

Sono mono. Nochi ni...

(That Person. Later on...)

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Chapter 176 – A stressful work

“Let’s see, I’m wondering... where would Aria be?”

I have no idea where Aria would be. Would she be in her parents’ house? Or would she be in the church dedicated to the Goddess? Or else would she be in the castle with the Hero Party? We all put our thoughts in but came to nothing conclusive. It seems we would have to look for her gradually.

We were about to reach for a conclusion when Naminissa proposed something.

“How about going to the Adventurer’s Guild? That time they said that if we knew something about the black robed man we should tell the guild, and conversely we could be able to know her whereabouts from the Adventurer’s Guild.”

Fumu... That could be a possibility... And we don’t have a destination so from where we start searching is all the same...

“Then let’s do that. Let’s go to the Adventurer’s Guild to inquiry.”

And after saying that I realized something.

“... Kagane.”

“Mh? What is it Onii-chan?”

“Where is the Adventurer’s Guild?”

“Right, I’ll take us there. Before that, let me pay the bill so wait a bit.”

After saying that she goes to the inside of the shop and calls for an employee. Well I was going to pay the bill but her movements are fast...

When I was living in the Imperial Capital I never thought of becoming an adventurer so I never looked for where the guild would be... Haa...

When Kagane returned from paying the bill I knew that I would be rejected if I tried to pay her back so I forcefully gave her the money and had her show us to the Adventurer’s Guild.

The Iscoa Imperial Capital’s Adventurer’s Guild was... how to say it... huge.

It had five floors and widthwise it could fit three normal houses, the front door was gorgeously constructed and the walls looked new.

“... Kagane, was this kind of building in the capital before? I don't remember seeing it before...”

“Of course you don't. After you left it was remodeled. As a sign of good will towards the guild of the Hero that defeated the demon lord, the Royal Family gave money to make it this gorgeous... Seriously, if you have that kind of money it would be better invested otherwise... Well, it is true that due to the influence of the Hero, a lot of adventurers have concentrated here.”

He has even influence in this kind of things... I see that defeating the demon lord is something amazing... Although I have defeated various guys of similar importance... Well, who cares.

Nothing would come out of staying dumbfounded in here so we entered the guild.

The interior of the guild was also gorgeous. The chandelier that illuminated the interior was of exquisite craftsmanship, the request board was huge, a fully equipped dinner table the size of a whole house, and in there were people that looked like adventurers drinking since noon. When I thought those adventurers were giving us weird looks, I realized that they were giving me murderous looks. Even if I wondered why, just by looking behind I could understand why. It's because the appearance of the girls is top level. Because I don't enjoy those looks I thought of finishing our business quickly so I headed to the equally gorgeous reception counter.

The reception looked so gorgeous that I wanted to ask from what luxury hotel did they get it from but I contained myself and lined in the queue for the reception counter. The few people in front of me are all bringing in their hands a request sheet to take those request so I think it won't take long.

The people in front of me swiftly disappear and it becomes my turn to stand in front of the reception desk. The lady receptionist was, as to be expected from a guild, a gentle-mannered beautiful woman.

“Excuse me, I want to inquire something.”

“Yes, what could it be?”

Her attitude felt like a mirror that doesn't destroy a smile. I showed my guild card and continued talking.

"I want to know the whereabouts of the Holy Woman Aria."

The moment I said that, the receptionist let out a blunt sigh and gave me a bothersome look.

"... Good gief, again... there are always these people... haa..."

She sighed again.

"Listen well, this is the Adventurer's Guild, not the missing person office. Furthermore you are looking for the Holy Woman, lots of people like you come here for the same, is annoying. Besides, do you think that I would tell some unknown person like you where she is? Or are you a famous person? If you came here is because you are an adventurer, right? What is your rank? A-rank? B-rank?"

"... Yes... I'm an F-rank adventurer."

I show my guild card to prove myself and the receptionist becomes astonished from the 'F' letter written on it.

"F-rank? F-rank?! An amateur underling has the nerve to ask that? Don't you know shame? Normally we wouldn't tell the whereabouts of any person, but now an F-rank is looking for the Holy Woman?! What? Are you saying that you are that famous? Your own strength is insufficient so are you looking for the help of the Holy Woman? How much can one ignore from the ways of society? Do you think you look cute with a plush toy of a dragon on your head? You are just a mediocre person!!"

"There's nothing but this kind of person lately! If you are an adventurer, then go on an adventure!"

She threw back my guild card and when I caught it I felt my heart break a little.

I'm sure that she has been asked this time after time and she piled up stress to the point of explode... and I was just unfortunate enough to be the one she exploded at... let's think that's it... I hope that's it... I feel like crying...

I leave the line and helplessly return to where the girls are. Around the girls there are a lot of male adventurers lying down for some reason.

“... What happened?”

It seems that when I got away from the girls, some adventurers tried to call out to them, at the beginning they politely refused and then they tried to make the girls obey by force and when someone grabbed Mao by the arm, she yelled ‘The only one that can touch me is Otto-dono!!’ with passion and the other girls got riled up too, so in a flash, they knocked them down. Well... If I was there at the moment I would have done the same thing so I can’t criticize them.

When they asked me if I got to learn where Aria was, I just told them that it was not possible. If I tell them what really happened the girls would get angry... After I said that, Haosui took a step forwards.

“... Then I’ll go.”

And before I was able to stop her she went towards the receptionist. We followed her with our eyes and saw Haosui exchanging some words with the receptionist, she took out her guild card and showed it to her. When she saw it she stood up quickly and answered all of Haosui’s questions. Now that I think about it, Haosui is a Hero and an S-rank adventurer. Of course her attitude towards her would be different from me... Haa...

Soon afterwards Haosui came back and told us that Aria probably was in a mansion that was in the edge of the Noble District.

... Haa... Shall we go...?

Feeling my disparity as an adventurer, I dropped my shoulders and left the guild.

Chapter 177 – The one inside the mansion

Haosui heard from the receptionist some info of where Aria might be, so once again being led by Kagane we headed to the mansion that is in the outskirts of the noble's district. I walk in the front and while following Kagane, I drop my shoulders and let out a sigh.

I'm still depressed from what the receptionist said... She didn't have to go that far... for starters, Meru is the real deal and I'm the most aware of the ordinariness of my face... ugh...

I tell my self that I can't keep being like this so I slap twice my cheeks and change gears. We might meet Aria in a moment. I told the girls that I might flee so I asked them to hold me down if I were to do that. But now that I think it through, the place that Aria is might be also the place where the Hero party is, right? Don't wanna... I don't want to meet Hero-sama... Can't we make it so that I talk with just Aria?

No matter how much I think I can't come up with a good idea and while thinking that, we start seeing the place of our destination. While we get close we take a peek inside and discover an ordinary two-story mansion with a small garden. But even if it's in the Noble's District, there is nobody guarding the entrance, in the garden the only tree is wilting and it's full of weed, the windows are blocked with wood planks probably so that the interior doesn't get burned by the sun, and we can't look inside. No matter how you look at it, it's not a place where people live. Is Aria really here?

While we were dubiously looking the mansion, we saw the door open a little. Is people actually inside? I see, they might be here because a request. If that's so, let's check the inside just in case...

Rather, is it okay for us to just go inside? While I was thinking that...

"... There's no problem, nobody lives here. It's just that sometimes you can see people inside so they call it a haunted mansion or so the person in the guild told me. I also got permission to enter."

Haosui told me that. What about a haunted mansion?! That's the first time I

hear that! Wait a minute... If there really is a ghost, would our attacks work on it...? That unsettles me... if it comes to it I'll just use deification and erase it...

When I turn to check on the girls, they all look calm. Eh? Are you not afraid? It's a ghost you know? A ghost. When I tell them that they answer that they are not afraid... They are so strong... Haa... I look foolish for being scared... No I'm not afraid!! If I say I'm not afraid then I'm not afraid!!

I confirm with everyone else with one word and we all go inside the mansion.

The inside seems to be cleaned periodically because I can't see any dust accumulating in the floor... Freud slithers to the desk besides the entrance and traces his finger on its surface and says '...fumu' after checking it. I kind of want to ask him who does he thinks he is.

Nothing will come from us being standing here so we decided to explore the inside of the mansion.

"I'll look on the first floor so you girls..."

""""Will come with you!""""

"... Eh?"

Why? That's inefficient.

"You told us Wazu-san,"

"To not let you run away when you meet Aria-san."

"But if we were to move separately,"

"And you were to suddenly bump onto Aria,"

"... We would be unable to catch Danna-sama."

"And so we will move together forever!"

"Yes. In sickness and in health."

In sickness and in health has nothing to do with it right now... But from their eyes I can see how serious they are.

"... Leaving aside for now the thing about 'in sickness and in health'... It's true that if I were to meet with Aria alone I would run away without a doubt... Fine, let's move together."

Because is evident that I would flee if I were to be alone, we decided to move together.

We started by exploring the first floor first.

“Before we start searching... It would defeat the purpose of us coming here if we were to pass by Aria while we are searching the inside so I think someone has to stay in the entrance door just in case.”

When I say that, the girls give me an unpleasant look. It seems that they all want to go with me. I'm glad you feel like that and I also want to look with all of you but I really think someone has to stay here. While I was pondering what to do, a hand rises from behind the girls.

“Then I shall remain.”

Freud takes the initiative to stay behind. Let's take him upon his offer.

Freud... I won't forget you...

“Wazu-sama, I'm still alive.”

I can't hear you~~

I bowed to Freud for the time being in gratitude for staying here and started exploring the first floor with the girls.

The first floor had a dining room and a living and more stuff to entertain people but after looking in the whole floor, let alone Aria, we found nobody. In our exploration we also searched the floor but it seems that there is no basement so we moved to the second floor.

