Mh? Ahh, actually..."

I tell the girls about how I met the Fish monster and the Cat monster and they give me a look as if saying "... and?". It's okay, it's okay. I didn't expect you to

understand me... only Freud puts his hand on my shoulder and starts to nod understandingly. Ohh... I don't feel happy at all that you are on my side but I'll at least thank you from the bottom of my heart. The girls join me and while we keep looking at the monsters we start our break.

As we were doing that, the Cat monster that was being chased around trips with a bump in the ground and falls magnificently. The Dinosaur doesn't miss that chance and opens its fuaces wide trying to eat the cat in one gulp.

But, as if waiting for that moment, the Fish monster comes out from the shadow of the tree and jumps to the air, starts spinning around and when I thought it was gonna fall, it starts gliding in the air and with his... foot? fin? ... sends the Dinosaur flying.

The Dinosaur with its huge body falls to the ground with a 'zuun' sound, defeated. It seems that it passed out from that attack. And the Cat monster turns to the Fish monster with a face as if saying 'I belived in you!'. The Fish monster lands with grace and recieves the Cat monster's look with composure. Eh? What was that?

While I was thinking that, the Fish monster helps the Cat monster stand up by biting the Cat monster's neck and the both head to where the Dinosaur is. The Dinosaur is still unconscious but the Fish starts hitting it with its... hand? fin? in both cheeks. And from the pain, the Dinosaur wakes up and confirming its own situation, rebuilds its pose and starts to attack again but the Fish monster once again sends it flying with the back of its... hand? fin? It seems that this time it went easy on it because the Dinosaur retains its conscious. The Dinosaur holds its cheek with its short hand and looks at the Fish monster, and that Fish monster raises a voice like a roar to the Dinosaur, probably talking to it.

And then, the Fish monster closes its mouth and the Dinosaur lowers its head towards the Fish monster and like that the three monsters make the Fish monster their boss and disappear into a closeby forest.

After seeing the whole ordeal my only thought is that there was no need for the Cat monster at all... the Fish monster could have defeated it by itself, right? Or rather, Is it okay to assume that the Dinosaur got subdued? And while my mind was wandering I realize something...

Who cares!

It was a complete waste of time. The girls were pleasantly talking. I call out to them and once again start going towards our goal.

If I ever encounter those guys again, I'll be sure to send them flying without a qualm. Or rather, hang in there Cat monster!

## Chapter 157: Did we came in a bad time?

We climb the mountain while maintaining the barrier. Inside the bad weather we kept getting attacked by monsters but Kagane completely wiped them out with her magic, and even if they were to get close, they would be unable to break the barrier and would become easy targets for our attacks. And I wasn't included in the attackers. The girls really became strong, and thanks to their strong hopes and cooperation, I leave the monsters to them and I focus in Mao's training. She comes from a family with high physical abilities, and she herself is a member with one of the highest abilities in her family, so we are training for the sake of her dream of being able to wield dual swords and engage in close combat.

And as we kept climbing, we finally got up the clouds. Now that we are here, Ragnil's castle is not far. And although the weather has stabilized, it's still a little cold. Also now that we have climbed this high, we already don't have to worry about monsters. The part above the clouds of this mountain is the dwelling place of superior beings so the monsters that live in the lower parts rarely climb this high. And those superior beings know my face too. Even if they were to attack us, they are all understanding guys so there's no problem. From the beginning I'm completely fine and the girls are inside the barrier so, even if any superior being were to come this way we would be alright. But for the sake of getting used to this place, they will be removing the barrier from time to time while we advance. Because is the first time the girls come up here, their hearts get stolen by the sight above the clouds. I really don't feel that moved from the scenery because I have been up here so many times I can't remember, and all of those times I was desperately trying to survive. In fact all those hard moments are starting to surface...

Right now there is a castle that looks as if out of a fairytale or a picture filling their visual field. Is a castle that no matter how you look at it was not build for human-sized beings, and is more like a dungeon but in fact is one of the sacred places that has been used as headquarters by the king of the dragonkin for generations, is what Ragnil told me.

“I see, is there where the Dragon King of the legends lives?”

“He must be a haughty being.”

“We are in a place that is like it came out of a fairy tale.”

“A Dragon King huh... he must be a splendid ruler.”

“... This is my first time meeting an adult dragon, I’m looking forward to it.”

“This is it!! When you think of an alternate world, it has to be like this!!”

“How strong would he be... I almost want to test where do I stand right now.”

The girls are excited and they are highly anticipating meeting the Dragon King Ragnil and Meru and I who know what kind of guy is Ragnil are praying that those expectations don’t get betrayed. As we are praying, I catch a sight of Freud’s demeanour. His expression is as if he was looking at something nostalgic when looking at the castle.

“Freud, don’t tell me that you have been at that castle.”

“Of course not, I’m just a butler... or so I want to say but, I’ll just say ‘many times before.’”

And after saying that his usual Butler Smile comes back as if saying ‘I won’t say any more’. Or rather, this guy’s suspiciousness grows bigger everyday. His Butler Smile is probably his way of saying that even if you keep asking I won’t talk, so I just responded ‘is that so.’ Well, if he wants to talk, he’ll do it without me having to say it and it really frightens me that I can just dismiss it while thinking that’s just how Freud is.

As we put out the barrier, we continue and arrive at the castle without a problem. The girls get their breaths taken away by the majesty of the castle but, as I have come here countless times, I open the gate without a thought.

“Come on, let’s get inside!!”

I rudely enter the castle and the girls follow me closely while raising their awareness of their surroundings. You really don’t have to be so careful you know, Ragnil and his family are all nice dragons and there are no traps anywhere. Although there are residences of higher beings that are full of traps. I start walking in front of the girls while lightly showing them places around the castle like the garden or the dining hall.

Now, where are Ragnil and his family? While we are walking I start to search

for their presences and find a place where there are three of them. I looks like they are all in the Audience Hall which is fitting for a king. Mh? Three presences, is Meru's grandmother Megil, still here? While I'm thinking that, we reach the giant door of the Audience Hall that is gorgeously decorated with jewels. Yup, from inside I certainly feel three presences. Since the door that is usually always open is now closed I believe that they might be having an important conversation, I just quietly open the door so that I don't disturb them and confirm the situation inside.

The Dragon King Ragnil is making a dogeza.

I slowly close the door.

"Why are you closing the door? Is there nobody inside?"

Sarona asks me from behind me but I'm not even paying attention.

Oi, oi. Again? Really, again? What is it? It's kind of turning into Dragon King = dogeza but, what's with that? Or rather Ragnil, aren't you a Dragon King? It's starting to give the impression that the only thing you do is dogeza. Is that what a Dragon King is? Moreover, if I just let the girls in like that they'll see that, right? Is that fine? As another male I really want to avoid it. It really is impossible to stand. What should I do?

As I sweat large drops, I realize that no matter how hard I think I can't come out with an answer so I secretly open the door once again and peek inside.

...Yup, he is still doing dogeza...

I once again slowly close the door, let out a big sigh and turn around to the girls.

"... It seems that they are discussing an urgent matter so I'll go inside to check if everything is okay... only Meru and I..."

After saying that everyone nods and raise their vigilance... I'm glad they didn't ask anything... I exhale to calm myself and enter the Audience Hall with Meru.

## Chapter 158: Is the Dragon King dignity a scrap of paper?

I enter the Audience Hall quietly. Ragnil is still doing dogeza and hasn't noticed us but, Meru's mother Meral, who is laying gracefully in the floor and Meru's grandmonther Megil who is seated in the throne turn to us. They look at us but say nothing, so taking their silence as a permission for us, Meru flies from my head towards her mother. I follow her with my eyes and slowly come close to Ragnil.

"Yo!"

In response to my light greeting, Ragnil jumps up and carefully looks up.

"... What, is just you... no wait, what are you...?"

"Who gave you permission to raise your head?"

Ragnil shuts his mouth once again with the powerful voice of Megil and starts to pour cold sweat as he lowers his head to the ground. We won't be able to talk like this and I won't be able to introduce the girls too so I want to get over this already so I turn to Megil once again and take a breath.

"It has been a while, Wazu."

"It has, seeing that you are in good health brings me joy. And... for how long is this going to continue?"

"Until this idiot says 'I'll repent so please forgive me already' and begs for redemption, otherwise I will test how long can he keep that posture until I'm satisfied."

"Is that so... then we will make our way back lest we disturb you."

And after I say that, I can see Ragnil's eyes clouding with tears turning to me. Don't look at me like that. This is your family's problem, isn't it? Or rather, aren't you the Dragon King? although I can't feel any majesty from you but, is that okay with you? Aren't you at the pinnacle of the superior beings that dwell above the clouds of this mountain? Haa...

"... well, actually..."

As I couldn't bear any longer see Ragnil in that situation, I tell them that beyond the Audience Hall door are my wives and a self proclaimed butler, whom I don't want to recognize.

"Hahaha!! You have seven wives! You've done well contrary to your appearance!!"

"Well... one of them is in fact my little sister."

"Wazu is really popular. Meru can't keep dilly-dallying any more."

The mother Meral looks at me and smiles while she pats lovingly her daughter's head.

"Kyui!! Kyui, kyui!!"

"Ara! You sleep together every night and more over hugged together?"

Meru-san, let's stop with that talk.

"Fumu... then shall we have Wazu take responsibility? There'll be no problem as long as we teach Meru human transformation magic."

Megil, please you stop as well. Ragnil has been looking at me with killing intent while shedding tears of blood. Eh? Should we leave him alone? A father's opinion doesn't count? He's clearly against it though...

"We-well, let's leave that for another occasion and for the time being let's let the girl in shall we? And about our reason for visiting this time..."

After I show the girls into the Audience Hall, we hear a majestic voice resound from the being sitting in the throne.

"Fumu, Are you the wives of my dear friend Wazu? You have done well coming here."

That is Ragnil. We got to put on hold the dogeza thing and he got to seat in the throne. Well... his legs were shaking while he approached the throne so there was actually no feelings of solemnity from him. Around him were Megil and Meral embracing Meru.

"Hello, nice to meet you, I'm Meru's mother, Meral."

"I am Meru's grandmother, Megil."

With those words, the girls made a bow and introduced themselves.

“I am the wife Sarona, who wants him to already put his hands on me.”

“I am the wife Tata, who terribly wants to be held.”

“I am the wife Naminissa, who wants to wake up with him every day.”

“I am the wife Narelina, who wants to trains in night matters too.”

“... I am the wife Haosui, who wants to already be sought upon.”

“I am the wife Kagane, who wants to be wreck senseless.”

“I am the wife Maorin, who wants to be held like an animal.”

Eh? Are they indirectly making complaints at me? Or rather, is this a place to be saying that? I kind of feel a feverish sight being cast upon me. Also, when did Kagane and Maorin became my wives? I still haven't accepted it. Can it be that they are trying to make my surroundings accept them as my wives?

“... Fumu... I am Wazu-sama's butler and travel companion. My name is Freud.”

Freuuuuuuud!! What's with you?! Why are you so polite this time?! This is a situation in which you should crack one of your jokes so, why are you introducing yourself so normal?! I mean that's how it should be but, that's wrong!! Why are you introducing yourself as my butler without hesitation? Besides what's with that 'how's that!' face?! I won't acknowledge you!! I won't acknowledge you as my butler!!

“Umu, Wazu's wives and butler, I shall remember your names and faces. Wazu has already tell me so, while you stay here, think of this place as your own house!”

Ragnil says that with the demeanour of a strict Dragon King but from his eyes that are looking at me I can clearly tell that he is thinking 'You have all this wives but still want my utterly cute Meru as your wife?! You bastard! I'll see you outside!!'”

“Kyui, kyui, kyui!!”

“Ara ara, Meru is requesting to be accepted as one of Wazu's wives.”

And after hearing the words of his wife and kid, a face of desperation starts coming out. Your mask, your mask! Your 'Dragon King' mask is crumbling! While I was thinking that, when asked what they thought of Meru's words, the girls said “Eh? I thought that was the case from the beginning.” What? You

already thought that of Meru? Well, that's okay. At this point of the game I don't plan on letting go of Meru and if some bastard tries to hurt her, I will turn him into minced meat.

Afterwards we lightly talk about our journey up to here, eat all together and get guided by Meru and Meral to our room to rest.

Although I have the impression that I'll be having a "physical" conversation with Ragnil later... haa...

## Chapter 159: Is holding back bad for the body?

The day after everyone got things to do. For starters, I had to collect the necessary materials for my clothes and the girls armour. To some extent I can make do with the materials that we gathered while coming here which are inside Meru's magical storage but, the problem are the materials for the cores. Even I can't make them appear out of thin air so I went to the Audience Hall to ask Ragnil and Megil if they have any idea of where I could find some. By the way, whenever the girls aren't around, Ragnil would be doing dogeza. Let's already forgive them, or so I would like to say but I really don't want to get involved with their problem so I just kept it for myself.

"Fumu... crystal that could become cores... Just by looking I can tell that your wives are all really strong so using regular crystals won't hold on, and all the crystals that you can find around here will not do..."

"As I thought, they would not hold well... I also looked for some places that would have some crystals on our way up here but couldn't find anything... what do I do now?"

"Wazu, You should use the weapons that are in the treasure vault of this castle. I think quite a few lay there."

Ragnil says while being in dogeza.

"I'm grateful for the offer but, is that okay?"

"No problem. There is no one that would come looking for treasures here. There will be no problem even if there were to decrease by a few, besides, tools are meant to be used."

"I'll accept your generosity."

"Umu, In exchange, give up on Meru."

"That is not for you to decide. The most important thing is what Meru feels. I will punish you for saying impertinent things, one more day of dogeza."