The second floor, unlike the first floor, is where people live and it has many rooms. The people that lived here seemed to like reading as there are a lot of bookshelves left. Well there are just the shelves left...

And the only room left to search is the one in the corner of the second floor. If you think about the owner of the mansion it might be a study... We haven't met anyone up until here so if there is someone in this mansion should be here... It might also be that the door of the mansion opened on itself...

I make up my mind, open the door and get inside.

“Ya! You finally came, I got tired of waiting.”

Inside there was no furniture, just a desk and a person sitting on that desk was giving an innocent smile towards us.

That guy was wearing all blacks, and was covering his face with a hood... it was the man that send Meru towards Haosui's place.

Chapter 178 – Our conversation with that person

“For the time being let me congratulate you!! You finally came to the Imperial Capital! I wanted to meet you!”

The man dressed in all black was clapping towards us, I immediately threw him a punch.

But my fist stopped 1 cm before him. I couldn't go any further.

“Hahaha, it's no use!! You can't injure me!!”

“Guh... Why can't I get through?”

I gritted my teeth and put all my force in but I was unable to move any further. The man looked at me and without changing his smile continued talking.

“Because in this room I put a “No damage barrier”.

... No damage barrier? I jumped backwards from there and got together with the girls. When I look to see what the girls are doing, Naminissa, Narelina and Haosui, who have met him are glaring at him and Sarona, Tata, Kagane and Mao have faces that ask ‘Who is him?’. Haosui was the most affected one by him so I try to soothe her. Meru is also looking at the man while slightly growling.

After I lightly explain the girls what happened, I ask Naminissa.

“Naminissa, do you know the ‘No damage barrier’?”

“No damage barrier? If I'm correct, it's a barrier where any attack becomes nullified, that applies also to the other party so it's mostly used in peace talks between countries... You need a magic item to be able to cast it...”

No matter where I look, I can't see something like that. So that means that he cast it by himself...? I turn to look at the man but as always he has a smile on his face and lifts his chin up as if to look down on us.

“Hahaha, that's right, that's almost right actually! This ‘No damage barrier’ makes it impossible for a ‘person’ to hurt another ‘person’ so as long as you are a ‘person’ you won't get hurt.” (T/N: ‘Person’ as in ‘human’.)

He gave us an explanation... Is this guy stupid? He is giving us an explanation of this to us who are clearly hostile to him... But why did he stressed so much the 'person' part?

"Eh? You still don't get it? That means that as long as you are a 'person' you would be unable to hurt me. As long as you are a 'person' that is."

This bastard... I get what he is trying to say. In other words, as long as your race is marked as 'human' (T/L: 'Person') you would be unable to do anything. That means that this bastard knows about my deification... Did he saw me somewhere fighting?

But as long as he is in my view it doesn't matter. If I do him in, is the same as him not knowing. Let's stay prepared to activate deification when needed.

"You don't have to be so guarded. The other day I was running short on time so this time I want to talk with you at ease."

"I have nothing to talk to you. If you still have that sphere then hand it over to me. I'll break them all."

"That would be a problem... Or that's what I want to say but I have only one red ball and one black ball left... what should I do~?"

This bastard... That's it... I'll use deification and leave him powerless...

"Don't be so hasty!!"

The man puts his hand in front as to stop me. I've been thinking that he seems to perceive my movements and it's disgusting.

"You have some business with 'her', right?"

The man snaps his fingers and from behind him a single woman appears.

"Aria!!"

Naminissa raises her voice and tries to run to her but...

"... She's not her. She is the impostor we met earlier."

I deny her calmly. Maybe due to my voice being calm, Naminissa stops her feet and I grab her by her arm and pull her behind me.

"Ehh... You really can tell... That's surprising!! Not me, the hero or anybody

was able to tell... Is this the power of love?"

I wonder...

Fake Aria shows a thin smile and answers the man's question.

"Yes, that's it. I was surprised too... as to be expected..."

I was unable to hear the last part but Fake Aria leans towards the man.

"... Did you wanted to make sure of that?"

"No, no, I said this from the beginning, didn't I. I wanted to meet you! I wanted to talk with you where nobody could bother us. I also had other things to do so I wasn't that free so I waited for you here. That's why the moment you entered the Imperial Capital, I gave the Adventurer's Guild the information that this Fake Aria was in here. I thought that you would certainly go ask the Adventurer's guild first. But while I was investigating, something surprising came up! Who would have thought that you knew the Hero party's Holy Woman Aria!! Ah, don't worry, I have some presents for you!!"

I don't know if it's his way of talking or his existence itself that gives me unpleasant feelings... As if he is someone I don't want to recognize... Or get involved with...

"... And, what do you want to talk with me?"

"Before that I have to properly introduce myself. I'll talk about the important part afterwards... Are? Or shouldn't I? Well, who cares! Nice to meet you... or probably It has been a while? Who cares too! My name is Shiro. The origin of my name is because this hair."

As he says that, the man calling himself Shiro lowers his hood and from inside comes out a hair white (T/L: You already probably know but 'shiro' 「白」 means white) as snow with some black at the ends and we can see a face of an innocent cute child.

"Ah, you don't need to introduce yourself, I looked you up... It's not like we are strangers now so I call you Wazu-kun!! I mean, after all we are twins, Wazu-kun!!"

W-WHAAAAAAT!!

“Just kidding!”

I want to hit this bastard so hard. I was about to go question my parents.

“And?! Did I surprise you?! Did I scare you?!”

Asked Shiro sensing my restlessness.

“Ah that was fun. But now with the serious talk... Wazu-kun and I are ‘counterfeit beings’.”

‘Counterfeit beings’?

Chapter 179 – If you are coming, let us know first

“What do you mean with ‘Counterfeit beings’?”

I ask Shiro who is sitting in the desk while facing against him and his harmless smile deepens even more and happily answers me.

“Of course I will tell you, that’s why I’ve been waiting for you here. But before that, let her introduce herself to you.”

With Shiro’s words, Fake Aria that is leaning against him stands up, turns to me, takes a step forward and while standing before Shiro, her body gets covered in a black light.

I get dazzled by that light but when my view returns I see that Shiro is still sitting in the desk but the Fake Aria that was in front of him is nowhere to be seen. In her stead was a woman with a hair so black that looked like from a painting that reached the floor and with beautiful features but from her eyes I can feel cruelty and coldness. Her well proportioned body was covered by a black dress. Is just that from that woman I can’t feel a ‘human’ presence, if I were to say, her presence feels close to that of the Goddesses.

The woman elegantly bows towards us.

“Nice to meet you in this form... I’m one of the pillars who is called the Goddess of Darkness.”

Darkness... That’s why she had a presence similar to the Goddesses. I’m fine from just feeling her presence but when I turn to look at the girls behind me are pursing their lips as if to endure something and they seem unable to move by themselves. They seem to be trembling. They must fear the Goddess of Darkness of whom they know nothing. For the time being let’s confirm it while I feel relieved from seeing they are okay.

... The only one that’s able to move right now is me so I have to protect the girls...

I put myself in front of the girls to cover them and turn to look again to Shiro and the Goddess of Darkness.

“... I understand that you are the real deal from your presence... That means that you are the same kind of being as the Goddesses, ri... ght... eh?”

The moment I said that she was the same kind of being the Goddess of Darkness hangs her head down and starts to tremble as if enduring something. And somehow, from the Goddess of Darkness a black aura starts to rise up... I don't know why she got like this and wondering what should I do, I turn my face towards Shiro, and sensing my look, Shiro makes a troubled face and gives a defeated smile.

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... Mh? Just now, I heard something breaking...

“Bastard!! Don't lump me together with those brats!!”

The bellow of the Goddess of Darkness reverberates. From her face dyed in rage and her blood-curdling expression I realize something...

Ah, I stepped on a landmine...

“That Goddess of Light is nothing but gluttonous yet she has her own religion! That Goddess of Earth acts motherly but actually is an extreme masochist! That Goddess of War claims to rule over war but can't fight herself! That Goddess of Sea has a heart as wide as the sea? Ha! Is as narrow as a little pond! That Goddess of the Sky has the most power but doesn't lift a finger! Don't say that I'm the same kind of being as those little girls!! In the first place, our births are different and I have live longer than them!!”

Ehh... I didn't say that. Or rather, the Goddess was actually the Goddess of Light... and there is also a Goddess of the Sky whom I haven't met... For you to get this angry, how much do you hate them...?

While I was being perplexed by the transformation of the Goddess of Darkness, from my breast pocket my guild card suddenly flies out and starts to emit light.

Kaaaaaa!

The room gets bathed in a warm light and I see the Goddess standing putting on airs while grabbing between her fingers my guild card... no wait, she is the

Goddess of Light. I'm facing the back of the Goddess of Light so I can see her expression but I can see that the Goddess of Darkness has an even darker expression... The girls were released from the pressure of the presence of the Goddess of Darkness but with the appearance of another Goddess, they humbled themselves and were still unable to move.

“... Uhm... Goddess?”

I timidly call out to her and the Goddess of Light turns to me and giving me her best smile returns to me my guild card.

“Wazu-san... Wait a little bit! I'll just dispose of that trash that knows to only put on years really quick... afterwards let's make out.”

After saying that, the Goddess of Light turns once again to face the Goddess of Darkness.

“I was listening in silence but you are still the same, right? OLD LADY, have you prepared yourself?”

“Just at the right moment! You bratty little girl!! Let's see if you have the guts!!”

The Goddess of Light and the Goddess of Darkness slowly get closer.

“Ohh, Ohh, Ohh!!”

“Ohh, Ohh, Ohh!!”

Two of the pillar goddesses wrinkle their brow and get even closer, and even when they are 1 cm apart, they continue glaring at each other.

“I'll end your life right here, right now!!” (T/L: Life written as 'divine life' 「神生」 in contrast to 'human life' 「人生」)

“I want to see you try!!”

I thought their stand-off would continue but they threw a powerful right punch at each other but they stopped the others punch with their left hand and got grappled like that.

“Fugigigigigi...!!”

“Fugugugugugu...!!”

Seeing them competing with equal force I thought something.

As I see this ugly fight, I get worried... Is the world going to be okay with this

kind of Goddesses?

While I was thinking that I suddenly cross looks with Shiro... Nothing will come out from looking the hideous fight of the Goddesses so I'll continue my talk with this guy...

The thing about the 'Counterfeit Beings' bugs me a little...

Chapter 180 – “Counterfeit Beings”

I move towards Shiro while looking at the Goddesses fight.

I feel from Shiro that he is from the human race so, since we are inside the ‘No Damage Barrier’ there will be no fighting.

As I was walking beside the Goddesses fight I hear “Gugigig...” Excuse me, I’m about to have an important talk with Shiro so could you be quiet for a moment? I don’t mind you fighting but keep it down as to not being a bother to us.

I get close to Shiro, fold my arms and ask him.

“And? What do you mean that we are ‘Counterfeit beings’?”

When I ask that, Shiro gives me a happy face.

“Right, the Goddesses seem to be busy so let’s continue our talk. That time I thought that Wazu-kun was just a really powerful human being but after I investigated a little more I realized that we were similar beings. Although there is some enmity between us, it’s still interesting!”

“Similar beings?”

I don’t get what are you say... Wait... Similar beings... And he also knows about my deifications... I don’t want to admit it but we both have deities by our sides... And his hair is also black and white like mine... Which means that if he is like me... You don’t mean...?!

“... You don’t mean you too...?!”

“That’s right! I also recieved the blessing of the Goddess of Darkness and can also use ‘Deification’.”

I become stunned with what he said. I unfold my arms and put my guard up. As if sensing what I’m thinking, Shiro gives a really delightful smile.

“Don’t worry, I don’t plan on fighting you here. I really just want to talk. And unlike you I can only use deification for just a moment... Haa...”

Shiro gives off a disappointed feeling. But I still can’t let my guard down. Even

if is just for a moment but he can still use deification... And that means that he can also have a strength comparable to mine. I take a glance towards the girls.

“I also don’t plan to do anything to them. And I already said that I can just use it for a moment... I can’t think of winning against Wazu-kun that can use it for a long time... for now.”

“... For now means that you plan to become even stronger later... Then I should just now...”

... Use deification and...

“You better not. If you hurt me now I don’t know what might happen to the person I prepared as present.”

... A person he prepared as present... Does he mean Aria...? Is not that I don’t feel that I wouldn’t be able to do something it about Aria, but this guy has a Goddess with him so I can’t take any careless action.

I let my guard down and fold my arms again, just in case something happens.

“You are well prepared.”

“Of course. I wouldn’t come to meet you without being prepared. I still have things to do and a goal to achieve!”

“A goal, huh... And what is that goal? Does it have anything to do with us talking?”

“Of course it does.”

Saying that Shiro gets himself down from the desk and with an air of composure gets close to me.

“My objective is the revival of the Evil God.”

“... Evil God?”

“Eh? You don’t know? Has no one tell you? Then I’ll tell you the easiest way.”

Shiro’s smile gets even deeper.

“Some hundred years ago there was a God. He was an evil god. He didn’t have a name so he was called the Evil God. And as the name suggests, the Evil God tried to destroy the world with an overwhelming power. But there were also gods that tried to get in the way of the Evil God. The God that created the world and the Five Pillar Goddesses that were born from him. Those Gods borrowed

the power of many humans and dragons and putting their survival on the line, fought with the demons born from the Evil God. And the result is the world we live in now. The Evil God lost. To be precise, the God of Creation used half of his power to create seven seals to seal the Evil God and the Five Pillar Goddesses used their own bodies to create five seals and thus the Evil God fell into a slumber from which he wouldn't wake up... or that was the plan."

"... In other words you plan on releasing those seals."

"That's right! I believe you can understand now with what I told you. If you remember what have you done up until now."

I put my hand on my chin and start remembering...

Seven seals and five seals... If I put together those words and numbers with what I have done until now I can figure out something. The keys are the black spheres and red spheres that Shiro has been giving out... If I count of the number of spheres that I have seen I can understand that the red spheres are the keys for the seven seals and the black spheres are the keys to the five seals. And to support that hypothesis, every time that a black sphere was put to use, a Goddess increased in my guild card... No wait... but that thinking doesn't explain one part...

"... Then when was the seal of the Goddess of Light released?"

"Fufu... You can also know that if you think a little bit more. A hint would be four years ago."

"Four years ago?"

Four years ago was when Aria set on a journey to subdue the Demon Lord...

"... I see, you mean to say that the Demon Lord was someone you prepared with the red sphere?"

"Correct!! That Demon Lord was 'Gluttony', a poor dragonkin struggling for something to eat. And now there are just a red sphere and a black sphere... The resurrection of the Evil God is near. And you don't have any way to stop it, Wazu-kun."

Seeing Shiro look so happy gave me a bad feeling.

"And from now on is our talk. You understand everything I just told you, right?"

“Yeah.”

“I am the messenger chosen by the Evil God and the Goddess of Darkness that was born from the Evil God, and you Wazu-kun are the messenger chosen by the God of Creations and the Five Pillar Goddesses!! See? We are beings that look the same yet are not thus counterfeit beings.”

I can't believe I am a messenger from God... I don't feel anything like that... nor intend to...

I turn to look at the girls.

I can't sit and watch how the world in where the girls that care for me be destroyed...

“Even if the Evil God resurrects, I will beat you down all together!!”

I turn to look to Shiro once again and say that. Shiro gives the most radiant smile yet.

“Hahahaha!! I wasn't expecting anything less from you!! It'll get entertaining!!”

“... There's still something I want to ask.”

“What is it?”

“Why are you doing this?”

“... Fufufu... Why else! Because it's entertaining!!”

“That doesn't feel like an answer...”

“I'll tell you about myself the next time we meet... Just remember that at that time we will meet to kill each other.”

After saying that, Shiro turns to look at the Goddess of Darkness.

“Goddess of Darkness, we are running out of time so it's time to go!”

After hearing Shiro, the Goddess of Darkness unlinks hands with the Goddess of Light and appears besides Shiro. Or rather, were you grappling hands all this time...? (T/N: Imagine something like this)The Goddess of Darkness turns to the Goddess of Light after appearing beside Shiro and raises her middle finger.

“Goddess of Light!! I'll kill you next time!!”

“That's my line, stupid!!”

The Goddess of Light also raises her middle finger after accepting her challenge. Seriously... what's with these Goddesses...

“See you later, Wazu-kun!! As soon as we are gone, the ‘No damage barrier’ will lift up and my parting gift will appear! I’m eager to see how you face what’s to come!!”

Shiro looks and waves at me while saying that and, together with the Goddess of Darkness, get wrapped in a black mist and disappears. And instead a woman sleeping gets left behind in that place. I rush to the woman to check on her.

... It's not Aria...

But her clothes give off an air of her being someone of high class. When I finish checking on her, the Goddess of Light gets close to me.

“... I have to confess something to Wazu-san.”

“What is it?”

“The truth is...

... I'm not just a Goddess. I'm actually the Goddess that rules over light!!”

“... Yeah, the Goddess of Darkness said so just now, and I kind of suspected it.”

The Goddess of Light gives me a bewildered look while saying “... Eh?”. That expression fills me with unease.

Can these Goddesses win against the Evil God...?

Chapter 181 – Who is the woman left as a parting gift?

‘My identity?’ Said the Goddess of Light and for some reason started to hit me in the back, I instead turned to check on the woman that Shiro left as a ‘parting gift’. I put my hand close to her mouth and I can feel, although small, a breath which means she is alive.

She has a long golden hair, a well-featured face although childish, and as I said before, she is wearing a high class tailored dress.

But as I thought, I have never seen her before. Why did he left this person as a parting gift? While I was questioning myself that, the girls come to where I am. It seems that because the Goddess of Darkness is no longer here, they can already move, so I quietly leave the girl sleeping and then tell them my conversation with Shiro.

“That person being the main culprit of what happened in the Elf village can be overlooked but I can’t accept that he is the same as Wazu-san!! I’ll crush him!!”

“The one behind the feudal lord was that person... It’s thanks to him I got confessed by Wazu-san so I’m grateful for that, but I can’t let him be... They aren’t the same at all.”

“As a person living in this world I cannot approve the revival of the Evil God... but worse than that is that he claimed to be a person similar to Wazu-sama and that I cannot forgive... Let’s quickly kill him.”

“Fumu... This must be spread widely... We better contact the royal family to tell them what happened here... That Wazu is overwhelmingly more charming.”

“... It doesn’t matter if is an Evil God or what... We’ll exterminate everything... That guy might have the Goddess of Darknes with him... But we have Danna-sama at our side.”

“My Onii-chan is the best~!! Whaa~~!! I got fired up!! I’ll make that guy and the Goddess of Darkness cry! And the Evil Good too as a bonus!”

“So the change in my father was because of him... Then as his daughter I must

properly pay him back... Moreover I can't stand that way of talking towards Otto-dono!!"

"I propose a change in how Wazu-san refers to me!"

Those are the honest reactions from the girls, although a little pillar is saying something out of context. If that little pillar wants me to do that, I ask of her to take into account her actions a little bit more. Don't you care what happens to the world...? I got ticklish from the girls words and start to tear up a little.

I want to protect this world in where they live...

Those words can be taken as if I'm going to fight for them... But that's exactly it... The ears of the girls didn't miss that and with red cheeks they tell me their feelings while coming to hug me tight.