"Grr..."

Yup, I'm not in the wrong. I think that Ragnil just self destructed. After that, Megil tells me the way to the treasure vault and gives me key to open it. I thank her and leave the Audience Hall.

The treasure vault is protected by a door large enough to let even Ragnil in. I introduce the key in the key hole that is located at a distance that I can reach by stretching a little and turn it around. And after I do that, countless of magic circles appear and as if they cancelling themselves, they start to disappear. Afterwards I hear a loud click and the door of the treasure vault opens. I carefully push the door open and get inside.

The treasure vault was so big that doesn't match with the built of the castle. One would think that it's being expanded with the help of magic. And the inside of that room is so full of glittering stuff like jewels, silver and gold and armour that you have to half-close your eyes.

“... It's too big. Do I have to search from all this?”

While I was looking at the immense quantity of treasures that filled my field of vision to the point of making me feel fed up, I took a nearby sword that is gorgeously decorated with jewels.

“... I don't have any idea of how was it forged, nor what these materials are... and I just grabbed it without a problem but, if it is cursed or something it would be a problem... mhh...”

Haa... there's no helping it... when I'm troubled then it is a job for deification. Instead of wrongly picking up something that could harm the girls, it's better that I use deification to search for something at the cost of decreasing my race percentage. The girls safety is way more important than something like the percentage of my race. I activate deification and look at all the things in the treasure vault. As to be expected, in this form I can know from just a glance if anything is good or bad or if it has a curse in it or not, and even if it's not to the degree that I can know what they are made of or the way they were made, I can at least look for materials that would suit the girls. In that way I finish selecting the materials that I'll need for all the armours and while I was wondering how I would carry them all, Meru enters the treasure vault.

“Kyui kyui~!”

Oh, just in time! I'll just take them into the magical storage of Meru. Meru comes flying to my head and I realize that she is carrying a paper in her hand. I take that paper at the same time as she lands in my head. It seems that it has a

message directed to me.

“Please take care of Meru for the years to come – Meral.”

... mh... right now, this words can be taken in a different way. Well, being honest, I'll always welcome Meru no matter what. I answer Meru 'Please take care of me too' and she pats my head and answers with a 'Kyui!' And thus I ask Meru to load the stuff I chose into her magical storage, leave the treasure vault and close the door with the key. Contrary to when I opened the door, when it closes, the magical circles start forming again and whit a click, the door becomes locked.

And like that I go to a work room that I borrowed different to the one I'm stayin in, and while deification is still active, I start working. I ask Meru to unload from her magical storage the materials I'm going to need and start the forging. If I was to use the God Magic attribute, I'm sure that I would be able to make them in no time but, this time I want to really feel that I'm making them myself so it's taking some time. Well, thanks to deification I'll know what and how to do what I'm supposed to. And while I have work to some degree I realize something. I've forgotten something fundamental.

I don't know the sizes of various parts of the girls bodies.

I'm troubled... I can't possibly make them by eye and then fix them accordingly... I would definitely be better if I ask them or confirm them first... haa...

I stop for a moment my work. If I were to ask the girls to let me take their measurements, normally they should be against it but I'm sure they would instead forcefully tell me 'please touch me more!'... of course, I would do nothing other than take their measurements but... my reasoning would definitely suffer.

That day I got mentally exhausted just from taking measurements and, after confirming everyone's measurements, I took Meru to our room and went to sleep.

## Chapter 160: The third assassin?

The morning after I confirmed the girls sizes I started to feel a presence and started to wake up. This is not Meru's presence. Or rather, I can't feel Meru's presence at all. Did she went for a morning stroll or did she went to se her mother Meral?

Did the girls got in again? Yesterday due to my mental exhaustion I forgot to lock the door and I didn't put something to seal the door... hmmm... well, it can't be helped.

I slowly open my eyes and...

"Ya... you were so intense last night."

"..."

To my side is a woman lying down and saying something. That woman had hair as red as fire, a sharp look and strong-willed features but, she was definitely beautiful. Figurewise, her chest was on the regretable side, and a slim physique but, just by looking you could tell that it was well forged. Her abs were perfectly built. Why do I know that you ask? Because that woman was only wearing a jacket that only covered her shoulders and underwear.

"Well~ I wanted to try saying it once... are? Is he awake? It seems like he's looking here... Hey! Hello~!"

"..."

... eeeeeehhhhhh!!!!

I got up on the spot and take a combat stance.

"Wh-Who are you?! Why are you sleeping in my bed?!"

"Mh? Now that you mention it, this is our first meet. I am the Goddess of War."

... Goddess of War... Goddess of War... Goddess of War... Goddess of War?

THE GODDESS OF WAR!!

Again this?!

After I screamed in my head, I let out all my exhaustion at once, and sit down

hard in the place. The woman in front of me does the same and sits. I should probably confirm just in case...

“Just in case I’ll ask but, are you the real deal?”

“Mh? Is it fine with this?”

Saying that, the woman in front of me wears a godly aura as if to prove herself. Yeah I knew... I knew she was the real one... but I still wanted it to be just a dream... haa...

“It’s okay already, I get it.”

“Is that so?”

The Goddess of War erases her aura and smiles at me. I reply with a bitter smile.

“And? What is the Goddess of War doing here? Or rather, how did you get here?”

“That’s a simple story. Between us Goddesses I am the one who rules over war and thus the one that can store power more easily. And so I stored power to be able to manifest myself because I wanted to meet you... and at the same time see how is the world doing.”

“Haa...”

... eh? What is it? Leaving aside the part about wanting to meet me... I get the feeling that what she is saying is extremely normal... Mh? Isn’t she a friend of the Goddess? Her comrade? innit?

“... Uhm... Just that?”

“Is there anything else?”

“... No... there... isn’t.”

How to say it... is like... if a Goddess says something normal, I get thrown out of tune...

“So, you already met me, and now you are going to see how the world is doing?”

“Let’s see... well, there’s nothing else to do... even though I manifested myself I can’t fight.”

“You can’t fight? You are Goddess of War, right?”

When I ask her, the Goddess of War says “ahaha...” while smiling bitterly.

“Well, I am the Goddess that rules over war for certain but, for me to be able to fight there are a lot of restrictions so I can’t easily do it.”

“... Eh? But you wrote before that you wanted to fight with me if you got to meet me, didn’t you?”

“... I got carried on by the moment.”

“So, that wasn’t true?”

“No, it was.”

“... Eh?”

“When Wazu gets a complete deification, you will be a being of the same nature as us, and at that moment we can fight without a problem.”

... Yeah, I want to go in a way where I won’t... Being someone of the same nature with the Goddesses that don’t hit me completely the right way is a little bit... but I see... If I perform a complete deification, I’ll get to be the same as the Goddesses... haa...

“Well, that’s for when I get to be one...”

“Yeah!! I’ll wait eagerly until then!! From now on I’ll look forward to that day!!”

The Goddess of War says that with a really happy face... Ahh... If she makes such a happy face, I’ll become unable to keep fussing over my race percentage dropping...

“Ugh...”

“Mh? Is something wrong? Are you feeling unwell? Do you want to lay down? Ah! Am I disturbing you? I’m sorry, I’ll leave now.”

I knew it!! With all this conversation I understood!! You are too normal!! This is a normal conversation!! No, saying normal is rude, she is a good person... a too good Goddess!! Is this Goddess the same type as that Goddess or that Earth Goddess? In fact she isn’t, right?!

“Then, take care!!”

And saying that, the Goddess of War raises a hand and starts leaving the room.

“Ah, wait!”

“Yeah? What is it?”

Aree? Why did I stop the Goddess of War? Could it be that because we were having an unexpectedly normal conversation, I got a little shaken? The other Goddesses have never been worried about my condition nor do I remember having a proper conversation with any of them ever... Or rather, while I'm thinking this, the Goddess of War is still faithfully waiting for what I'm about to say. What do I do, what do I say... I spoke without thinking and now can seem to say anything at all... Ah! That's right!!

“You can't fight right?”

“Yeah, there are some restrictions.”

“But can you teach people how to fight?”

“Let's see, I can't demonstrate how but I can at least talk about how.”

“Then, I know it's an imprudent of me but, can you please teach a thing or two to the girls?”

“Mhh... Well, why not. I think that would be okay. Besides we are the same in that we feel strongly towards Wazu and I thought of talking to them in order to get along better with them so this is a good chance. But I just have just time to teach to one or two of them. And I'll watch them from afar so I don't become a bother to them and point out when is required. I'm sorry I can't teach all of them.”

SUCH A NICE GODDESS!!!

What's with this Goddess of War!! She is normal!! Really normal!! You can interact normally with her!! There is no fault or eccentricity to be found!! I'm sorry!! I'm sorry I grouped you with the other Goddesses!! I'm sorry that I put my guard up from the beginning!! On the contrary, please come whenever you want!! Or rather, If you want to stay forever that's fine too!! If you need my power to sustain your manifestation then I'll give it to you any time!!

“Then I first go see how are they doing. If I don't actually see it, I won't be able to know what to teach them.”

After saying that, the Goddess of War leaves the room while waving her hand and I return the gesture.

I go to the work room to make the girls' armour after getting dumbfounded

for a while, thinking that there is this kind of Goddess too.

## Chapter 161: Well, this is just a preface

— Sarona's POV —

When I saw the castle of the Dragon King for the first time, I got surprised but, now I'm getting used to it. The surroundings have huge plains so training won't become a problem, although I'm feeling little suffocated. When I casually say that, Kagane replies "Over a mountain, or to be more precise over the clouds, the air becomes thin. Although, here being another world, I don't know if that happens too..." and when I ask her to explain, she tells me that the body needs air to produce energy for it to function, and when that air becomes thin, the energy you can produce decreases. I see, so that was why I was feeling suffocated.

But Kagane is really knowledgeable. Every time she says that she came from another world, it gets a little hard to believe but, when I see that rich knowledge she has, I really feel she is incredible and I want to praise her.

Being guided by Wazu-san, we enter the castle and we get introduced to Ragnil-sama. I shiver a little being in front of a being with such an overwhelming presence. But it's mysterious that that I don't think that he can compare to our husband Wazu-san. After we introduce ourselves, we get a tour inside the castle by Meru's mother, Meral-sama and afterwards we get shown to our room. While we were being guided, I take a glance at Meral-sama to admire her pure white and beautiful figure. Is Meru going to grow to be as beautiful as Meral-sama in the future? Wazu-san is dotting Meru a lot and I wonder if she is going to get a grab of his heart even more from now on? I too have to make an effort to be more attractive to Wazu-san.

The room assigned to us is a huge room in which we the wives will be staying. The only problem is that there are not enough beds so we had to take them from other rooms, and we'll put them together to make one big bed. We the Wives Alliance get along really fine so there is no problem. Wazu-san will be staying in another room but, I really hope that the day where we can sleep together with him comes faster... sleep in all meanings... But really, why are there human sized beds in this castle? It is the Dragon castle so... I ask that to

Meral-sama.

“Oh, that is a story of ages ago. It seems that there was a Dragon King that got along well with the humans and at that time, the mountain wasn't as perilous as now so, it seems that humans used to come visit frequently. Those beds are the remnants of that age. Of course they have being properly maintained so please use them without worries.”

Certainly the beds were all in perfect conditions.

“Then, please feel at home.”

Saying that, Meral-sama bows lightly and leaves the room. Did she went back to Ragnil-sama's side? We return the bow and then sit in the bed making a circle.

“Now, It seems that Wazu will be working on making our equipment and it might take long so lets try not to get in his way. What shall we do while we stay here?”

Narelina looks at us and asks that.

“Isn't it fine if we just do self training?”

“That seems fine, we all have our own practice.”

“I don't see a problem with that.”

“... there's a lot I want to do.”

“Bridal training!!”

“I also want to practice in the aspects that Otto-dono pointed out for me.”

Everyone have something they want to do so, until Wazu-san finishes making our equipment, it seems that we will be on our own.

— End of Sarona's POV —

In the huge mountain that stands in the center of the continent, there is an old western-style house that exist above the clouds of said mountain. And inside that house, some superior beings have gathered.

“It seems that some guests have appeared in the castle of the Dragon King.”

“Oh... I'll be glad if there were a woman elf inside those guests.”

“Are there any beastpersons?”

There are three people sitting at a round table inside a room of that western-styled house. When the lord of the house gives the news, the other two ask their questions. Immediately after, the first one suddenly starts pondering and closes his eyes to start searching. And when he opens them, turns to look to the other two.

“... Indeed. I just confirmed it with magical perception and it seems that there are in fact an elf and a beastperson.”

“Good.”

“I hope that beastperson has is strong enough to satisfy me.”

When the lord of the house answers, the other two put on delighted expressions and fearless smiles appear on their faces.

“It’s been a while since there have been so many guests... it would be rude of the Dragon King to hoard them by himself.”

The first man also puts on a delighted smile.

“I think we should pay a visit to those people, what do you thing?”

“I think is fine, it wouldn’t be nice for the Dragon King to monopolize them.”

“It has been a while since guests from below have come. We to have a right to enjoy ourselves.”

In harmony the thre look at each other’s face and break into a girn.

“The time has come for me to test my magic to my hearts content.”

“And to release myself.”

“Gahaha! I too want to have a match to the death with a strong being!”

“””My blood is boiling!!”””

And thus, the three get up, leave the house and start flying with maginc towards the Dragon King’s castle.

# Chapter 162: Another story 10 ~ Sarona and the High Lewdlf

— Sarona's POV —

The next day, after I finished my practice, I returned alone to the room to rest and found that Wazu-san had come looking for me. Unexpectedly, when I saw him, my heart skipped a beat.