Excuse me, the little pillar will slip in the confusion!

It would be bad if we stay like this and it will have an effect in my rationality so I ask them to let go for a moment and the girls reluctantly complied. Yes, yes, you too Goddess of Light...

I let out a sigh of relief then once again turn to look at everyone else and finally, turn to look at the girl sleeping and ask.

"So there is something I want to ask all of you... This girl was left here as a parting gift but I don't know her. Does anybody know who she is?"

I slightly move aside to let everyone look at the girl's face and see if anyone recognizes her but just from looking at their faces I can tell that they don't. An opinion came out that from her clothes alone you can tell that she is nobility, right? But just from that we get nothing... Will we have to wait for the girl to wake up? While we were thinking that, Kagane, who kept looking at the girl to the end, let out an 'Ah...' as if she had remembered something.

"Kagane? Did you figure something out?"

"... I also have met her just once so I'm not 100% sure but... Probably... She is the only daughter of this Country's King, Princess Eris..."

... Eh? A princess? No, no, no, you are joking, right? Kagane, try to remember. How's it? It's not her, right? Please say that it's not her...

“...”

Without uttering a word I turn to look to Naminissa and Narelina who are also royalty to confirm...

“I am sorry, Although I have met the King of this Country before, I have never met the Princess...”

“Me as my sister...”

Of course even though I have live in this country, I have never seen the face of the Royal Family... I mean, I was only an ordinary commoner... Or rather, I still am a commoner.

I’m really troubled as to what to do. Taking her and getting out walking is out of the question, and I can’t either take her to the castle and say ‘she was kidnapped’... What to do...?

While we were thinking that, the girl woke up while murmuring ‘Mhh...’

The girl gives us a sleepy look because she is still half awake but gradually she starts to understand her own situation... Wait, doesn’t it look like we were the ones that kidnapped her?

It seems that she came to the same conclusion because she took a big breath to scream. While thinking that this is bad, I reflectively take action in an instant.

“Goddess of Light!!”

“Yes!!”

Understanding my intention, the Goddess of Light puts up her right arm and lets out her divine aura. Is there a meaning in that pose...? But, influenced by her divine aura, the girl kneels down before being able to scream. The girls seem to have become accustomed to it because they remain calm. But this situation is also bad. A single person is kneeling down and we all are surrounding her...

I cough once and have the Goddess of Light to suppress her aura, then I also kneel down to match my view with the girl’s.

“... Uhm... Might you be Princess Eris?”

“Yes... What might my situation be?”

She is really the Princess of this Country... That means that Shiro has something to do with this so I have a bad feeling but, first I have to explain what's happening...

And we tell her what happened here after giving simple self introductions. Her being from the royal family we will need her cooperation in the future so I tell her about Shiro, the Goddess of Darkness and about the revival of the Evil God.

After hearing everything, Princess Eris starts to ponder something and with a nod, she turns to look at us.

“May I ask you to please take me out of the castle town like this?”

... Haa?

Chapter 182 – The partner the princess desires

After hearing the situation, Princess Eris ask us to take her out of the Imperial Capital. We all exchange looks and give troubled faces. We ask each other with our eyes ‘What do we do’ and after seeing our attitude, Princess Eris asks us while feeling unease.

“... It is problematic for you to be asked this so suddenly, right? I apologize.”

Seeing her lower her head politely, the girls and the Goddess of Light seem to connect with her as women because they look at me with pleading eyes as if asking ‘Can’t you do something?’ Hey, Goddess of Light... Why are you also looking at me? I turn to look at the Goddess of Light as if saying ‘You are kind of a god yourself so you do something’ and the Goddess of Light breaks eye contact with me and just when I thought she was going to start whistling without a sound, she hits her palm with.

“... I’m sorry Wazu-san... The limit for my manifestation is coming close... I feel bad for leaving with this timing but we Goddesses have to start saving power in the face of the revival of the Evil God so... Wazu, messenger of the Goddesses... let us meet again...”

... I leave this problem and the rest in your hands!”

The Goddess of Light disappears and returns to my guild card in a haste after saying that.

She said some vague reason, arbitrarily made me their messenger, and after pushing everything onto me she went back!! Guh... She might be the Goddess of Light but I have no idea of what she wants to do... Haa...

Reacting to the words of the Goddess of Light, the eyes of Princess Eris start to glitter while looking at me. Are you misunderstanding something? I’m sorry, please don’t look me with those eyes, it bothers me... I don’t consider myself the messenger of the Goddesses for even a little bit...

I pull myself together and ask Princess Eris.

“Haa... And so why does Princess Eris wishes to leave the Imperial Capital? If I

don't know the reason, I cannot help you. Would you tell me why do you want to leave?"

The girls nod to my words and Princess Eris does it too as if to say that she understands.

"... If I remain in the Imperial Capital... I'll be forced to marry Hero-sama..."

... Eh?

"I do know that Hero-sama is already married with many other people... But polygamy is recognized in here and I understand that the Royal Family wants to have a deep relationship with the country's hero so as a sign of friendship they are bestowing him with a bride... I understand but I don't like it."

... Haa...

"It is not that I hate Hero-sama. But the moment Hero-sama heard about the talks of our marriage, he became over-familiar and it is irritating, when he talks to me it gets disgusting, and when he looks at me it is so obscene that makes me want to vomit..."

... Wouldn't it be okay to just say that you don't want to?

"But Father is enthusiastic about it and moreover so I am not free to refuse. Besides I cannot carelessly refuse for the well being of the country... But there is a person I have my heart set on. I want to marry that person. I understand Father's intentions of marrying me to Hero-sama are in the best interest of the country but, even if I have to shake off those things, I want to marry that person!!" (T/N: Not the hero)

... Fumu, fumu.

"And so, I take that the person Princess Eris wants to marry is outside the Imperial Capital?"

"Yes. He is in the port town that is near the Imperial Capital. I would like to ask you to take me all the way there but... It does not matter if is just outside the Imperial Capital... Can it be done?"

I see. That's why she want's to get out of the Imperial Capital... She got hold of a good chance with the present circumstances... I can feel from Princess Eris'

words, expression and atmosphere the seriousness of her resolution in wanting to marry that person even if she has to cast away her country... Well, as a commoner I want to help her... But that means that the country might become hostile towards that person... Mh? Now that I think about it, where have I heard a conversation about a port town near the Imperial Capital...? Well, doesn't matter... But this is not something that I can decide by myself.

I once more turn to the girls to discuss it.

"We more or less heard the situation but, what do you think?"

"I think I want to help her."

"I agree to helping her. A marriage without the consent of the person herself is undesirable."

"As part of a former royal family I believe that we should take her to the castle... but as a woman I think she must go to where the person she wants to marry is."

"My opinion is the same as Naminissa's. The country is certainly important but if it comes at the expense of someone's individuality then I think that it's wrong."

"... We should take her there."

"To submit your own body in the name of the country might sound noble but, it could lead to the birth of unnecessary strains. I also think we should take her to where her beloved is."

"I feel the same as everyone. Marriage is something that both parties must desire. I will not accept something so unilateral. We should take her to where her beloved is."

It seems that everyone wishes to fulfill Princess Eris' wish. Well I also want to do it if I can but, if we were to take her like this, at worst we could make an enemy out of the country... Wait, what if we bring that person from the port town... No, he could be refused entrance at the gates...

Now that I think about it, we know nothing about that person... It wouldn't be late to make a decision after we hear what kind of person is the one Princess Eris yearns for. If that person were to be suspicious, then we would better take her to the castle...

I realize something this late so I question Princess Eris.

“Incidentally, what kind of person is he?”

Princess Eris closes her eyes and reminiscing she speaks words full of love.

“That person just recently came to live to the port town and came to say his greetings, he seems to be the son of Father’s old friend and from the moment I met him I fell in love. His manners and appearance, his voice and way of talking, and his elegant features... He completely stole my heart.”

Princess Eris’ cheeks are dyed in red and her expression seems enraptured.

“I engraved deeply that person’s name in my heart... Ahh... Navirio-sama...”

... Mh?

“Navirio?”

“Yes, Navirio-sama.”

... Wait a minute... isn’t he...

“The one from the Mabondo Family?”

“Is he your acquaintance?”

Princess Eris bend herself foreward with such impetus that I fell on my back from the recoil.

Do I know him... Yeah... I started to feel like grabbing my head...

Chapter 183 – Let’s kidnap the Princess!

Princess Eris gets excited and her face flushes thinking that I might know about Navirio. I turn to look at Naminissa and Narelina with a troubled face and see them too surprised but they notice me looking at them and nod once. I received the approval of both of them so I let out a sigh and sit up straight, then I face Princess Eris.

“Let’s see... Well do I know him... I could say we are friends...”

“Then that means that you know Navirio-sama!!”

The bloodcurling expression of Princess Eris is a little frightening...

“I mean... we are friends but...”

I turn to look once again to Naminissa and Narelina for help and Princess Eris reacts to that and looks at the two girls too. Naminissa and Narelina give a bitter smile, get close to us and while doing respectful bow, they introduce themselves again.

“I am Naminissa Mabondo.”

“I’m Narelina Mabondo.”

“”Navirio Mabondo is our older brother.””

Princess Eris becomes befuddled with their self introductions. I believe she is slowly processing them. She looks at the colour of their hair and facial features for confirmation. And after she gets convinced, she hits her palm with her fist.

“You can call me Onee-san!!” (T/N: As in sister-in-law)

And suddenly says that while hugging them.

You’re fast... While thinking that, I become relieved that I veered away Princess Eris’ energetic behaviour, but for some reason, Naminissa, Narelina and Princess Eris turn to look here... Ah, I have a bad feeling...

“And the one over there is our future husband, Wazu-sama.”

“In the future he’ll become Anie’s brother-in-law.”

“In other words, he’ll become my brother-in-law too!!”

Princess Eris looks at me happily... Give me a break...

We were able to calm down for a moment Princess Eris who became excited at meeting the relatives of her loved person, and thinking she might know something, we asked her about Aria.

“Excuse me Princess Eris, we are actually looking for Aria so I was wondering if you might know where she is?”

“Come on, I told you to call me Onee-chan.”

Ah, she still hasn't calmed down...

“Cough!”

Finally calming down, Princess Eris regains her princess attitude, clears her throat once and answers our question.

“Aria-sama... Or rather, the whole Hero Party is at this moment in a sort of confinement in the castle.”

“Confinement...? Did they do something wrong?”

“No, that is not it. Actually, a little while ago the supreme pontiff of the church came, I was also there, and talked about how the world has signs of unrest, he said that something bad was about to happen. After hearing your story I realize that it is the revival of the Evil God... I have to gather all the royal family and tell them about the problems of the world... I am sorry, I strayed from the conversation. After hearing that, my father succumbed to insecurity and increased the military preparations and at the same time ask the Hero Party to stay inside the castle in standby. Hero-sama agreed to it. And thus, it has become that the Hero Party will not leave the castle unless something big happens.”

It has become like that... After hearing Princess Eris' story, I start thinking how am I going to meet Aria now. The King is on high alert right now so I'm pretty sure that I will be turned down at the gates if someone unknown like me were to go there... To the world I'm just an F-rank adventurer... It's not that I'm holding a grudge or something... Haa... If I were S-rank... no even A-rank would have been good... Haa...

While I was thinking that, Princess Eris calls to me.

“You still don’t get it, little brother?” (T/N: Agian, as in brother-in-law)

Who is your little brother?!

“I said that ‘unless something big happens’, right? If for example, the princess of this country were to disappear, the Hero Party would have to come out to look for her, right?”

After saying that, Princess Eris has an expression full of pride as if saying ‘How is it? It is a great plan, right?’. I look at Princess Eris with reproachful eyes.

“... I know what you are trying to say and, I’m sure that if we do that, we would get chased out the country, right?”

“I will properly intercede for you. And if I marry Navirio-sama, it will quickly change to a problem inside family! This will be okay!!”

As I said, you are getting ahead of yourself, and I wonder if it really will go that easily... Haa... Really, what should we do...

While I was at a loss, Freud came into the room. Now that I remember, I left him waiting downside. I wonder if he came looking for us because we weren’t coming back?

But, I immediately know that wasn’t it when he came to talk directly at me.

“Wazu-sama... Knights and soldiers of this country are surrounding the mansion and saying to obediently hand over the princess and surrender ourselves, but what do they...”

After saying up to there, Freud notices Princess Eris. Some seconds after his movement stopped, he slowly turns to me.

“Wazu-sama... I believe in you. But, although your princess quota should be filled with Naminissa-sama and Narelina-sama, you are still looking for more?”

“You don’t believe in me at all!!”

Seriously, what’s with this guy...

But why do the knights came to this mansion and with this timing... Thinking up to there, I remember Shiro saying ‘we are running out of time’ and ‘how you face what’s to come’ before leaving. I see, the one that kidnapped Princess Eris was Shiro. And then he tricked me into coming here...

... Tch, I got completely framed. No matter what, it has become troublesome...

The girls are also sending me looks to ask me what to do? I desperately scratch my head and make up my mind.

“Ahh!! Okay!! I get it!! I really get it!! Who cares! If I’m to make this, let’s make this good!! It’s okay to take Princess Eris to the port town, right?”

“””Yes!”””

At my decision, the girls smile and give a nice answer.

Chapter 184 – That name is...

We kidnapped Princess Eris... No, my wording is wrong. That sounds as if we committed a crime... This is something that Princess Eris herself wishes so, it is definitely nothing bad... It's not bad... Let's stop... I can't help getting worried about what'll come next... I'll have Princess Eris intercede for us for sure...

And so we are kidna... taking Princess Eris to the port town.

I asked Tata and Naminissa to put a barrier in the whole mansion, and we are now discussing what we are going to do. The girls were wondering how to get the knights and soliders to let us pass, and I'm telling Freud what happened until now.

He was diligently hearing up to the part of the revival of the Evil God but, when I came to the part of taking Princess Eris to the port town, Freud said 'Fumu...' and started to think about something. While I was thinking what happened, he started to walk to a window that was inside the room and with great vigour he bashed it, pulverizing up to the wood that was besides and opened a hole.

What is this guy doing...

"Listen!! To all the trash-like rifferaff out there!! The one inside here is he who divides heaven and earth, is as fast as wind, has a body impervious to harm, is surrounded by beautiful maidens, loved by Goddesses and is my master! And his name is...!"

I rush to Freud and pull him from the window, I take him to the wall while grabbing his collar and glare at him.

"... What are you doing?"

Freud, as always, tilts his head with a refressing smile.

"No, I thought that giving your name was important."

"You don't have to!! Are you stupid? I'm about to kidn... to take Princess Eris with us, and if you give the name of the name of the person doing that, do you have any idea of what will happen?"

“... Fumu... They will tremble with fear at Wazu-sama and give up?”

“As if that would happen!!”

Why does this guy always does as he pleases whenever he deals with me? When he faces the girls he acts as a proper butler! Why can't he do the same with me? The knights outside are starting to get noisy!! Now you made it difficult to escape!!

“I see... That was also possible.”

While Princess Eris was thinking with a hand in her chin, I hear her mutter something and turn to look at her, when she asks me.

“I want to ask you something.”

“What is it?”

“You said that you wanted to meet Aria-sama, but what kind of relationship do you have with her?”

“Well... we are childhood friends.”

“... I see.”

She starts to nod while putting something together, and then Princess Eris moves to the window Freud opened.

“The one who is going to kidnap me is Wazu, has black hair and black eyes...”

“Hold her~~~~!!”

The girls catch Princess Eris at the same time that I scream and drag her to the center of the room. I can't rush to a girl so I was going to ask the girls to do it for me so I'm glad that they understood my intentions.

I release Freud and head to where Princess Eris is. Freud come stand behind me as if he was a butler.

“... And? Why did you gave my name? And even described me.”

I hold in my anger and ask her.

“I am sorry for not consulting it with you beforehand. I apologize... I understand your anger but, I have a clear intention in doing this.”

“Intention?”

“Even if you take me like this to the port town, there is no insurance that the

Hero Party would come out. They dispatched the Knight Order but there is a possibility that it ends there. But if the criminal is someone she knows, I thought that the probability of Aria-sama moving even if by herself might rise so I gave your name.”

... Certainly Princess Eris has a point... If I take her like this... No no no no... Wait... If I let Princess Eris and Navirio meet and afterwards take her back to the castle, and I'm present, I'll easily meet her, right...? But that isn't certain either... If so, the best course of action would be to get her to come out... Haa...

“Understood... I understand... But I ask that Princess Eris intercedes for me to insure my safety!! If not I will be chased out of this country and that would trouble the girls.”

“Do not worry, I will say that you did it by my orders so please be at ease. Besides, you will become my little brother in the future so there is no way I can abandon you!!”

Princess Eris who got over herself ask me to trust her while looking at me with strong eyes. I don't really doubt you won't intercede for me, and being honest, if that were to happen, the girls might destroy this country in a fit of rage so let's hide that inside my heart...

“And, have you already decided how to move from now on?”

When I ask her that, Princess Eris diverts her eyes from mine while sweating. Next I turn to look at the girls but they seem to be glancing at the day after tomorrow. Eh?

“You don't mean you haven't think of anything.”

“”” ... ””””

Is your silence your answer?

And when I was being troubled at what to do, Naminissa timidly raises her hand.

“I think that hurting the soldiers would be bad in the future... But, I can't think of anything to do... I don't believe that they would let us through if we tell them honestly what's going on...”

I think so too... The knights and soldiers surrounding the mansion all think

that I'm the culprit actually...

“The mastermind Wazu!! Release this barrier and obediently hand over the princess!!”

And like that, they scream my name... Should I just hand over Freud as my scapegoat? I turn to look at Freud with scornful eyes and he tells me “I was presumptuous in giving Wazu-sama's name away” so I give up...

... Haa... The only thing left is escape now...

I gather everyone and start discussing in secret, and finally we put in action what we come up with.

I go over the open window and after taking a breath...

“My name is Wazu!! If you want Princess Eris back, you can follow me to the port town!!”

After informing the knights and soldiers outside, I turn around and everyone wraps their faces with a cloth to hide themselves, Haosui carries Princess Eris and our preparations are finished. My identity has been leaked already so the girls hiding is for insurance. I nod once, stand at the window, jump over to the roof of the mansion besides and the girls follow me behind. And we dash through the castle town on the roofs. The knights and soldiers start to chase us but our speed is greater and we are moving in a straight line so they can't reach us.

We maintain this speed and head to the gates. I can see from here that the gate is crowded so we use another way. I signal with my hand at the girls behind, I carry Tata and Narelina carries Naminissa, and jump over the huge wall protecting the city.

I cross over the wall and land on the other side, I put down Tata and gently catch in my arms the other girls one after another. Of course I leave Freud alone but he lands without a problem. Well I thought that would happen. I thought that Princess Eris would get scared but actually she asked for one more time with a flushed face. No, another time is impossible... I make sure everyone crossed over safely and we swiftly leave that place...

Chapter 185 – Port Town Motanpe

After we jumped over the walls of the Imperial Capital Iscoa, we headed to the port town.

It would take too long if we were to adapt to Princess Eris speed so Haosui kept carrying her. Usually it takes about three days of walking to go from the Imperial Capital Iscoa to the Port Town Motanpe but with our speed I don't think it would take even a day.