“Wa...Wazu-san, what happened?”

“Ah, Sarona, it's great that you came. Actually... there's something awkward I want to ask...”

Wazu-san seems like he wants to say something difficult. He's cute, what can it be?

“Uhm... In order to make your equipment, I need you to tell me your measures... please?”

... Fumu. Of course he is going to need our measures if he is going to make personalized equipment for us. If that is so, I should tell him honestly...

“Understood, you are going to make us personal equipment so obviously you are going to need our body measures.....”

You can take my measures as much as you want.”

I open my arms wide and prepare to receive Wazu-san.

“No, I mean... you can just tell me, you know?”

“I don't know my own measures.”

“No, no. Of course you do, right? Or rather, to ask me to take them myself...”

“I really don't know, and I can't measure myself, besides if you don't touch me, there will be things you won't understand, right?”

I do know them, though.

“Ugh... are you really okay with it?”

“Why are you refraining yourself? Aren't you my husband?”

Did he gather his courage with that? After taking a breath, Wazu-san took my

measurements from head to toe and checked my every shape. Ughh... is in this times that I regret not having a chest as big as Tata or Narelina.

“Wo-wouldn’t it be better if I took my clothes of, Wazu-san?”

“No it wouldn’t!! You don’t need to undress!! You aren’t going to wear your armour in the bare!! You are going to wear it over your clothes so you really don’t have to undress!!”

His red face is cute, and seeing him so flustered is cute to.

And after that, he took my body measures very carefully. Having him touch me is... is such a blissful time.

And after some days passed, I received my personal equipment from Wazu-san. My armour was made from a rapier taken from the treasure vault of this castle and the dragon scales of Meru; and it was made to match the colour of my hair. A silver lightweight armour. Of course, the armour fits my body perfectly. According to Wazu-san explanation, the rapier that became my armour was made of orichalcum and with Wazu-san’s God magic, it was given the power of the wind.

While I was checking out the armour given to me by Wazu-san, an explosion resounded from a distance, and as I turn to look, I saw that Wazu-san and the Dragon King Ragnil-sama were fighting each other. It was as if the Gods themselves were fighting and as my sight was stolen by that view, a voice besides me abruptly called out to me.

“Fumu, the one fighting Ragnil is that silent and stupidly strong kid, huh?”

I draw my sword at once and turn towards where the voice is coming. Besides me was an elf just like me whose presence I was unable to detect. A male of about 2 metres with a stunning blonde hair that reached to his waist, the long ears trademark of an elf, a gaze so sharp probably forged through a long military story and manly factions. Wearing a robe with a base of green I could feel from his aura that he was a strong being. Or rather, being an elf myself I can tell that even he looks like an ordinary elf, he is a being that is over any elf.

“... Are you a high elf?”

“Indeed I am...”

Is what I would like to say but no. My name is Lut. My race is a High Lewdlf!!”

“ ...”

... I can't make heads or tails of what he is saying.

“That face tells me that you don't understand what I am saying. It can't be helped as I am the first of my species.”

The one named Lut folds his arms and nods with his head.

“But it's been really a while since I met an elf. You should be really strong if you were able to come up this mountain... good... really good... as expected, elves are good... Being in this place where there's nowhere to vent my desires, having an elf is great. You have the characteristic beautiful elf long ears, a beautiful silver hair that steals my heart, those well trained limbs that look so good to touch, and more importantly, not a uselessly large chest.

There are a lot people that say that a woman with large breast are better but I am not one. It is not about whether large or small are better. What's important is if you can get turned on when you touch your partners breasts.

Don't get me wrong. Is not that I don't like women with large breasts. The breasts are the proof of a woman's motherhood and I do want to feel those kind of breasts too.”

I get a sence of impending crisis from the talkative man, so I quickly draw my sword.

“Don't get so tense. How's that? Don't you want to spend the night with me? I pride myself in my night techniques. Would you let me try the fruit of my research in that body of yours? I assure you that it'll feel real good.”

The man gets close while vulgarly moving his hand. Being unable to stand that man's actions I prepare to attack him, and in that moment, a boulder passes flying as if to hit that man's cheek. It had a speed that neither me nor the man were able to detect, and in order to protect me, Wazu-san suddenly appears.

“You bastard... I'm sure you are the high elf Lut... if you just try to put a hand on my Sarona, you'll be up for utter pain!”

My Sarona... my Sarona... my Sarona...

Yes, let's keep it in my heart, I will never forget it!!

“Oi! Our fight isn't over yet!!”

“I know~! I'll be right there!!... and? What do you have to say?”

“Yes!! I swear will never get even close to her!! By the Old Gods and the New!!”

With bloodlust to the brim and spilling killing intempt, Wazu-san returns to where Ragnil-sama is. An infuriated Wazu-san coming to protect me... my heart is throbbing. After following Wazu-san with my eyes, I turn to the man who is drenched in sweat and shedding tears.

“... You... what is your relationship with him?”

“I'm one of his future wives.”

“Then say so quickly!”

Afterwards I got to hear Lut-sama's story. His races in in fact a high elf, blessed with a talent for battle, even between the high elves he wa unmatched; but one day he got to know the relationship of a man and a woman at night and his curiosity took him to put his hands in every woman he could get. That's when he named himself 'high lewdlf' and because of that he was banished from the High Elf village. After going from place to place, he reached this mountain and started to live as one of the ruling superior beings but, getting carried on by his past glory, he picked a fight with Wazu-san and instead got completely beaten by him. Since then he has been having trouble dealing with Wazu-san and always keeps his guard up around him. Well, I can only say that you reap what you sow.

However, after learning that, he implored me to fix Wazu-san's mood. There's really no harm for me so I can at least do that. After hearing that, he did a dogeza. Is Wazu-san really that scary?

Even though you are a high elf...

## Chapter 163: Another sotry 11 ~ Tata and the Goddess of War

— Tata's POV —

After finishing my daily trainig, I return by myself to the room to think a menu for the meals of today as it's my turn to cook. After a while, Wazu-san enters the room. It seems that he's looking for someone so I try to call out for him but before I do so, he finds me and comes inside the room.

"Ah, I finally found you."

"What is the matter?"

"I have something to ask of you..."

Something to ask me? I tilt my head while wondering what could it be. Does he want to confirm the menu for today?

"... Is just... I have a favour to ask..."

"What is it?"

A favour? Does he want to request that I don't include something in the menu that he doesn't like? I don't think so because, no matter what we cook, Wazu-san eats it happily while saying 'Delicious!'... apart from Haosui and Kagane's avant-garde cooking that is.

"You can say no if you are against it but, I need everyone's measurements to make your personal equipment easy to..."

"Please take my measurements as you like."

Before he could even finish I bow showing my consent.

"You're too quick to decide! Or rather, why do I have to take them myself? You can just tell me.

"I don't know my own measurements, so please take them as you see fit, Wazu-san."

I actually do know them. I mean, in order to always look beautiful in front of Wazu-san, we consult each other about our bodies every night. Especially in the weight department.

“... Then, how about you measure yourself and then tell me...?”

“That’s no good. I think is most important for you as the manufacturer to confirm the shape it should have.”

“Even if you say that... haa... I understand, I’ll take the measurements.”

“I’m in your care!!”

Fufu... I’m glad I held back on the food yesterday...

Wazu-san is taking my measurements. Equipment made personally by Wazu-san, huh... I’m looking forward to it.

Ah, seeing him with such a serious face... I feel like teasing him a little.

“Wazu-san... should I undress now?”

“... I don’t know how undressing would help.”

“Aren’t my clothes getting in the way of taking my measurements accurately?”

“Nope, they aren’t so you can keep them on.”

“Is that so? Then, can I ask another thing?”

“What is it?”

“What do you think of my breasts?”

“... Do I need answer?”

“Please do.”

“... I think they are extremely wonderful.”

“Thank you very much.”

Fufu... extremely wonderful is that... of course, my breasts are one of the things I take the most pride in.

Afterwards I got Wazu-san to completely take my measurements. It was an extremely wonderful time... whoo...

Some days later I recieved my personal equipment. I was sure to train with everyone but, I still don’t feel to well while fighting. If I were to be honest, I’m scared. I don’t feel to bad if the opponent is a monster but, were it to be a person trying to kill me, I don’t know if I would be able to stand it.

I look once more at the equipment Wazu-san gave me. The main weapon is a splendid staff made of metal with incrustations of jewels and a big magic stone on the tip. According to Wazu-san, it greatly enhances my magical barrier because it was made with God Magic. He also told me that he made it that way

because he kept in mind that I'm not good with fighting so it would be better if I had a stronger defence. Apparently it packs quite the striking force because it was made with Orichalcum but I wonder if I'll be able to use it correctly. He also gave me a shield of about half my height. Of course it was also made from Orichalcum, yet I wonder if it is because I have been training a lot because I'm not having any trouble moving with it. But due to it being too big, it will be kept in Meru's magical storage and when I need it I can materialize it with my magic if I will it to, or so it seems. And finally, my guard will not be an armour but some robust robes so that I can move around freely. They were black as my previous one and it seems that they were actually sewed over some other clothes that Wazu-san found in the treasure vault with string made from Ragnil-sama's scales. I happily embrace the equipment that Wazu-san made just for me.

Although it was Sarena's turn to prepare the food today, she said that there was a new power that she wanted to try out so I hurriedly exchanged places with her. In the kitchen I'm looking at the ingredients before me while thinking of a menu for today when all of the sudden, I glance upon my new kitchen knife. Wazu-san made it for me from the leftover materials but it has a sharpness equal to a holy sword so I can easily cut any ingredient without a problem. So useful.

I was in the middle of peeling the skin of an ingredient with my knife and at the same time brewing soup while thinking of the rest of the menu, when a person entered the kitchen. That person was a woman with crimson hair and sharp eyes and looks yet she was a beautiful woman that looked as if she had come out from a picture. It's my first time seeing her.

"Oh! A delicious smell is coming from here."

"Who might you be?"

"Ah! I should introduce myself first. Glad to meet you, I'm the Goddess of War."

"... Ha-haa..."

Eh? Let's see... I seem to remember that name from between the Goddesses that gave their blessings to Wazu-sama...

"Yeah! You are right, I am that Goddess of War!!"

And after saying that, she lets out her godly aura to prove herself. Immediately after I felt that aura, I try to kneel down but Lady Goddess of War

stops me.

“It’s okay, it’s okay! I don’t like that kind of formal stuff.”

She stops me with a bright smile. Her appearance is far from what Wazu-san described the Goddesses to be. How to say it, she gives the vibe of a really kind Goddess.

“You have stopped cooking, is that okay?”

“Ah!!”

From the words of Lady Goddess of War, I remembered that I was in the middle of cooking. I check the condition of the soup... whoo... it’s still okay.

“You don’t have to mind me, please continue cooking.”

Should I really not mind her? While thinking that, Lady Goddess of War tells me “It’s really okay” so I bow to her and resume cooking.

Lady Goddess of War is fixedly staring my work and it’s kind of unsettling but, I continue cooking as I’m used to. And at that time Lady Goddess of War calls out to me while looking at my hands.

“In the end, fighting is the same as cooking.”

“Eh?”

“You are afraid of fighting, right?”

“... Yes.”

How was I seen through? Is it because she is a Goddess?

“Cooking is also scary at the beginning, is it not? Like when you held a knife for the first time.”

“... that is right. The first time I put a knife into some ingredients, I was afraid of cutting a finger.”

“But it’s not scary anymore, right?”

“Not anymore.”

“Fighting is the same. Right now you might be worried that if you suddenly use your power carelessly on someone, you might hurt that person. But, like that knife, if you get used to use it, you’ll get your desired results.”

“... Can it really go like that?”

“Don’t worry! If the Goddess that rules over war says so, then it will be okay.”

Lady Goddess of War hits her chest. I unconsciously let out a smile thanks to her words and actions.

“... Thank you very much.”

It seems that I can muster a little more self confidence.

“The rest is about how confident the person is but that varies from person to person. In the end everyone’s reason to fight also varies from person to person... But if what I said can relieve a little of your fears, then I’m happy.”

“I will do my best.”

“This is my present for you.”

Lady Goddess of War puts her hand towards me and suddenly I can feel that something warm pours into me.

“I just gave you my divine protection. Keep working hard.”

“Yes. You gave me advise and even your divine protection, I’m really grateful.”

I bow to Lady Goddess of War and she gives me a brilliant smile and then leaves the kitchen.

I feel like I can be more confident in fighting now. I’ll be more proactive in my daily training from now on... I wonder if I should ask one of the girls to spar with me...

# Chapter 164: Another story 12 ~ Naminissa and the puddle

— Naminissa's POV —

I finish my daily routine of training and return to the room to rest. It is not that Wazu-sama's training is so hard that you can not move afterwards but, it would not be good either if I do not properly rest. I lay defenseless in the bed and look to the ceiling.

Whenever I have times like these for myself to think, I always think of one thing.

The thing about Aria.

Ever since Wazu-sama told us his intentions of going to where Aria is, I have always been thinking that as Aria's friend I do know her personality, and even though the society calls her a Holy woman, actually she could not be farther from a Holy Woman... yet I can not get myself to believe that Aria would betray Wazu-sama. If she really had betrayed him, she would not be explicitly looking for him. Instead she might have been looking for him all this time just to tell him that she never betrayed him... or it might be just my wishful thoughts... but then again, there is the thing about why she is still with the hero... there really is no end to my train of thought... fuu~...

I take a breath and raise my upper body, and realize that in front of me is Wazu-sama.

“Oops, did I wake you?”