When we had traveled about half of the distance, it started to get dark, so we decided to camp. (T/N: Take notice that they left Iscoa around afternoon) I had thought that Princess Eris wouldn't have any experience in camping and when I asked her, it was exactly like that. But she didn't have any complain nor cared about camping and her carefree acclimatization surprised me. I think this is the person most suitable to rule a country.

For safe's sake I had Naminissa put up a barrier but we weren't attacked by demons. Well, because the first ones on the lookout were Freud and me, we went to clean them up so that's why.

And around noon of the next day we reached the Port Town Motanpe. We still have some time before the knights and soldiers get here but I think it would be better if we hurry. From Princess Eris explanation while we were camping, Port Town Motanpe is the place from where all the seafood comes from and they also do much commerce by ships with other regions so it has walls so high that don't lose to the Imperial Capital, and the security and public order are good to because the level of the soldiers is also quite high.

While I was remembering our conversation, we got close to the town gates. There was no queue to enter so we were able to continue without problems and the gate guard that is going to check our identities called to us.

“Please stop there! We have to confirm your identities to en... ter...”

Although I say he was a gate guard, the man standing before the gate had a knight armour and besides him was another man wearing a similar armour. Abiding to what the two gate guards told us we stopped but the moment they

saw Naminissa and Narelina, their movement halted and they started to rub their eyes many times while looking at them.

“C-Can it be... are you Princess Naminissa and Princess Narelina?”

“That armour means you are from the Country of Mabondo... Knights that came together with Father.”

“I see... You are walking a new path in here.”

I thought they were wearing armour unfit for gate guards but it turned out that they were knights from the former Country of Mabondo. We still showed our guild cards to prove our identities just in case and had Naminissa explain to them why we were here. In the mean time two substitute guards came and we were guided by the previous knights to the current residence of the family of the Mabondo princesses.

The residence we were guided to was a normal house in the outskirts. It was a two-story building with a small garden and that garden had a kitchen garden. The two gate guards excused themselves and returned to the town. I suppose they're about to have lunch. After looking at their backs I knocked on the door knocker, and no longer after I knocked we heard the voice of a woman say 'Coming!' before the door opened.

The woman that opened the door had a red hair that looked like Naminissa's hair and had a gentle smile. I thought that Naminissa might look like her in some years. She was a beautiful woman.

“Excuse me, who might you be?”

“Ah! I'm sorry!”

I got spellbound looking at how would Naminissa look in the future. After pulling myself together, I showed her Naminissa and Narelina that were behind me before saying anything.

“It has been a while, Mother.”

“Mother, it's been a while.”

“Ara ara, maa maa*, I'm happy that you two are doing great... Ara? If you two are here, that means... The people here with you are them?” (T/N: It sounds much better than it's written. Just imagine [Ohara Sayaka as Irisviel](#) saying it)

“Yes, our future husband and the wives that share our feelings.”

“She is the princess of this country, Eris-sama.”

With the introductions of the two, the girls and I lower our heads, and so does Princess Eris. Naminissa’s and Narelina’s mom also lowers her head while saying “Glad to meet you” and invites us to come inside the house.

We are shown to the livingroom and we sit at a table big enough for all of us to fit. Only Freud refrained himself and stayed behind me as my butler. Seriously, why does this guy only behaves himself as a butler in this kind of situations... Or rather, why do you stand behind me? Your original masters were the Mabondo Royal family...

I sit in front of the mother of Naminissa and Narelina and introduce myself. Or rather, isn’t this like going to meet the parents of your fiancée...? I’m feeling nervous...

“Uhm... Nice to meet you, my name is Wazu...”

“Nice to meet you too. My name is Mirelina Mabondo. I apologize for not greeting you adequately that time you saved my daughters from danger.”

“No, don’t worry...”

“I’m glad you were able to join with my daughters without a problem. Have they given you any trouble?”

“Not at all, they have been a great help.”

“That’s also great to hear... By the way, they said before ‘future husband’ but, you haven’t marry yet?”

“Ehm... About that...”

I tell Mirelina-san about what has happened until now. And I let the talk about Princess Eris situation to he person herself.

“Maa maa, so that’s what happened... But for spring to have come not just to my daughters but to Navirio too... we have to celebrate this.”

It seems that Mirelina-san took the thing about Princess Eris in a good light. Don’t we have to confirm with Navirio himself? It seems that Mirelina-san and Princess Eris have come to some kind of agreement so they look excited. Well, we already came all the way here so let’s leave the matter about Princess Eris to Navirio.

“And so, Mirelina-san...”

“You can call me mother* if you like.” (T/N: As in mother-in-law, but read as Okaasan)

“No, but...”

“Please call me mother.”

“Mireli...”

“Mother.”

“...”

Is this the power of the mother? For some reason I feel a great pressure from Mirelina-san. Well the person herself wishes so and if I don't do it, the talk won't progress...

“Then, mother.”

“Yes, what is it?”

Mirelina-okaasan shows a very happy smile. And reacting to that smile, Naminissa and Narelina also show a smile.

“Uhm... Where is Navirio right now?”

“You see, a little while before he heard that there was a place invaded by pirates in a sea nearby so he went to exterminate them.”

Ugh... Our timing was bad... I want to finish this quickly so... Should I go give him a hand...?

“And where is that place?”

“Who knows... I didn't hear that so... My husband Givirio might know...”

“I'm home~!”

“Ara, what a great timing, my husband seems to have returned!! I'm coming!!”

After saying that Mirelina-okaasan got up from her seat and went to greet Givirio-san.

Now I'm to meet Naminissa's and Narelina's father... My nervousness rose and I got worried that it would come to something similar to the thing with Ragnil.

Chapter 186 – Are you really the former King?

Naminissa's and Narelina's mom Mirelina-okaasan went to receive their father, Givirio-san at the entrance. After seeing her doing that, I release my strength and lay on the table.

"I-I was so nervous..."

"You get nervous too, Wazu-sama?"

Seeing my condition, Naminissa gives a chuckle and I answer her question.

"Of course I would... It's yours and Narelina's mom, you know...? I'll be troubled if they were to say that she wouldn't let me marry her daughters because I gave her a bad impression..."

Naminissa and Narelina get their cheeks red while looking gleeful at my words.

"It is fine, Mother would not say that, and she respects our decision.

"Yeah, and even if our parents were to oppose, we wouldn't leave Wazu, no matter what. And that is a feeling that all of us here share."

The girls nod at the words of the girls and smile at me to make me feel at ease. Freud was also among them but I don't really care about you...

And we heard the sound of two pair of steps coming over here from the entrance. They are Mirelina-okaasan and Givirio-san. I got up from my seat and prepare to greet them and after me, everyone else also stands up. The one that came into the livingroom was a person that looked like Navirio had gotten older, a masculine face with a splendid beard, skin with a healthy tan and a muscular complexion, his clothes were nothing a former royalty would wear with a short sleeve t-shirt, short pants and sandals, and in his back was carrying a multicolored fish in a net.

... Is this person the former King Givirio-san? He doesn't look like royalty at all. He looks like your typical fisherman...

I turn to look at Naminissa and Narelina for confirmation but all I see is their stunned faces. Uhm... Is this that? They are too surprised by his transformation?

But to prove that the tanned person here is Givirio-san was Mirelina-okaasan by his side.

“O-Otou-sama... Why are you so tanned?”

“Oh!! Naminissa and Narelina!! How have you been? Looking at you I can see that you are eating well so there is nothing to worry about!! Ah this, this is a present!! The catch of this morning was great!! I’ve been involved in the fishing industry, you know. I tried for a little bit and it was really entertaining!! After I left the crown, I was stressed no more and got a great feeling of liberation, and all the fishermen in this town are great people and the elder let us get this house, you know? Aren’t you surprised? And now there have been talks about making an original Fishermen’s Guild in this town! What do you think? Should we make one?”

He answered Naminissa’s question with great vigour. Or rather, he feels quite lax from the way he way he talks... I thought the talk would continue like that but he turned his looks from Naminissa and Narelina to me. I feel a little nervous.

“Oh!! Are you Wazu-kun?”

“Ah, Y-Yes!! My name is Wazu.”

I bow respectfully.

“Ah, don’t worry! Don’t be so tight!! I stopped being a King because I don’t like that! And besides we were saved by you! Instead, your position should be higher. And besides, you being with my daughters means that you are marrying them, no? Then you are already family!! You can call me father* without reserve!! Or rather, I won’t accept anything but that...!! Just kidding.” (T/N: Like with Mirelina, father as in father-in-law but read as Otousan)

“Ha... Haa...”

So light! His attitude is so light! This Givirio-otousan!!

“Then Mirelina, please cook this for dinner with some side dishes.”

“Yes dear.”

Givirio-otousan gives Mirelina-okaasan the net with the fish inside and then he urges us to sit while he himself takes a seat. Freud also gave a respectful bow the moment Givirio-otousan passed by his side. Can’t you do that for me

too? Givirio-otousan sits in front of me, cleans his throat with a cough and asks me.

“And? What happened?”

After being asked that, we tell them the reason why we came here and like with Mirelina-okaasan we introduce him to Princess Eris.

“I-It has been a while, Givirio-sama!!”

“Oh! You’re Rusona’s girl. Indeed it has, since I went to say hi.”

If I remember correctly, Rusona is the name of the name of the King of this country. Well, not that I have seen him.

“And so you want to marry Navirio?”

“Y-Yes!!”

“Well, why not? If you are fine with him. More importantly, does Rusona knows?”

“... Father is... against it... He says that he cannot stand having familiar ties with that guy...”

“Gahh... As always worrying about the small things... And even like that you want to marry our Navirio?”