It seems that he thought that I was sleeping and, because I suddenly got up, he thought that he woke me up.

“No, I was not sleeping in the first place. I was just laying down for a bit.”

When I deny it, Wazu-sama pats his chest in relief. You do not have to worry like that. Even if you were to wake me up, I would never get angry at you. Instead, I wish you would wake me up with a sweet kiss...

“And, to what do I owe the pleasure of you visiting our room? Oh! I know, you came here to embrace me. Then if you would give me a little time to arrange myself...”

“No, you don’t know!! Your answer is wrong!! Why is it that the first thing you think of is that I came with that in mind?!”

“Is that not it?”

“It’s not!!”

What a shame.

“What is it then, are you looking for someone?”

“I’m making everyone’s equipment and for them to suit you well, I’m asking for everyone’s measures.”

“I see now, because they would be personal, you need minute detail of the sizes of everyone. Then please take my measures.”

I open my arms inviting him to measure me as much as he wants.

“... Why does it comes to me taking your measures?”

“Because I wish so.”

“... You can always just tell me.”

“The measures I know are outdated. People grow everyday, you know? Right now I do not know my measures. So I ask of you to please take my measures.”

“Do I really have to do it?”

“I expect you to do it.”

Seeing that I will not yield no matter what, Wazu-sama takes a breath and makes a resolved face.

“Understood, I’ll take your measures... you won’t get mad?”

“Why would I get angry when I am the one who is asking you to do it? Ah! Should I take my clothes off? Or do you want to undress me yourself?”

“That’s fine!! You are fine like that!! Stay like that please!!”

Afterwards, Wazu-sama took my measures carefully. From time to time I move my body on purpose just to see Wazu-sama’s reaction. Such a blissful time.

Some days later, I recieved my equipment from Wazu-sama when I was alone in my room. It was a staff that enhanced my magical barrier equal to Tata’s, and

a little shield that sticks to my arm so that it does not disturb my mobility. The protective gear was divided in two, the upper part being an armour and the lower part being a multilayered skirt, a so called dress armour. The materials he used were Orichalcum and dragon scales, and it was dyed in red tones to match my hair. I place my equipment in a way that I can contemplate it. This is the equipment that Wazu-sama made himself just for me...

“Fufu...”

I let out a smile from happiness. I lay down on bed and stare absentmindedly to my equipment, and fell asleep like that...

While I was sleeping, I felt an uncomfortable sensation from my lower body, which wakes me up.

“... mmm...”

The first thing I do after waking up is investigate what is the uncomfortable sensation in my lower body.

... *splash*...

... Mh? Splash?...

... My hand is wet...

It is wet!!

I completely wake myself up immediately, straighten myself and look at my lower body.

There is a puddle in there...

Eeeeehhh!! What is the meaning of this?! This can not possibly be... No, no, no nooo, it can not be!! There is no way that I would do such a careless thing being a former princess... but in front of me exist a proof of it... no it is not!! This is no proof!! I am sure that in my sleep I toppled a flower base or a cup of water!! And in fact a flower vase that decorated the bed is laying on the floor... I am sure that is the cause!! If not then this is a dream!! The real me is still sleeping soundly!! No but... uuhh...

... I shall not accept this... I shall not...

Hahh... for the time being it looks like I did it... let's destroy the evidence.

I get up from bed and take off the sheets. First I will dry the wet bed with everyday magic. Yes, it disappeared nicely. Now I will activate a magical barrier in the form of a washing pole and I will put the sheets in it to dry. I take a breath there.

Now that I have done this, I can calmly think about what happened.

In my sleep I turned and toppled the pedestal in which the flower vase was standing, and the water in the vase flew over and spilled in my lower body. And in the floor is a thick carpet spread, I am sure that it killed the sound of the vase falling. And I was late to wake up... yes, there is no way that I... *cough* myself.

Still, it was good thinking of me to hang to dry the puddle in the sheets even before I started analyzing the situation...

Suddenly, I feel the presence of someone at the entrance of the room so I turn to look.

In front of me was Wazu-sama...

Wazu-sama opens his eyes wide and becomes dumbfounded. He then turns to look to the puddle in the sheet behind me... Eh? Does it not look like I did this...?

"I'm sorry!! I didn't see anything!! I really didn't see anything!!"

Haaa!!

Wazu-sama turns on his heels and tries to leave the room. N-noo!! I can not let him go like this!! I can not leave witnesses!!

"Block the path of my enemy (in super fast-talking)"

I lost myself and used all of my magical force to activate a magical barrier to block the door of the room, sealing Wazu-sama's way out.

"Gya!"

Wazu-sama bumps his face in the magical barrier wall that I created with all my magical force and lets out a scream.

"Haa... haa..."

Fufufu... I-I was right to use all of my magical force... I somehow was able to avoid that Wazu-sama escaped this place... what is next now is...

“I-impossible!! I didn’t use all my strenght but how can there be an invisible wall blocking my way?!”

“Fu, fu, fu... Wazu-sama... where are you going? You could not possibly be thinking of leaving like this...”

“Hii!!”

Due to the exhaustion of draining all my magic, I am dragging myself in the floor and getting closer to Wazu-sama.

“I-I really didn’t see anything!! Nothing at all!! I didn’t see the mysterious puddle in the sheets!!”

“Fufufufufuf...”

Later on I had a lengthy CON-VER-SA-TION with Wazu-sama to clear the misunderstanding.

My word, I do not know if Wazu-sama has a good timing or a bad one... haa... I am completely tired... my throat is dry too, I will drink some water and then go to bed...

## Chapter 165: Another story 13 ~ Narelina and Meral

— Narelina's POV —

I finish my self imposed training and spars and return to the room to rest.

Fuu... Having Haosui and Kagane as sparring partners is a nice stimulant. It becomes a good learning experience to fight against opponents that rank higher both in status and in war tactics. When I was in the castle of my hometown I used to go to the practice grounds of the knights instead of just train by myself, in order to always be ahead of everyone around me. I'm still no match for Wazu, and I don't think that there'll ever be a time when I get to equal him but, I want to get close as much as possible. I don't want to go through something like that again. Thanks to Wazu getting enraged on my behalf and to his forceful kiss that made me happy, I was able to get over it to some extent but, I have no doubt that if I had been as strong then as I am now, I wouldn't have suffered that kind of humiliation. That is why I'm trying to become even stronger...

I drink some water and dry off the sweat from the heat of the training, when Wazu enters the room.

"Ah! There you are!"

"Mh? What's up, do you need me for something?"

"I was in the middle of making everyone's equipment when I realized that, while there might be no problem with the weapons, I need your measures for your protective gear. And although it might be a little embarrassing, I'm going around asking for everyone's measures."

"I see. Indeed it's better for the protective gear to be the perfect size for the body. And so you came here in order to ask me for my measures."

"Exactly!!"

I honestly tell him that I understood and Wazu took a breath of relief. He might have been wondering if I would get disgusted over this. There is no way that I would feel like that for goodness sake... I wish he would start being aware that he is our husband. None of us would become angry for something like this...

“I got it. Then I’ll have you measure me to your heart’s content!!”

“You just have to tell me!!”

Eh? My feelings for you (T/N: anata) will not waver over something like you taking my measures!! Far from feeling disgusted, I would feel glad!! Or that’s what I was trying to express when I asked him to take my measures but, it seems that it didn’t got through... fumu, It might be better to tell him straight.

“Sorry, my phrasing was wrong. I want my future husband Wazu to take my measures. Can you heed my wish?”

“... Hah... Okay, why it should be different now?”

Different? I see, I wasn’t the first one. He has asked the same to other people. It’s a little regrettable that I wasn’t the first one but, the order might just be who he came across first, and that isn’t something that matters between us. While I was pondering over that, Wazu took out a string with black marks on it and started to take my measures.

H-he’s almost touching my chest... won’t he touch them if he goes on like that...?

While having improper thoughts, I remember what I was doing before. I was wiping my sweat, wasn’t I...? which means that I haven’t taken a bath... when I realize that, I timidly call out to him.

“... Wa-Wazu... uhm...”

“Mh~? What is it?”

Wazu is taking my measures with such zeal.

“I want to confirm something... that is... Do I smell? Up until now I was training so I haven’t got the chance to take a bath...”

“Mh... not really. You smell nice like the sun as always.”

“I-is that so... that’s fine then...”

Fuu... for the time being I’m safe... but it still bothers me so later I’ll wash carefully...

Even though he told me that I smell good, it kept bothering me so I didn’t move a bit...

Some days later, Wazu gave me the equipment that he made especially for me. As weapons, he gave me a great sword made of Orichalcum and imbued with the power of fire with his God Magic, and he also gave me a long sword also made of Orichalcum to match any circumstance. He said he didn't find any Orichalcum to make my protective gear so instead he gave me a full plate armour made of Mithril. I can't be always be wearing it so he made countermeasurements. With his God Magic, he made it possible to autoequip it using my magic whenever I will it. It was really entertaining so I tried it many times. Otherwise it will usually be inside Meru's magical storage.

I checked my new equipment, polished my new swords, put down the great sword, hang in my waist the long sword and face towards a new battle field.

In front of me are various ingredients and in my clean hands a kitchen knife... fuu... haa...

"I'll be in your care."

"Yes, give it your best at learning."

At my side was Meru's mother Meral-sama standing in her human form. Her skin is as white as snow like in her dragon form, her facial features are so beautiful that even I a woman am feeling charmed, and with long and slender arms and legs, she is the living definition of a beautiful woman. During our stay in this castle I have asked Meral-sama to teach me to cook and I have been doing a great effort to get better at it. Since the first day Meral-sama came to our room to... play?... and to have a friendly talk. Usually I would ask Tata to teach me but it seems that she has something to do herself and when I casually said that it would be a problem if the time for studying cooking decreases, Meral-sama offered herself to teach me to cook. I had once tried her food and realized that she has such a mastery that wouldn't lose to Tata's, that instead I wanted to plea instead to be teach.

"Let's see, you already got the basics right so today let's focus on seasoning, shall we?"

"Yes."

Saying that, Meral-sama took out various seasonings and lined them up. Could there be around a dozen?

“There are this many...”

“That’s right, there are also some that look the same but, what’s important is to know how to use them, and even though my husband looks so crude, he’s unexpectedly picky with the flavour of his meals. That’s why I also did my best in collecting this many. And thanks to it, my husband was really pleased.”

“You really love him, right?”

“Fufufu... You also have to feed Wazu delicious meals too, Narelina-chan.”

“I-I’ll do my best!”

Meral-sama started to teach me after seeing my fighting spirit.

“Narelina-chan, first you need to cut the meat and vegetables into bite-sized pieces.”

“Yes!”

“Now, before cooking the ingredients you just cut, we need to prepare first the seasoning. At first you might probably don’t know what to do so, let’s add them while tasting it.”

“Yes!”

“Narelina-chan, why did you put that in?”

“Yes! Because I heard that it would be good for health!”

“Narelina-chan... that one’s a little bit...”

“But I heard that this one gives you vigour!”

“... Narelina-chan?”

“I’ll add this one... and this one... Ah! This one too...”

“...”

“...”

That’s weird... was this dish supposed to have this colour...? It was supposed to be something with the feeling of a home made cooking but, it has a deep purple colour... or kind of black... I turn to look to Meral-sama and I see she is smiling but she is sweating cold. From her smile I can understand that this was a failure. I had put my everything but turned out to be a failure.

While I was worrying about what I should do, Wazu-san enters the kitchen.

“Eh? Narelina and, is that presence Meral? So that’s how you look in your

human form. Rather, why do you look so lost? Did something happen?"

"Ah!! No, this is..."

"Nothing happened!! Nothing!!"

While I was lost at words to say looking at my failure, Meral-sama tried to cover up for me but, Wazu came over here with a questioning face and looked at my failed work. Ahh... t-this is... eh!

"Were you cooking? Then let me taste it for a bit."

After he said that, he brought it to his mouth before we were able to stop him.

"... u~m... yep!! It's tasty!!"

...eh?

"Oh! That's right, Ragnil was calling for me! Then, see you later!!"

Wazu quickly leaves the kitchen. Meral-sama and I see him off and then turn to look at each other.

"... Well, Wazu is kind of a special case so... let's try once again..."

"Yes..."

Being exhausted after learning to cook I return to the room and turn to sleep.

Just right before falling asleep I heard from somewhere a voice screaming 'I feel too excited and can't sleep!!' but I went to sleep soon after...

## Chapter 166: Another story 14 ~ Haosui and Megil

Lately everyday is very fun. Can it be thanks to the people that I'll call family in the future increasing in one go?

Sarona-oneechan has beautiful hair besides being so polite and reliable.

Tata-oneechan is kind and the food she prepares is always delicious, she is to me the ideal older sister.

Naminissa-oneechan is very knowledgeable and she is the mood maker of the group.

Narelina-oneechan is not only very strong, she also watches over us and she is always supporting us, I want to be like her.

Kagane is the same age as me and is the first friend... no, she is my first best friend and a wife, I can talk with her anything.

Mao-oneechan is the new wife but her animal ears are really beautiful and I realized in our conversations that she is someone really nice. I want to touch those fluffy ears.

If I use my dragonification, my tail gets covered in hard scales so it doesn't feel nice to touch it but Meru's tail is so nice to the touch. I wonder why are we so different even though we are of the same dragon race?

Freud-san is... a person I don't understand...

And then there is Danna-sama.

They are all my proud family that I love.

I finish the latest spar I had with Narelina-oneechan and Kagane and go to the room we are using as a changing room. I place down the bokken (T/N: Wooden sword) that I'm using during practice, take off the worn-out training gear to stay only in my underware and sit in a chair that is in this room while taking a breath.

"Fuu~"

Narelina-oneechan has become strong. She has become stronger than when we first met and her sense for fighting has become sharper so lately our matches are getting better. I'm looking forward to what the future will bring about. Kagane has been coached by Danna-sama and her magic has improved a

lot, to the point that if we were to fight for real I don't know who would win. I can't let my guard down with Sarena-oneechan and Mao-oneechan either and Tata-oneechan and Naminissa-oneechan are becoming stronger bit by bit. I must also do my best...

"Ah, Haos..."

"...kyaa~"

While I was in deep thought, Danna-sama entered the room. I immediately remembered that I was in my underwear but, although I wouldn't really be embarrassed if Danna-sama looked at me like this, I recalled that Kagane said that it was good manners to scream at a time like this so I screamed for the time being. Is just that she didn't tell me how should I scream so I think it came out a little in monotone.

"Monotone?! Before that, cover yourself!! Why are you so composed?!"

The look of Danna-sama getting flustered and turning around with a deeply red face is funny.

"... It's not embarrassing if Danna-sama looks at me."

"Well, let's be embarrassed!!"

Mou... can't be helped. I cheerfully dress myself.

"... It's okay now."

After I call out to him, he slowly turns around and confirms my appearance and lets out a sigh.

"... Did you need me for something?"

"A-Ahh, I'm making everyone's personal equipment so I need your measurements."

"... Understood. Undressing myself again is a hassle so please undress me."

"Why?! Why do I need to undress you?! Besides you just have to tell me yourself!!"

"... I haven't... measured myself so I don't know. Please take my measurements, Danna-sama."

When I say that to Danna-sama, he looks up as if saying 'So it has come to this' and I see him making a face of having given up.

“... What about taking them yourself?”

“... I want Danna-sama to do it.”

I act upon my boiling desire.

“I got it. I’ll do it. If I start grumbling about it, It would just look as if I don’t want to do it... stop undressing!!”

Even though I was already halfway undressed...

Afterwards I had Danna-sama take my measurements. Seeing him get all red-faced made me secretly feel relieved because it means that he is getting aroused by my body.

Some days later, I recieved my equipment from Danna-sama. A katana made of Orichalcum sheathed in a scabbard also made with Orichalcum and richly adorned with jewels. The blade was infused in the power of lightning with Danna-sama’s God Magic. I tried to pour some magic into it and the blade gets surrounded with lightning, then I swing it and that lightning soars to the place I aimed at. It was so entertaining that I did it so many times that I got scolded. My armour was a lightweight armour that adjusted to my body covering only the chest and the hips. It had a special function that was installed with God Magic that made it possible to gorw big when I use dragonification.

Asked by Danna-sama if this was okay, I honestly gave him my thanks. I will wear this and give it a go against Kagane later.

I was guided to a room by Meru’s mother Meral-sama and when I go inside I see that inside is Meru’s grandmother Megil-sama. It seems that the one that called for me was Megil-sama. Meral-sama bows slightly and leaves the room, and Megil-sama narrows her eyes and calls out to me.

“I’m sorry for calling you over here.”

“... I don’t mind. I presume that you need me for something?”

“That’s right... I want to confirm something... Can you use Dragonification?”

“... I can.”

“Can you show me your dragon form?”

Nodding to Megil-sama’s words, I take off my clothes and start my dragonification. Is not that I can’t transform with my clothes on but, if I do that,

the clothes I'm wearing would get torned so I took them off. As I invoke dragonification, my body starts turning into that of a dragon. The surface of my body gets covered in scales the same green as my hair and in a blink of an eye, I turn into a green dragon. When I turn to look to Megil-sama as if to ask her 'is this fine?', I glance upon Megil-sama's nostalgic eyes.

"... those brightly green scales are exactly the same..."

... exactly the same?

"You can turn back now."

Been told so I deactivate dragonification and return to the form of a human. I put my clothes on.

"... Is this it?"

"Yes... That's mostly what I wanted to know but... do you know about you dragon ancestor?"

"... I don't. My parents died before they were able to tell me."

"Is that so... I made you remember something unpleasant, I apologize."

"... It's okay. I will never forget my parents. Besides I already have a new family so I'm fine."

"That's for certain. Be sure to get spoiled plenty by Wazu."

"... I will."

"And so, I can tell you about all I know about you dragon ancestor but, do you want to know?"

"... Please tell me."

It's the story of my dragon lineage that mom said me she would tell me about some day. I never thought that I would hear it in this place. If I can then I want to know everything, and then I want to tell it to my and Danna-sama's child...

"Your dragon ancestor was a dragon that lived a few hundreds of years ago..."

Megil-sama said that as if looking back to a distant past and remembering.

"That was a time called the Age of Darkness, the world was ruled by a tyrannical Evil God who possessed an immense power. We the Dragon race, the Human race, the Beast race and all of those who wouldn't approve the tyrannical ways of the Evil God moved out to subjugate him. In between those were the

God that was told had created the world and the five pillar Goddesses but, even gathering all that power, the subjugation of the Evil God was not a easy feat... that was how much power the Evil God had and his tens of thousands of minions were also powerful... In the end we suffered great sacrifices but were ultimately able to seal the Evil God and that gave birth to the current age... Your ancestor was the most powerful of the Dragon race a Green Dragon. And he was not just powerful, he also was extremely kind to everyone else, he was the hero of the dragon race... but that Green Dragon fell by the hand of the Evil God and left this world... but just before that, the Green Dragon left a child of his own, and later, that child left descendants too and so on and so forth... and lastly, you were born. Your green scales are exactly the same as those of the Green Dragon... there was no other dragon with scales as green as his so there's no mistake."

"... Is that so... That means that I'm the last living descendant of that Green Dragon."

"That's how it goes."

"... But I'm still happy that I got to know about my ancestor."

I got to know what mom told me she would some day tell me.

Afterwards, Megil-sama and I kept talking about that Green Dragon and about other things, and after I got completely satisfied, I returned to my room. I was still to excited so I wasn't able to sleep...

# Chapter 167: Another story 15 ~ Kagane and the Necromancer

— Kagane's POV —

That day around noon, I was meditating alone in my room to increase my magical power when I heard a knock and immediately Onii-chan comes in.

“Oh! This is perfect Kagane!! I'm making your personal equipment and I need your body measurements so can you...”

“Go ahead and take them to your heart's content!”

Before Onii-chan could finish, I immediately undressed myself and stayed only in my underwear. Come Onii-chan!! Your cute little sister in her underwear!! Be an animal!! Become a wild animal!!

“Great! Stay still for one moment...”

And just like he said I stand still and Onii-chan comes to take my measurements... with a red face... eh?

“O-Onii-chan?”

“Mh? What's up?”

“Isn't this the moment when you get all red-faced and embarrassed and reluctantly start measuring me while inside your heart you get filled with lust and think 'yeei! this is a side benefit!' or something like that?”

“I don't know what you are saying but I kind of get what you are trying to say, and besides would you normally look your little sister's body with those eyes?”

“I'm not your little sister!! I'm your wife!!”

“Even if you say that... Kagane is my little sister...”

“Gunununu...!”

I'm still his little sister in Onii-chan's mind...? Is that so... I get it. If that's how it's going to be, then I'll make Onii-chan look at me as a woman by force...

“Yosh! I'm done. Thanks, I'll be able to make your equipment now.”

Onii-chan says his thanks and leaves the room, leaving me in my underwear... fufufu... tonight will be exciting, Onii-chan...

That day at night, I slipped out from the room where we are staying and went towards Onii-chan's bedroom and right now I'm in front of his bedroom door.

"This is Assault 1... I'll try now to infiltrate the target place... (in a small voice)"

Fuhehehe... I'll try now a night visit... I'm wearing the sexy negligee that I bought especially for this day... It'll be okay... I won't go for the real thing... I'll just stop at tasting... But if it'll end in just tasting will be up to Onii-chan... Because I had no experience even in my past life so this will be genuinely my first time... I would really like for Onii-chan to take the lead... fufufu... Come on Onii-chan, it's time to become an animal...

*clank... clank clank... bang bang!! bang bang bang!!*

I-It won't open... What does this mean? What's happening? It's clearly that it's not locked so why doesn't it open? Is there some barrier placed...? ... uhm... It's clearly not magic but something different can be felt... If I were to say what it is... Right, it has the same feeling as when Onii-chan turns into a God mode...

Then I'll cancel it with my cheat magical power!

"Unlock [Cancel]"

...

..... Nothing happened... nugugu...

"Unlock [Cancel]"

"Unlock [Cancel]"

"Unlock [Cancel]"

Haa... haa... It won't budge a bit... Then I'll use all of my power!!

"Unlock [Cancel]!!!!"

... In the end, even with all my magical power, I wasn't able to lift the barrier. Why?! Why~?! Gununu!! You are mean Onii-chan... I can't believe you would go this far... Did going to where you sleep so many times fired back...? Haa... I'm out of magical power... I'll give up for today.

When I got back to the room, I got caught that I had sneaked out so Sarona and Naminissa tied me up tight...

Some days later I recieved my personal equipment from Onii-chan. I got a rod made of Orichalcum with a jewel at the tip so that my cheat magic would increase even more. Orichalcum!! It's Orichalcum!! I'm fired up!! As my MND is so high that is no exaggeration to say that no magic would hurt me, Onii-chan gave me a robe as my protective gear which he made with God Magic and dragon scales that increases my VIT. According to Onii-chan, its defencive power is so high, wou would need something as sharp as a holy sword to penetrate it. On top of that it can guard magic power to a great extent.

He also showed me everyone else's gear but... Isn't it too overpowered? We got gear that could be used in some final battle... Onii-chan, you are too overprotective. But that also show how much he treasures us...

Damn!! I'll make you look at me as a woman for sure~!! And then we'll spend a sweet dazzling night together!!

Some days later I was in the back side of the castle and was shooting magic to the air to confirm the amount of magic needed in order to master the equipment that Onii-chan gave me.

"Exploooooosion!!" (T/N: ... Megumin?)

Kaaaahh!!! Booooooooooooooooooom!!!!

Because of my magic, the sky gets filled with light in a moment and then a big explosion happens. I got startled because my magic was more powerful that what I expected. That means that if I don't tone down my power, I could get dangerous... I'm glad I said that I was going to test my magic before... If they heard the explosion withouth knowing anything they would get worried as to what's going on. From now on I'll be sure to check my surroundings before shooting so that I don't get anyone involved...

"Hohoo... What a great power you can shoot your magic with, little girl!"

I suddenly hear a hoarse voice and hurriedly take a stance with my rod against the way the voice came from. And there a person wrapped in a black robe was standing. But what caught my attention wasn't that but his face... it was a skull. I can feel a great magical power coming from him so I put my guard up immediatly. From the robe a bony hand with glittering jewel rings come out and

points to me. I get even more alert, although I think I'll be okay with my equipment...

“You don't have to be so guarderd...”

The bone finger passes beside me and points towards the sky.

“My Magic Essence is that of Blue.”

The Skull activates his magic in the sky and the sky burst with water and starts to rain. Ah, a rainbow... While I was fascinated by the rainbow, the Skull takes out his arms from the black robe and spreads them wide and raises a loud voice.

“My name is Neil! The absolute and eternal, the inmortal magician Necromancer!! How is it? My magic is absolutely the greatest, isn't it?! Little girl, your magic was certainly powerful but, an explosion is not beautiful!! On the other hand, my magic can make water sprout like a flower and at the end it gives birth to a rainbow. What an artistic event! There's no reason to even compare them!!”

I got so annoyed by the Necromancer's manner of speech that I forgot my vigilance and point my rod towards the sky.

“Thunderstorm.”

I chant my magic and the sky gets covered by clouds, and lightning in the form of dragons start pouring towards the earth. Seeing that, the Necromancer lets out a clattering laugh and starts clapping exaggeratedly.

“Ooh! Wonderful!! The lightning took the shape of dragons and poured down to the earth as if presaging the end!! It has unsettled my heart after so long!!”

Fufu!! Why of course! Of course it is!!

“But you are still green. A mere few lightnings can only get you so far! To invoke a true artistic magic, you need a much finer manipulation of magical power! Like this...

My Magic Essence is that of Green.”

As if to show me how, the Necromancer invokes some magic and from the earth uncountable verdant trees grew in an instant. All you could see around

was green and you could feel the greatness and strength of those trees.

Even though I am stronger in quantity and input of magical power, I lost in magic manipulation. Getting worked up, I started to invoke more and more magic but would get beaten every time by the beauty of the Necromancer's magic... so frustrating!!

Our magical battle continued for a while long but then got terminated abruptly.

""You're being annoying!!""

As a result of getting over ourselves and continuously release such thunderous magic, Onii-chan, the Wives and all of the Dragon King family appeared with angry faces and the Necromancer and I were made into seiza and got scolded.

Well, I think I got better at manipulating my magic and now I can use more tuned down magic so everything is okay..

"It's not okay. Come on, I'll do it with you so apologize properly you too."

... Yes... I'm sorry I got carried away was so noisy!!

# Chapter 168: Another story 16 ~ Maorin and the beastman

— Maorin's POV —

Lately I've been worrying about things that I hadn't worry about before. For example my hair. Up until lately I wouldn't comb my hair properly and at most would untangle it with my hand and wouldn't really get fixed on my appearance but because Kagane had fervently said that I have such a fluffy hair, I started to comb it every day. I also never worried about what I ate because I thought that everything gets mixed in the stomach but, after seeing Otto-dono so happily eating Tata's meals and say how delicious they were, I started to think that I also want to make Otto-dono do that kind of face, and now I'm being taught by the highly praised Tata to cook. To think that I would get so enthusiastic over something other than fighting. Every day I'm struggling.