“Of course!! Even if they disinherit me, my mind will not change!!”

“Well, what’s left is Navirio’s opinion...”

Yeah yeah, we have to ask him.

“Excuse me, do you happen to know where Navirio is? If possible, we want to meet him quickly.”

“Eh? You didn’t hear from Mirelina?”

“No, we just heard that he went to exterminate some pirates...”

“Ahh that’s right. I’m sure he left about ten days ago.”

... Ten days ago... It’s been longer than I thought...

“And where did he head to?”

“I think he went to a deserted island that is about 3 km from a beach that is close to this town.”

After hearing that info, I nod and turn to look at the girls.

“Are you going?”

Sarona asks me to confirm and I nod.

“Yeah, he might be there already so I’m going to meet him and see what’s going on there too.”

“Then, we will too.”

“This time I’m going alone.”

After saying that, the girls gave me a look as if asking ‘why?’ and so I tell them.

“First, we don’t know when the knights and soldiers from Iscoa might come so I want you to stay here to deal with them, and also Naminissa and Narelina are meeting their parents after a long time so I want them to stay with them for a while at ease... And this is the most important and the most difficult reason... Moving alone would be faster. As the days pass, I think it is better to hurry up.”

The girls give me unhappy faces. Well, I also don’t want to be apart from you but, this situation gives me a bad feeling, so I have to be strict with them...

“Come on, trust in me and wait here... I’ll bring back Navilio and company for sure.”

“... Understood.”

“I trust in you, Wazu-san.”

“I am leaving Onii-sama in your care.”

“I’m leaving my brother to you.”

“... I’ll endure it.”

“It can’t be helped... With Onii-chan’s strength there’ll be no problems.”

“It means that we need more training...”

While doing vexed faces, they understand that it is better to hurry up and gave me their consent.

“... I’m sorry.”

I’m unable to bear it and apologize to them, and with troubled faces they tell me.

“Y-You don’t have to apologize, Wazu-san!!”

“That’s right!! Is just that we still lack strength!!”

“You do not need to worry about it!!”

“I understand that is the best for my brother too.”

“... It’s okay, we are Danna-sama’s wives.”

“Our tolerance is great!! Towards Onii-chan only!!”

“Don’t worry!! We will become stronger from here on!!”

“Thank you...”

The girls encouraged me to me while I was apologizing, I have to answer their feelings.

“We’ll train harder when I come back!”

“”””We’ll be waiting!””””

I say that and the girls answer me with their fists high. This has become fun. I’ll seriously train you hard.

And so I heard the details of the deserted island from Givirio-otousan, and after telling the girls ‘I’ll be back soon’ I left them to take care of Meru and quickly departed.

Freud said that he needed to discuss something with Givirio-otousan so he stayed behind... It’s not as if I wanted you to come...

Chapter 187 – I thought it was time you came

As I left the Port Town Motanpe, the guard besides the gate asked me “Oh, are you leaving already?” so I told him that as I was worried about Navirio, I was going to get to him, so he told me “It’s true that I haven’t seen him in a while... Please take care of him.” and lowered his head so I honestly answered him “Yes.”

And so I started to run towards the beach I was told.

I got to the beach in a trice and looked towards the sea.

“Uhm... Is it that one?”

I spotted a distant single island. It’s about 3 km from here. Just to be sure I looked out for other islands but there doesn’t seem to be any. I’m sure that’s the place they told me about. While I was checking its surroundings I found a nice place. As this is a little secluded place, people don’t easily come to this beach so there wouldn’t be anyone to bother us and thus I could bring the girls to swim. Let’s bring them here next time.

Oops, now what’s important is Navirio and his crew. From what I was told, Navirio and Orlando and another 10 knights went in the pirate extermination trip. And the pirate lair is in that island...

I do some warm up exercises and dash towards the sea.

Shaaaa...

With that sound, I run over the surface of the water. The theory is simple. I take out my foot before it can sink. Just that. Although not at the typical speed...

And like that I cover the 3 km in a sprint and when I’m getting closer to the island I jump a little and safely reach the island’s beach.

Let’s see now where could Navirio and company be...

The island is not particularly big so I start to search for the presence of people... My bad feeling is getting true because I can’t feel a single person. And the boat in which Navirio and his crew came is nowhere to be seen. But in the

sand of the beach I can see countless of footprints meaning that there were many people here before. But why I can't feel the presence of people... Mhh...

While I'm thinking I move towards the center of the island.

In the center of the island is a small forest? or jungle? so I suspect that the pirate lair might be inside. I walk with that objective in mind. My guide are the many footprints in the soil. Following the footprints I come across a clearing surrounded by trees in a way that hide it from outside and in that clearing there were many dilapidated houses. It seems that this was the pirate lair and as expected, there's no one here. But looking carefully I can see traces of battle everywhere. I think that probably this is where Navirio and his forces fought the pirates.

"... Fumu."

I give a single nod and start moving again, I go around the island in about one minute and as a result I confirm there is no one here nor any boats. With this information I can think of two possibilities. Due to them not returning after ten days, they either went to chase the escaping pirates or they lost and the pirates caught them... Thinking about Navirio and Orlando's ability I think it is the former but, it's also probable that reinforcements came and they were caught off guard... There are no bloodstains so the probability of them being alive is high...

"Well, the most important part is that Navirio and his crew are not here and I don't know where the pirates might have gone..."

Well I'm troubled... Because I don't know where they went, I can't help them...

While I was being absorbed in thought, the guild card in my breast pocket shined and in front of my eyes a pillar of light appeared.

... Ah, I know where this is going...

Soon after, from the pillar of light a woman appeared.

She had a hair blue as the deep sea that extended down to her waist, slanted eyes that made you wonder whether she had them open or not, facial features so beautiful it would make everyone turn their faces towards her, and she was

splendidly wearing a dress so deeply blue that it was close to black that shined blindingly. You could feel her sensuality just from her standing... Seeing her appear like this I have no doubt that she is a goddess and one I haven't met before so that means...

"Nice to meet you, I am the Goddess of Sea."

The woman that called herself the Goddess of Sea gave an elegant bow. I was thinking that she might be her. I imitate her and also lower my head and ask to make sure.

"H-Haa... Uhm... Are you the real one?"

"Of course."

Saing that, the Goddess of Sea wears the already familiar aura as proof. How to say it, at this point, I'm already used to it. When the Goddess of Light did it before I got surprised but now I feel I can take it with just a 'Ah, okay okay.'

After being satisfied with the proof, the Goddess of Sea suppresses her aura and like that I ask her.

"And why are you here, Goddess of Sea?"

"Of course beacuse Wazu is troubled and this time it concerns the sea... So I thought that it was my turn so I manifestated myself."

I'm glad for your feelings but, Didn't the Goddess of Light say that you were saving up power for the contermesures for the Evil God? Well I won't deny that it helps a lot... Now, speaking about the Evil God, didn't the Goddess of Darkness say some things about the other Goddesses...? If I remember correctly...

"... That the Goddes of Sea has a heart* as narrow as a pond or something... (whispers)" (T/N: Heart as in mind, or more exactly she is narrow-minded)

I mutter what I recalled just to make sure in a murmur as to not be heard but, it seems that my mutter gets to the ears of the Goddess of Sea and a dark smile appears in her face. When a beauty does that it's kind of scary...

"That is something the Goddess of Darkness said, right...? But I shall forgive her."

"Eh?"

“My heart is as big as the ocean. And thus I shall forgive what that Goddess of Darkness said. Why because, those are completely groundless words. I am the Goddess of the Sea, you know? There is no way that I’m narrow-minded. Instead, isn’t the Goddess of Darkness that said that the narrow-minded one? What a sad truth. She can’t accept herself as she is. Well, I don’t care what people like that say to me. Why of course, my heart is so vast that it can swallow this great ocean. But no matter how tolerant I am, I can’t possibly leave the Goddess of Darkness like that. I shall hammer into her body how narrow-minded she is and make her accept my big-heartedness. But if she were to accept the hammer of my great heart, that narrow-minded Goddess of Darkness might despair from the great difference and might sever her own life. Well, if so, then it cannot be helped...”

You care a lot!! And yet you have the nerve to say that you are so open-minded?! And besides, the last part exudes with killing intent towards the Goddess of Darkness!!

Let sleeping dogs lie*... Let’s not touch this matter again...

(T/N: This is a pun. The proverb says something in the line of “If you don’t touch God, you won’t get cursed”... Should I have just used that?)

Chapter 188 – I was set up!

The Goddess of Sea is still blurting complains about the Goddess of Darkness so I make her calm down and ask her about what matters now.

“And so Goddess of Sea, do you know where is Navirio right now?”

“Of course I know. As long as he is in the ocean, it’s impossible to escape my surveillance.”

“Then I would like you to tell me where he is, please.”

When I ask that, the Goddess of Sea puts a hand on her chin and makes a face as if she was pondering something. What is she thinking about...?

“There is no problem in telling you but... Can you heed my... our request?”

The Goddess of Sea takes her hand from her chin and slightly opens her eyes and with a serious expression asks me that.

“... A request?”

What kind of request might it be? Well, I have their divine protection, and they have helped me countless of times. If I were to just take that into account, I could say that I’m indebted to them... but If i take into account their usual behaviour, I can’t think of any decent request... But it’s also true that rightnow I’m on a deadlock... Well it can’t hurt to hear her out...

“So, what kind of request?”

“It’s easy... Well I’m not sure it is... Accepting it might be easy but the results are difficult to know...”

“... Your wording makes me uneasy... For the time being, can you tell me what it is? I want to judge from there...”

“... You are right.”

The Goddess of Sea takes a short breath to adjust her respiration.

“I want you to fight alongisde us Goddesses against the Evil God in the future.”