I want to be praised by my future husband and I want to be told that I'm beautiful.

The moment that I understood that those feelings are what move me now thought that I was changing because I got a man that I love...

I was making sandwiches with Tata for lunch, and when Tata went to distribute them to everyone, I stayed seated in my seat and took a bite off the sandwich I made. Tata made a lot of sandwiches for everyone's lunch but, The way she made them was so elegant and magnificent that it was as if a master had decided on his only path. Her skill was so uniform and they all came out perfectly arranged, and she also put some kind of secret ingredient that I don't know of but she said that it would make it delicious. On the other hand, my sandwich were all unevenly shaped because when I cutted the bread I put in too much force and I just put any ingredient I had at hand together. The taste itself it was almost close to Tata's but I feel the shape hurted how appetizing it was... haa... I still need to practice more...

I was eating my badly done sandwiches while sulking, Otto-dono came in while knocking on the door.

“You were in here, I went looking for you in your room”

My heart jumped when I saw Otto-dono come in. Is my hair okay...? While I was worrying about that, I quietly tried to hide my poorly made sandwiches.

“W-What is it Otto-dono? Looking for me, do you need me for something?”

“Yeah, I’m making everyone’s equipment and I need your body measures so I’ve been asking everyone around. So I was hoping that you would tell me your measurements... is it okay?”

“You are making one for me too?”

“Eh? Of course. Well, the thing about becoming my wife put aside, I don’t particularly hate you, you know? I really like your honest personality and you have been doing your hair for me, right? That makes me really happy. My lack of answer to your feelings is just me being selfish so I sincerely ask you to wait for me to put things in order... I’m properly looking at you, Mao...”

Seeing Otto-dono say that while getting a completely red face makes my heart beat even faster. He’s properly looking at me... I forced myself into coming with them, and up until now all I have been doing is fight so I tried a lot of things to get him to like me but Otto-dono said that he is properly looking at me... Just by knowing that, I feel like this warm thing that I had in my chest since before got even hotter. I’m glad I started doing my hair and practice cooking... I’ll make sure to try even harder.

“U-Umu... uhmm... T-Thank you...”

I feel my face burn too and realize that my face is also deep red too. Ahh... I feel like jumping out and scream ‘Waaaahh!!’.

“T-That’s right! You came to ask for my body measures... I-if is okay with you Otto-dono... would you please take them yourself? I mean... I’ve always neglected that kind of thing so... I don’t know something like my measurements...”

“Even if you say that... U~m... Are you fine with it? You don’t mind me taking them?”

“Of course not! On the contrary I wish you would take them!”

I mustered a little courage and said what I wanted and got my measures taken by a red-faced Otto-dono while I myself had a red face. O-Otto-dono! My

ears are particularly sensitive so... please be more gentle... uuhh... ahhh...

Some days later Otto-dono gave me an equipment that would adapt to my movements. As my main weapons he gave me a pair of swords made of Orichalcum that were the exactly same length as the ones that I was previously using and, accordingly to what Otto-dono said, the long one was infused with God Magic to adjust itself to my body growth, and the small one was infused with earth magic and can do simple earth manipulation.

And my protective gear was a light armour that covered my arms, legs, upper body and the part around my hips so that it wouldn't get in the way of my movements. It also has a hole for my tail and it's also made of Orichalcum. All that's left is for me to become even stronger. While I was looking at my equipment I tightened even more.

I head towards the prairie that's across the castle to train myself with my equipment. I can't let myself be led by the power of my weapon. It will show its true might if I can master it...

"Haa... haa..."

I was wholeheartedly doing my training and was sweating drops like balls when suddenly I glance upon a distant scene. Otto-dono was fightin with the Dragon King Ragnil-sama. And while watching that mytical fight I decided something in my heart.

I want to be able to spar like that...

"... Someday I too will..."

"If you desire strength, fight with me Daughter of the Beasts!"

I turn to look to the source of those words and come to see an old man that looks like a golden lion. With golden ears, mane and tail, a rough face and muscles that looked well trained... eh?

"... Grandfather?"

"... mh? Grandfather? ... Those ears and tail... Those features... Are you Maorin?"

Grandfather points at me and opens his mouth big.

"Guaah!! What's this?! When I heard that finally a beastperson had come it

turned out to be my cute, lovely granddaughter! Now I can't have a match to the death!!"

Grandfather starts to tear his mane off and stomp his foot.

Grandfather... The one who was in a journey to train himself and who occasionally comes home just to brag about having defeated this or that but hadn't return recently... To think that he was living in the Central Mountain...

"Haa... should I give up in my deathmatch...? It has been a while Maorin. You were so cute but before I knew you became this beautiful... Ojii-chan (T/L: affective for grandfather) is glad. Do you have enough money? Should I give you some pocket money? Mh?"

You worry too much. I've become a proper adult you know. Although... I don't have any "experience" yet but...

"I'm fine right now. Grandfather why are you in this kind of place?"

"Umu, during my search for strong beings to train myself with, I came to settle in this place. And I got to meet friends with whom I get along mysteriously well. A high elf and a necromancer! Isn't it that amazing?! Gahahaha!!"

... U~m... If it had been before meeting Otto-dono and everyone, I would be certainly amazed of hearing about a high elf and a necromancer but... after experiencing my self the power of Otto-dono... it's kind of... Mh? Ah!

"Grandfather, just now you said that you wanted to fight a match to the death, right? If you would like, why don't you try fighting with Otto-dono?"

As I said that grandfather's hair raises up and shows his rage.

"Otto?! A husband?! Someone made my cute granddaughter a bride?! That bastard Deizu, to what shoddy person did you give your daughter to?! He surely has guts!! Who's the bastard?! I'll fight him to see if he is fit!!"

"Ah, Otto-dono is that person fighting with the Dragon King Ragnil-sama."

Grandfather turns his bloodshot eyes towards I'm pointing and in an instant, his bloodlust vanishes.

"Grandfather?"

"Maorin... Is that guy really your husband?"

“Yes. Well at least that is how it’s going to be... Father has already given his consent.”

“... Un, is that so... Then Ojii-chan has no complaints”

“Is that so? If so, do you want me to ask him for a deathmatch with you?”

“... Ojii-chan will really die, you know?”

“Mh? Grandfather, do you know Otto-dono?”

Grandfather tells his story embarrassed. Around the time when he came to this mountain, he was feeling overconfident because not even S-rank monsters could match him, when he met a taciturn boy who viciously beat him up without being able to do anything. It seems that the taciturn boy was Otto-dono. After that he met the high elf and the necromancer and while getting healed from his injuries, he became friends with them.

Afterwards I asked Grandfather to train me.

I want to become stronger... I also have to try harder at cooking... and at my personal appearance...

## Chapter 169: His feeling as a father of not wanting to accept...

I was lazing around some days after making the girls equipment. I also made many clothes for myself exactly the same as the ones I always wear, and because I was almost always using deification while making the equipment, I got a little tired. It's probably because my body is trying to adapt because I had never been that much time in godhood mode. I'm also concerned about the percentage of my race but, well I feel that I lose if I worry so I try not to think about it. Besides, If I think that I was able to make equipment to insurance their safety then I feel that is great.

And thus I rarely left the room and kept rolling around in the bed, and when it was time for meals I would get the girls to feed me. When I told them that I could eat by myself, they firmly opposed so now I get mouth fed. Am I being domesticated with food? Well who cares because it makes the food taste more delicious.

And of course, to sleep I hug Meru to have a quiet sleep. To hug Meru feels so nice... She is really soft and feels nice and cold.

While I was hanging out leisurely with Meru, her mother Meral called to me. I got led by Meru riding in my head to the Audience Hall where Meral was. In there were Ragnil giving me a murderous look and beside him Megil looking at him with an exasperated face.

“Yo!! Ragnil, have you been released of doing dogeza?”

“Well some how... Because he was always doing dogeza I forgave him in deference to his tenacity... but there'll be no next time, okay?”

Ragnil shuddered a little with Megil's words but instantly returned to giving me a murderous look.

“... Haa... And? Why are you looking at me like that Ragnil? I thought we were friends...”

“Ask yourself why.”

I put my hand in my chest and think for a while...

“... Nope, I can't think of why.”

“Your sins are two... First you didn't raise some words of advocacy in my behalf to this heinous dragon... and because of that I got restrained for an awful time... even though it wasn't my fault...”

Ooi! I don't know if it's out of rage or what but don't go running your mouth. Look at your side, at your side! Megil is super pissed! I beg you, please don't get me involved...

“And your second sin is the most sever one... You have committed a taboo...”  
“Taboo?”

“... Saying that you are the husband of my cute, cute daughter!!!! As a father I shall not permit thaaaaaaat!!! Meru told me since she was little that she'll become papas wife!!!! And you bastard came and...!!! You bastard came...!!!!”

Oi, that's something little girls always say, but the fathers have to someday let their daughters go... I suddenly turn to look at Megil and see her signaling to Ragnil's chin and with her thumb traicing her neck as if cutting it. Wait a moment... Are you telling me to kill him? Are you saying that I should kill him?

“... Wait, wait. For the time being turn to look at your side, Ragnil.”  
“Haa?”

Ragnil does as I said and finds Megil sweetly smiling. That smile is really scary... Did he just rememberd that Megil was next to him? He turns to look to the sky as if saying 'I screwed up!' and a line of water started to fall. It's okay... If you live we'll meet again for sure... So please don't cry... Sorry, that's not a tear, that's just some salty water, right...? While I was thinking that I look at Ragnil and he slowly lowers his head with a 'gigigi' sound and looks at me. There were already no tears in his eyes... but traces remained in his cheeks...

“... *cough*... L-Let's see, we can forget about the first one... But I shall not approve something like Meru's marriage!! You'll have to go over my dead body!!”

And for some reason, it turn out that I had to fight Ragnil. We are exchanging glances in the prairie outside the castle. Meru, Meral and Megil are for some reason acting as expectators and have prepared food and drinks... Yup, this is just a show for them. The dragons are looking and cheering at us.

“Kyui kyui~!!”

“Meru is saying to do your best! Wazu, please give it your best for Meru’s future~!”

“Kill him!! Wazu, kill that stupid dragon!!”

... Sorry, it wasn’t us but just me who they were encouraging... Well, one of them is hoping for someones death... Someone please cheer for Ragnil... I can tell he is getting depressed just by looking...

“... I won’t lose... I shan’t lose!!”

Ragnil roars and dashes at me, with that momentum he slices at me with his claw. I dodge by stepping backwards but a big claw mark appears in the earth where I was standing.

“... Oi Ragnil... you are being kind of serious...”

“Of course I am!! I won’t give you my daughter!!”

And next Ragnil started attacking seriously from everywhere and I dedicated myself to defence. Although I won’t get injured even if they hit me. He attacks me with his fire breath and I swing my arm sideways to produce an air current so that my recently made clothes don’t get burn.

As we were doing this I saw the high elf whom with I had quarrel before, sidling up to Saron so I went flying to make sure he stays on check. If he ever dare to even put one finger on Saron I will kill him...

Our exchange? continued for a while and eventually Ragnil started to breath heavily and disorderly.

“Haa... fuuu... guahh...”

“Ooi~ Are you satisfied yet?”

“No... not yet...”

Haa... That’s it... If this continues like this, it will never end...

I close the distance with Ragnil in a moment and I hit him with my fist just once with enough force to not kill him.

The next day I got once again called to the Audience Hall. Of course Meru is on top of my head. When I finally arrive at the Audience Hall, I see Ragnil, Meral and Megil lined up. Ragnil calls out to me.

“I lost to you Wazu... So I have no other choice but to acknowledge it... Just let me say something as Meru’s father... Please make my daughter happy...”

“..... Understood. I shall treasure Meru.”

As I answer Ragnil, Meru flies from my head and delightfully gives me a kiss in the cheek. I answer Meru’s expression of love by patting her head and apparently satisfied returns to my head.

“And? When do you continue your journey?”

Megil asks me that.

“Let’s see... I already made all the clothes and equipment, Meru got plenty spoiled by Meral so, although I have to consult it with everyone, I think we’ll depart tomorrow or the day after.”

“Is that so... You are always welcome here. Besides being Meru’s husband, this is also your home.”

“Yeah, I’ll be coming again.”

After saying that I leave the Audience Hall to consult with the girls the date of our departure.

I purposely didn’t touch the subject but, Ragnil was made to do dogeza and furthermore had some stones in his lap making weight... Hang in there Ragnil... I’m sure you shall shine tomorrow too... probably...

## Chapter 170: Let's get going~

After consulting with the girls when should we leave, we decided to do it the day after tomorrow because everyone needed time to prepare all kind of stuff. I was wondering what happened with the Goddess of War after our talk so I asked everyone if they met her and only Tata seems to have met her. Tata is really grateful to her because apparently she recieved some advice on combat. Seriously... for her to be such a nice Goddess of War... I even want the Goddess and the Goddess of Earth to learn from her. The other girls said that they also want to meet her after hearing whad a kind goddess she is so I promised that the next time she appears I will introduce her to them. I wonder where is she now... She might unexpectedly returned to her original plane when I was sleeping...

After we finished talking about our preparations for departure, the meeting ended and I left the room, when suddenly I realized that Freud was nowhere to be seen. How to say it, I feel restless when he is not around... I feel like he might be up to something somewhere... Seriously that guy...

While I was looking for Freud inside the castle I heard some voices talking in a certain room so I decided to see what was happening and inside that room I saw Megil and Freud talking.

“... been a lon..... is... injury...”

“You..... right.... about..... but now I... a butler...”

“I see.....”

“..... need to be done.....”

“..... evil... seal..... or.....”

“Fumu..... I also.....”

Uhm... It seems that they are talking about something but since I'm outside the room and they are talking in quiet voices I can't hear clearly... Or rather, it really seems that Freud has been here before. He seems to know Megil, did he came here even before I was here?

As I was leaning in the wall and thinking about Freud, the person in question

came out from the room.

“Is that Wazu-sama? What are you doing in this place?”

“... Nothing... just thinking some stuff about you.”

“OOH! You are finally aware that you are my master?”

“Not that.”

Seriously this guy... While I was giving him a scornful eye, Freud turns his hands towards me.

“... What’s with these hands?”

“Wazu-sama made equipment for everyone so I was wondering if you had made something for me.”

“... Eh? Do you even need a weapon? Of course you don’t. You were able to stand my God Punch so I don’t see any need for a weapon.”

“... Certainly. That was due to perfect timing and the help of the air resistance, don’t you think?”

“... Well, I didn’t expect a real answer from you.”

As usual, Freud is still Freud... Haa... I ask Meru who is on top of my head to open her magical storage and take out two identical butler suits and throw them to Freud.

“Here... I mean, even though I don’t want to admit it, you have helped us some times so this is my thanks to you. The design is the same as what you are wearing right now but the materials are the same as what I was wearing before so don’t expect too much.”

“Ooh! I’ll gladly accept them! So this means that by giving me these clothes you are indirectly accepting me while saying ‘You are my butler’, right?”

“Of course not! What I’m saying is that, even if you might be keeping clean those clothes you are wearing right now with magic, you need to properly wash them instead of just wearing them!!”

Haa... As I thought, every time I speak with this guy I get tired... Well, he looks happy so I think giving them to him was worth it... although I regret it a little...

Everyone’s preparations were finished and finally the day of our departure came.

We are all lined up in front of the castle and doing the final checks. And in

front of us where Ragnil, Meral, Megil and for some reason the high elf, the necromancer and a muscular Beatman. Why are you people also here... I turn to look to those three and in an unanimous move all three avert my eyes. Seriously, why are you here?

“Wazu.”

Suddenly I hear someone calling out to me so I turn to look and there were Megil and Meral led by Ragnil. I'll make as if I didn't see the traces of the stone in Ragnil's legs.

“Our promise of treasuring Meru is one done between men so don't forget it!!”

“Please take good care of Meru.”

“I understand! We'll be sure to come again!”

“Kyui! Kyui!!”

I respond to Ragnil and Meral's words while patting Meru's head.

“Wasu, I leave Meru in your care...”

Megil gives me a serious face. How to say it, that look seems as if she has made her resolve for something.

“W-What's going on? Eh? Was this a scene where you say something so serious?”

“... Please.”

Megil says just that making her request, closes her eyes and bows her head towards me. Ragnil, Meral and I become a little surprised by her actions but, seeing Megil being so serious I answer her.

“Of course. I'll protect Meru no matter what. If someone wanting to hurt Meru were to appear, I'll be sure to kill him before.”

“Hearing you say that gives me some peace of mind...”

Is she a little relieved after what I said? Megil raises her head and looks at Meru and me while flashing a smile.

“Meru too be sure to stick close to Wazu.”

“Kyui!”

Meru skillfully raises her hand from over my head and answers.

“We’ll be going now. See you later.”

“Yes... I pray that we are both safe the next time we meet.”

“Don’t say something so ominous...”

And like that we once again say our good byes to Ragnil and them and set off from the castle to climb down the mountain and head to the Imperial Capital.

## Chapter 171: The Knights of Mabondo

After we climb down the mountain we enter the forest that is at its foot. Midways many monsters appeared but all of them were defeated by the girls and I was unable to do a thing. Haosui was at the front because she was originally the strongest and thanks to my training and even more to the legend rank equipment I made she got even stronger so no problem occurred at all. The other girls also used the monsters to test their new equipment. There were cases in which they tested to the defensive power and received the monster's attacks, and when I saw that I got chills run down my spine. Because the girls explicitly told me to not get involved at all and Freud who didn't participate either in the battles was in charge of holding me down so I really wasn't able to do anything... No matter how much I know that they'll be okay, that's not something that I like to see. The one that was putting the most effort in the battles was Tata. Was the advice of the Goddess of War effective? She engages battle proactively and tries to confirm her own strength. Well to be frank, certainly in this group the weakest one is Tata but from what I can see her strength is such that even an A-rank adventurer would be unable to hurt her. I always thought that she was a mentally strong person but she is became physically strong.

And as we advance while exterminating the monsters, we came across a group of armed people inside the forest. We immediately hide ourselves and it seems that they don't notice us. We learn from their armour their identity, they are a Knight Order from somewhere or so it seems. What are they doing inside the forest?

From the state of the Order we understood two things, that they're a group of 30 people, some have removed their armour and are preparing their food by stirring a pot, some are sparring with wooden swords and the three that look like the most ranked people from their armour and mantles seem to be having a meeting. And that, because in the center of their encampment there are sooty traces of a bonfire, the sleeping bags being spread around, and their opaque and dirty armour, they have been camping in here for some days already.

As we were looking at them, Naminissa and Narelina came over to me and called me out with a quiet voice.

“... Wazu-sama, can I have a moment of your time?”

“Mh? What is it? Don’t tell me that you want to do something by yourselves. That would be a little...”

“No, that’s wrong. Actually I recognize someone from that group.”

“Ahh, I can confirm it too, there’s no doubt... That Kinght Order is the Mabodno Knight Order.”

... Eh? Mabondo? If I remember correctly, that’s Naminissa and Narelina’s birthplace, right? In other words, those knights are the knights employed by this girl’s country.

“Eh? But why are the knights of your country all the way over here? And more over in that deplorable state... Isn’t the Kingdom of Mabondo quite wealthy...?”

“... About that...”

“... Right now there is no more Kingdom of Mabondo.”

“.. Eh?”

And I got to hear from Naminissa and Narelina the story. Right after they decided to chase after me and leave their country, their parents also decided to leave the country with their knights and ther people, and what originally was the Mabondo Kingdom became now part of the Flebondo Kingdom. After hearing that I tought that the king was a really cheerful person and that’s why their knights and people yearned to follow them. Or rather, were they trying to rape [\(T/N\)](#) Naminissa and Narelina? Yeah, Let’s destroy that Flebondo House. Let’s do that.

“And then, those Knights...”

“Most probably for some reason they got left behind in the country but then gave up on the Kingdom of Flebondo and left it... And without knowing where to go they decided to stop here and now they are looking for a solution to their problem...”

... Fumu... Certainly from hearing the Princesses’ explanation it does seem like it.

“But it’s not like we have proof of it and nothing will come from just us

discussing it... You said that you know someone from those knights, right? Then why don't we try to call them out for the time being?"

"You are right."

"Let's do that."

"... But we don't know their circumstances so let's stay vigilant nonetheless..."

So we stepped out while staying alert as we didn't know how they would act. When they saw us, the knights raised their arms and pointed them at us, and then the three higher ranks in mantles came out too.

"Who are you... depending on your answer we will..."

The one that spoke was the one in the middle of those three. A man in his fifties with manly features, an unshaved beard and skinny appearance. He extended his hand towards the pommel of his sword.

"It has been a while Runo-sama."

"It's been a while Master Runo."

From our side Naminissa and Narelina get in front of me and call out to him. I stayed in a stance to be able to dash out at any moment.

"... Princess Narelina, Princess Naminissa."

The one called Runo kneels in front of Naminissa and Narelina the moment he realises who they are. The other knights immediately kneel to mimicking Runo-san.

"I'm glad to see that you are both fine, Princess Narelina, Princess Naminissa."

"Fufu... There is no Mabondo Royal Family any more, you know?"

"So you don't have to kneel before us or call us princesses any more."

"... Even if there is no country nor Royal Family I don't care. For me you are the Princesses."

Naminissa and Narelina seem troubled by Runo-san's words but somehow a happy smile appears on their faces.

Afterwards we joined the knights in their preparations to welcome us, Sarona, Haosui and Kagane were to collect firewood nearby, Tata and Mao went to help with the cooking and Naminissa and Narelina went to discuss something with Runo-san. Because it turned out like this, Freud and I were left with nothing to

do so we went to help in setting a place to eat. Meru as always was on top of my head giving a carefree yawn.

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T/N: I'm not sure if that really happened but that's what the raw said, if anyone remembers please tell me... that is one of the problems of releasing one chapter every fortnight.

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## Chapter 172: The destination of the Knights

I was in the middle of helping setting the table when Naminissa called out to me, so I entrusted what I had in my hands to Freud and went to where the princesses were. In that place were Naminissa, Narelina, Runo-san and the other two officers around a bonfire, and I got seated between Naminissa and Narelina for some reason and continuing their talk, Runo-san and the officers told us why they were here.

According to Runo-san's story, when the Royal Family of Mabondo left the country, countless of knights and citizens decided to leave with them, but there were some others that had lingering feelings for they places so there were some citizens that didn't went with them. So they stayed behind for those citizens but the rule of the Flebondo Royal Family was so cruel that those citizens were suffering greatly. Finaly those citizens were unable to keep living there so they too decided to leave so we left at the same time with them and escort them to where the Mabondo Royal Family was and after some days they left on a journey. By the way, according to Runo-san, the Royal Couple was in a port city not far from the Imperial Capital we are heading to.

"It seems that the motherland is in an even more difficult state than I thought... By the way, why didn't you stay in the same place as Otou-sama?"

"Yeah, Father wouldn't have minded you staying, on the contrary he would have welcome you."

"That's right... he certainly welcomed us but, looking at the Royal Couple giving their best in a new land, we also had the feeling of starting anew in some new place... besides I'm already an old knight. In Givirio-sama's place there are already many young knights and citizens that will carry on to the next era so it will be fine, but I thought that there might be some other country that still has a need for a knight this old so I recruited some brave warriors and this is how we got here. This has also been aproved by your father Givirio-sama."

As he said that, Runo-san turns to look to his knights.

"Is just that we haven't decide of a place to go so that has become the cause of unrest."

Being said that we smile bitterly. I see, he is looking for a place to spent the rest of his life and now is on the middle of that journey.

Now that I think about it, when we left we did it in such a rush that we weren't able to meet these girls parents but they seem to be doing fine... I wonder if the girls older brother Navirio and my friend Orlando are doing fine... Thinking about them made me want to meet them... and my thoughts went astray. I suddenly turn to look at both sides and find Naminissa and Narelina pondering if there is nothing we can do about it. I turn my face to Runo-san to confirm something.

“Can I ask you one thing?”

“You can ask me anything, Wazu-dono.”

Are? Did I introduce myself?

“Don't make such a bewildered face. I just simply heard it from the Princesses. They joyfully told me that you are their future husband and that the ladies accompanying you are like them your future wives.”

I turn to look to both of them and they make bashful faces with faint tinges of red so for the time being I pat both their heads, and they don't seem to mind at all because I can see them become dere.

“My word... I know the Princesses since they were born but it's my first time seeing them make such a bashful face.”

“Wha...!”

“Hahaha! Please don't get so flustered. In fact that makes this old man happy!”

It seems that Runo-san has been serving the Mabondo Family for many years now. And I can feel from their interaction that the girls trust him a lot. He doesn't seem to be a bad person. The knights around them also are smiling from seeing their actions. One of the knights besides Runo-san told him jokingly “If you tease them too much they'll come to hate you...” so Runo-san broke into a loud laugh.

“... By the by, you were going to ask me something.”

Runo-san stopped laughing and turned to look at me.

U~m... at first I was trying to ask something but, with his previous actions I can

tell what kind of person he is, and he for sure must be a good person from all the people that are following him...

He has been serving the Royal Family for many years so his abilities with the sword must be good... wait a moment... he said that they hadn't decide their destination, right...?

"Uhm... Do you have something in mind in respect to your destination?"

"No, nothing at all. Just that we can stay forever in here so we are discussing for some close country or city to go to."

... So they have yet to come to a consensus... if that is so...

"To be honest, I just know the perfect country for you to go to but, would you be willing to go?"

"Ho. What place is that?"

"Let's see, to put it simply, it's a country that has just been formed so they have a real lack of helping hands. By the way, they are in an alliance with the Beastpeople Country."

"Is that so... It has just been formed... then they still lack a proper structure... furthermore they have an alliance with the Beastpeople Country... sounds interesting... I've yet to try myself against a beastperson..."

Runo-san seems content as he is grinning. He reacted particularly to the part of the alliance with the Beastpeople Country. Ahh I got it, this person is a battle freak. Probably if he goes there he will not lack partners to fight if he were to express his desire to fight. Did I chose the wrong person? But it is true that they lack helping hands, and they also lack knights and soldiers that can be relied on so...

"Where is that country?"

Amusedly, Runo-san ask me that. His facial expression is like that of a child being excited just before getting his hand on a new toy. Well, who cares. I'm sure that Grave-san will handle it just fine.

And thus I tell Runo-san about Grave-san. He also asked me to write him a letter of introduction and so did the girls so I wrote it.

It'll be good if I can help Grave-san's country even if a little...

## Chapter 173: The heart of the child is unknown to the parents

Later we reunited with everyone and started eating together, Runo-san started secretly telling me stories about when Naminissa and Narelina were younger but, those two got wind of it and it had to be stopped. Such a pity, it was entertaining to hear stories about when the two of them liked to play pranks on their older brother Navirio. And like that we stayed one night in here. We wanted to also stay up guarding in turns but the knights refused. Well it will be alright because they are knights so we slept soundly.

And the next day we started moving. Getting out of the forest is a town nearby but to get there would take some days so I looked for Runo-san many times in the middle of our journey in order to hear more stories about the Princesses but they would always appear out of nowhere and would interrupt us. Come on, it's okay to being interesting in your old stories...

Like that we stayed one night in the town and parted with the knights in that town. It seems that the knights will head to Grave-san's country from here on. Besides me Naminissa and Narelina also wrote some introductory letters for the knights, but while mine was addressed to Grave-san, the girl's letters were addressed to Grave-san's wives. We exchanged farewells with the knights at the entrance of the town and headed towards the Imperial Capital.

In our way to the Imperial Capital on the main road, we entered a small forest and a man appeared in order to interrupt our advance.

"Fuu... Finally this day has come... That day I was unable to display the might of my swordsmanship by correspondence..."

... Mh? Even if you tell us that... I seem to remember that blue haired young man from somewhere... Blue hair? And that face... Swordsmanship by correspondence?

"AH! I remember you!! The bandit candidate that was being cheered by his family!!"

"Forget about that!!"

Is that something delicate to touch? He yelled with all his might. Might be, seeing him all embarrassed and red-faced. For the time being I ask everyone to wait for me and confront Blue-san. It seems that they are already used to it because they took a rest and Freud took out of who-knows-where some black tea and started to serve everyone. Are? Seeing that scene he looks like a proper butler but I wonder why when he treats me I can't see him like a butler at all...?

"I gave my family the slip!! They aren't here any more! Now we can cross swords to our hearts content!!"

"And now this time..."

I look behind Blue-san who is in high spirits to confirm and effectively his family was nowhere to be seen... His family was nowhere to be seen but... For some reason I could see a woman hidden in the shadow of the trees. Her hair was green as the foliage and her facial features were cute. She was looking over to us, or more precisely, she was giving worried looks at Blue-san.

"... Excuse me... Who is that lady hiding in the shadow of the trees?"

Blue-san's expression changes suddenly with my words. Blue-san stops his movements in order to check behind him and Green-san covers her face in embarrassment.

"Why are you here?"

Blue-san raises a surprised question. Green-san jumps from hearing Blue-san's voice and timidly shows herself. It seems that Blue-san was unaware that Green-san was there.

"... Because I was worried... that you might get hurt..."

"I'm okay!! Even if I look like this, I'm strong!!"

Nope, you don't look that strong...

"Em? First let me ask who she might be?"

I ask that and Blue-san turns over here and bashfully says...

"Well... she is my woman."

Wow, Blue-san's woman? Is that so? Is she going to become his wife in the future? Green-san gets happily shy at hearing Blue-san's answer and when she

enters my field of vision, she makes a little bow.

“... In other words, you had your girlfriend cheer for you this time instead of your family.”

“...”

When I point out that, Blue-san becomes troubled. Well of course he would, she would like to show his cool side to his girlfriend but he could get the tables unsightly turned. So he might not want her to see that. Well 8 or 9 out of 10 times it would be like that. If I were still by myself up until now, I would have acted like that out of jealousy, but now I have the girls with me so that won't happen. In fact I'm actually looking for a way out of this... And while I was thinking that, a life boat came from an unexpected place.

“E-Excuse me.”

Green-san timidly started talking to me. Blue-san and I were wondering what could it be while we waited for her to continue.

“A-Actually... I didn't come alone... to cheer for him... I called them too.”

And along with Green-san's words, many people came out from some trees nearby. It was Blue-san's family that I met that time.

“Hang in there!!”

“My son's triumphant look, Woooh!”

“Be careful not to get hurt!”

“Fight!”

“You are my proud grandson!”

“It's okay even if you want to run!!”

They lined up. Nice judgement, Green-san.

But it didn't end there.

“Ohh! Is that son-in-law?!”

“What a masculine face.”

“You caught a nice one, Onee-chan!!”

It seems that Green-san's family also came to cheer him. Both families exchange greetings and the parents exchange handshakes and then look at

Blue-san with expectant eyes. Meanwhile, Blue-san's condition was...

“ ... ”

He was sweating profusely and grabbing his stomach. I get you. You got a stomach ache out of nervousness.

“””Hang *In* There! Hang *In* There!!”””

That's the families joint cheer. Seeing Blue-san grabbing his stomach I kind of want to tell them to please stop. But even though I don't want him to lose, I really don't want to fight with him either...

And while I was looking at Blue-san, he took one hand off from his stomach and tremblingly pointed a finger at me.

“I... I'll remember this!!”

And along with those words, Blue-san ran to the forest.

“After him!”

“””Yeah!!”””

Afterwards Green-san and all the family chased after him. I would really like if you showed up after you resolved your problem with your family. I'm willing to wait until then. Blue-san also told me he will remember this.

And we continue towards the Imperial Capital acting as if nothing happened.

## Chapter 174: Imperial Capital Iscoa

In front of me is the most famous and biggest castle and the largest castle town in the continent. That castle and castle town were protected by a huge wall and the entrance gate to the Imperial Capital was a long queue.

### Imperial Capital Iscoa

There is a reason for the country ruled by the Iscoa Royal Family being the most famous and the most populated one. It was located in the south of the continent where it became the trading center and thus various people came and went in great quantities from the Imperial Capital so it obviously became populated, and furthermore, the Hero that defeated the Demon Lord lives here. Of course he is the number one person I don't want to meet but, in order to meet Aria I have to resolve myself to meet him. He won't come attacking me all of a sudden, right? I don't know what kind of person he is so I should stay vigilant... not that he could beat me.

First I need to meet Aria, everything comes after that.

While thinking that we get in the line to enter the Imperial Capital when I felt someone glancing at me, so I turn around and see the girls giving me serious looks.

"We finally came."

"Yes, finally..."

"Time to defeat the incarnation of evil."

"I'm itching to put my skills into use."

"... Destroy."

"Just you wait, you sow!!"

"Can I go violent? Can I? Can I?"

... Eh? You want to kill? We came to kill Aria? That's wrong, right? We came to talk to her, right? Or, am I mistaken? No, no, I'm not... right?

""""Just kidding.""""

They were leaking killing attempt up until just a moment but now they look at

me with a smile as if nothing happened, and in unison they say it's just a joke. It seems I was nervous without even noticing but now I relax a little bit thanks to their words. Thinking that they did that just for me makes me love them even more.

I gather them in a circle and hug them tightly.

"... Thanks... I fell in love with you all over again."

I express myself honestly and see them looking back at me while smiling happily. I'm also happy because of that.

That's why I believe that their killing attempt from before was just my imagination...

Not long after, our turn comes so we show our guild cards and are allowed to enter without a problem.

"... Let's see... First I want to go back to my house and apologize to my parents for leaving like that. I also want my mom's cooking after a while."

I stretch myself while saying that but for some reason Kagane says to me 'Stop!'.

"O-Onii-chan!! You can do that any time!! L-Let's first find the so... Aria!! No, before that we need to have lunch! I'm sure everyone is hungry! It's been two years and a half since you left here!! The Imperial Capital has many new shops, and many new delicious foods!! I'll get you to one I recommend so let's eat first!!" "Mh~ That's fine too I think... I've been away from the capital for quite a while so it's to be expected that the townscape would change... It can also work as the girls' tour so let's first eat in the shop Kagane recommends."

I check with everyone and they all nod saying that they don't mind.

"... Ha... That was dangerous... What do I do? I forgot that I left it like that... If someone were to use..."

"Kagane! What happened? Do you hurt somewhere?"

I was trying to move forward here now when I notice Kagane murmuring something so I call out to her and her body jumps for a moment. What happened? Was she really hurting somewhere? Worried I tried to go where she

was but before that Kagane turned to me and smiled as if saying nothing happened.

“There’s nothing wrong Onii-chan!! Let’s go to the store I recomend! It’s this way! Come on, come on!!”

And like that, with Kagane in the lead we went to that store. I tilted my head to the side, said ‘Oh well.’ and followed after them.

The place where Kagane led us was in the capital’s main street and it wouldn’t be an exaggeration to say that it was the best district around. It seems to be a store that operates as a restaurant in the day and as a bar in the night. The facade was impressive too and it seemed that it was a store favoured by women because we took a peek from outside and saw many women customers inside. It certainly seems like a popular store but will we be able to get in? While I was thinking that, Kagane slipped in and talked something with an employee and in an instant, all the employees prepared our seats for us outside and showed us in.

“Uhm... Is this okay?”

While I seated, I asked Kagane if this was okay.

“You don’t have to worry, because the owner of this shop is me! Or to be precise, my company is managing this shop.”

How wide have you spread to... I’ll just take pride in my sister...

Afterwards, lots of dishes were brought to our table and we ate them all. Pudin is so delicious.

While we were being carefreely eating, suddenly the street in front got boisterous. What could it be? We all turn our looks outside and it seemed that the ruckus was caused by a single woman that was walking over here...

## Chapter 175: Aria?

The woman coming over stopped right in front of me and gave me a look of contempt. The woman had a hair as blue as the sky and although she gave me scornful looks, her blue eyes before were full of kindness, with a face that everyone would say it's beautiful and her well proportioned body was covered in a cleric's robe. Before I was able to say something to her, she threw me some words.

"It has been a while Wazu. About two years? I immediately knew it was you by your ordinary face. Who would have thought that we would reunite in the Imperial Capital. And Naminissa being here means that you got my message and came over. Well it doesn't matter if we met or not. What I want to tell Wazu is really simple. We promised when we were young to get married but, let's just forget about that. I'll be married with Hero-sama and will be happy. I don't want you to be hanged on a verbal promise and have you lurking around me so let me be clear right now, don't appear in front of me ever again. Haa~ I feel relieved now. I would be troubled if you were to trouble me later over this so I had to tell you clearly. A weight has been lifted from my chest. I can now marry Hero-sama. I don't need nor want your answer, just don't get involved with me anymore."

She ranted all this in one breath and her eyes returned to their kind shape.

"Then, have a good day and farewell..."

She added that, turned around and left. During that time we were left flabbergasted but suddenly, everyone besides Freud and me stood up from their seats and gave a killing intent that I hadn't felt before. Mh? What's up girls?

"What's with that woman?! Blue hair and blue eyes, is that Aria?! I thought that she appeared suddenly and she came babbling like that!! I won't forgive her!! I'll cut her to pieces with my short sword right now!!"

"... Fufufu... fufufu... If it is to that person, I don't have to refrain myself and can exert all of my power on her... What should I do... Should I crush her with my

barrier... Or should I instead cut her into pieces with my favourite knife..."

"It saddens me to have to kill a friend like this... But Aria is the one in the wrong so it cannot be helped... To talk like that to our Wazu... Do not expect me to go easy on you... As your friend, I will be sure to send you to hell..."

"Well now... I was thinking of trying to kill someone with the sword that Wazu gave me... And just the right enemy appeared, I should also test the armour and confront her with all I got."

"... I'll kill her... Even if I have to exterminate everyone in this capital I'll kill her... I'll show her... What it means to make an enemy out of us... I'll make her taste it with her whole body..."

"You pig!! PIG!! I'll kill you!! I'll brutally kill you!! I'll burn you with my whole magic power!! I'll freeze you and smash you into pieces!! I'll mince you to bits with my wind!! I'll crush you with rocks!! I won't leave even a speck of dust of you in this world!!"

"The nerve to talk to Otto-dono like that!! I'll drag you through all the city!! Even if you ask for forgiveness I will not grant you so!! I'll make you repent what you did!! I'll tear your entrails the most gruesome way possible!!"

""""""""I'll kill her!""""""""

... You're scary!! Eh? Why are you girls getting so vicious"

Or rather...

"Who was that now? Do you know her?"

When I ask that, everyones murderous eyes turn to me.

""""""""What do you mean who?! That's Aria!""""""""

And all of them said that in unison.

"Eh? No she isn't. She certainly looks like her but she isn't Aria."

When I say that, the murderous feeling around the girls disperses and instead they get dumbfounded faces, and then Naminissa asks me.

"... Eh? That was not Aria?"

"Yup."

“No but, she has the same face as the Aria that we met that time in the Guildmaster room. Besides, Wazu-sama has not met Aria for the last two years, would it not be that after she grew a little, you do not recognize her anymore?”

“That could be true. Aria might have that face now. But that woman wasn’t Aria. I can’t explain it well but I can tell that she is not Aria.”

Seeing me having so much confidence, the girls got a little away from me and got into a circle and started whispering between them.

“Why can he be so sure?”

“Why would it be... It makes me frustrated...”

“But Wazu-sama said that she was not Aria.”

“Then that must be the truth.”

“... I feel like I lost.”

“Guh... I can feel Onii-chan and that sow’s connection... not!”

“Is it that there’s something that only Otto-dono understands...?”

“Ooi, I can hear you! There is no meaning in forming a circle!”

When I call out to the girls in their circle, they return to me a bitter smile.

“It seems that you are concerned with the bit only I understood but, even if people impersonating you would appear, I’m confident that I would be able to easily tell them apart.”

The girls feeling happy and with tinges of red in their faces start to fidget embarrassedly after hearing what I said. But suddenly Naminissa’s appearance stiffens as if realising something.

“Nevertheless that woman spoke to Wazu-sama like that and cannot be forgiven.”

Everyone else agrees from the bottom of their hearts and nod in agreement. I also recall those words directed to me.

“Mhh~ Now that I think about it, doesn’t bother me anymore... It might be that. I now have you all by my side.”

When I tell them what I think, the girls give broad smiles and come to hug me tightly. Wait!! We are in public!! People are looking at us!! Let’s be moderate!!