... Just that? Well, I was originally planning to fight myself too... But the expression of the Goddess of Sea is completely serious. So I also answer her

seriously.

“Understood. It’s okay. I also planned to fight him too, so having you Goddesses as my allies is reassuring.”

“... Is not that simple. The current deificated Wazu might be more powerful than us... But even that strength might be insufficient to fight the Evil God... At worst we might get annihilated...”

“... Is he that powerful?”

“Yes. Originally the power of the God of Creation was on par with his but the God of Creation got his power stolen so he became even more powerful, so we judged that we would be unable to beat him so we used ourselves as binds and seal him. The result is that he was sealed, as you know but... But currently the seals are being lift and now is just a matter of time for them to all be unsealed... At that time, the God of Creation bought us some time by wagering himself to seal the Evil God and it was succesful because the Evil God was still getting used to the power that he stole from the God of Creation but... if he were to resurrect now...”

“He would resurrect as the strongest Evil God, right?”

“Yes...”

... I see... Seeing how the Goddesses expressively took the trouble to tell me that, means that ion this battle I will truly be putting my life on the line...

“But if we don’t do something about the Evil God, then the world would come to an end, right?”

“Yes.”

“Then, my decision remains the same. I’ll fight.”

“Is that okay?”

“Yes.”

Like I’m going to let the world the girls live in to end!! With that determination I strongly answered.

“Thank you very much.”

The Goddess of Sea bows her head. No, you don’t have to be so courteous... I’m fighting for my personal reasons, so if you take that attitude, I’ll get ashamed... The Goddess of Sea raises her head and, probably because she feels

at ease, a charming smile appears on her face.

“So, Goddess of Sea, I’m currently in a bit of a hurry so, can you tell me where Navirio and company is?”

“Please wait a moment...”

After saying that, the Goddess of Sea lowers her head as if looking for the presence of something, and just for a moment lets out her divine aura. After she finishes, she slowly raises her head and signals her finger towards the opposite side of the island, towards the open sea.

“They seems to be about 10 km from here in that direction. In there is a maritime city build by the pirates named Sealance. They seem to be captured over there...”

Hoho... There is a place like that...

“That is where you could say that the pirate stronghold is. Over there you can say that everyone is an enemy except for Navirio and company who you are looking for... I don’t think you need to worry but, please take care.”

“Don’t worry!! Thank you for telling me.”

Let’s see, about 10 km... Well I think I can get there without a problem. While I was starting to do some warm ups, the Goddess of Sea claps her hands as if she remembered something.

“That’s right, can you lend me your hand?”

“My hand?”

I stop my warm up and extend my right hand towards the Goddess of Sea. She takes my hand, looks downwards as if praying, and tenderly wraps my hand with both her hands. I got startled by the sudden action but she immediately releases my hand. What just happened?

“With this is all good. We have established a contract.”

“... Contract?”

What’s with those dangerous words? I didn’t hear anything. Or rather, can’t you tell me from the begining if you are going to do that? I’ll be sure to refuse.

“Please look at your palm.”

I look at my palm as I was told and in there I see some magical array or crest with a geometrical pattern.

“What is this?”

“The proof of the two contracts. The first one is to formally address you as the messenger of us Goddesses and now you will more easily contact with us, and it also raises your status... Although I don’t know if with that you are going to be able to defeat the Evil God...”

... Eh? I became even more powerful? Or rather, even with my status raised and with deification is still uncertain whether I’ll defeat the Evil God? Just how powerful is that Evil God...? Well, I’ll still fight...

“And the other one?”

“... *whisper*”

... Mh? It was so quiet, I didn’t hear.

“What was that? I didn’t hear so can you please repeat it?”

I ask to confirm but the face of the Goddess of Sea becomes red and starts to disappear.

“I think this is the limit for my manifestation... I have to reserve power to confront the Evil God...”

You use the ‘Anti-Evil God’ excuse quite a lot, I see... Do you think that everything will be okay with just that?

“I’m sorry but you haven’t answered me. What’s the other contract?”

“... The right to take us Goddesses as your wives.”

The Goddess of Sea disappears leaving those words with a crimson face...

You tricked meeeeeeeeeee!!

Guuhh!! She already left and I have to hurry so I have no way to complain... Wait a minute... I’m sure she said that this crest allows me to contact the Goddesses at any moment...

Great, let’s complain later... I won’t do it now because I’m in a hurry...

I finish my warm up exercises and once again dash over the water in the

direction the Goddess of Sea pointed at.

Chapter 189 – Maritime City Sealance

I moved in the direction the Goddess of Sea pointed to and while I was wondering if I was getting closer, a city really appeared. To be precise, it consisted of many ships tied together with chains and it apparently was conformed by tens of boats, and in the middle was a huge ship that could carry over a hundred people.

I slowly slowed my speed and sank into the sea carefully as to not disturb the surface of the water and started to swim. I could have attacked just like that but because I don't know where Navirio and his crew are held, I can't carelessly put them in danger.

I swam like that up to the closest ship and I infiltrated by the hole in the hull where one of the cannons was installed.

I infiltrated without a problem but there was nobody in here. Eh?

This is a pirate's ship, right? Why then is there no people? Don't they have to stay on lookout? Now that I think about it, we are at sea. There is no land nor island in the vicinity. I see, they think that in here, nobody would be able to touch them. But what a shame, because I'm already here. You'll be done if you did something to my brother in law Navirio and my best friend Orlando. Or rather, even if you didn't, I can't let you be. It is decided that I will exterminate all the pirates in here. My condolences.

When I get out to the deck, I examine the situation and understand that people is gathering in the big ship of the center. Because I can hear loud cheerings from there.

I start to jump from ship to ship and get close to the big ship in the center to examine the situation.

On the deck is a great gathering of pirates, and they seem to be circling something in the center because they are all packed together. In the center is a female pirate with dull blonde hair wearing a big pirate hat, a big thick black coat is hanging from her shoulders, and in front of her were Navirio and company tied up. I'm glad that they are still fine. The female pirate grabs

Navirio's chin and raises it to check out his face by turning him towards her.

"Fufufu, Your face is in my srike zone... I like you, I'll give you lots of love."

In the moment I hear that, I jump from where I am towards the circle on the deck and scream.

"Don't come increasing my problems!!"

And like that I throw a punch at the female pirate that had captured Navirio with enough speed so that she can avoid it and naturally she avoided it and got away from Navirio. Well that was my intention and I would be troubled if she hadn't dodge. It's not that I'm trying to kill her. Although if it were a matter of life or dead, we would be talking differently... I greatly wonder if that day would ever come though...

Just as I land in front of Navirio, the female pirate reacts by screaming "Kill him!" and the pirates come attack me with their weapons.

With an instant movement I knock down all the pirates down in the blink of an eye and return to the place where I landed. Seen from the point of view of the pirates, besides not knowing what happend, they started to see they comrades fly off. In that moment I cut the ropes that bind Navirio and company with an axe I stole from one of the pirates that attacked me. The other knights besides Navirio and Orlando seem to be the ones that were in that battle because they remembered me and gave me their thanks. Taking advantage of the turmoil of the pirates that still don't know what is happening, the now free Navirio and Orlando call out to me.

"It's been a while Wazu, you saved us."

"I'm happy for our reunion but what are you doing here?"

Hearing Navirio's words of gratitude and seeing Orlando's surprised face, I also float a smile.

"Well, a lot happened... Let's leave that for later..."

At that time, the pirates raised their vigilance towards me and the freed Navirio and company, and with weapons in hand they threw loadfuls of killing intent towards us.

“I’ll be enjoying that red-hair man later so leave him alive! Kill the rest! Teach them where they are right now!!”

Where we are? In the stronghold of some hundred pirates, right? Instead I’ll be teaching you who are you dealing with.

I realize something when I was looking at the pirates that want to attack us. I messed up! Navirio and company have no weapons! I don’t particularly need one but they do. I get near to some of the pirates that are getting close, send them flying while stealing their weapons and then I give them to Navirio and his crew.

Navirio and company star to face with the weapons they received from me the pirates that are attacking them. I also kept gazing at them while I was knocking the pirates but as expected from a pirate extermination crew, there doesn’t seem to be any problem. Well if there were to be any danger, I would rush to them. But now that I look at them, their clothes look ragged and I can see impatience in their faces. Well I can’t blame them, they were captive just a moment ago, so they haven’t rest well.

So thinking that, I start to put more force into my body as to lessen the burden on Navirio and company for even a little. And at that moment I spotted a nice opening in the way of the bow of the ship so we moved over there.

In a few minutes, the end was already at sight.

At the bow of the ship that we headed to was already a small mountain of about a hundred people. Of course inside that people there weren’t Navilio nor his people. That mountain was composed of the pirates that were here. It’s thanks to me moving quickly and send them all flying there.

Now there was just the boss left, the female pirate was the only one left standing...

“Impossible!! We are the pirates that rule over these seas!!”

That’s wrong. The one that rules the sea is the Goddess of Sea, or so I thought. Or more exactly she was the one that spotted you here. Although I’ll still raise objections about the previous matter...

“Surrender now!!”

But well, right now, that female pirate is being surrounded by Navirio and his men and she has nowhere to go. Shortly after, Navirio gave her a blow to her vitals and made her lose consciousness.

And only after seeing that I was able to breath relaxedly...

I'm glad that Navirio and company are fine!!

Chapter 190 – The legs are the foundation to movement

Heave-ho!! Heave-ho!! Heave-ho!!

Whip!! Whip!! Whip!!

Mnghh...!! Mnghh...!!

Weaving... Weaving...

Tighten... Tighten...

And finally...

Nail down... Nail down...

I tear off the chains connecting the ships of this Maritime City Sealance, straighten them, interweave them and make an improvised huge cage and finally nail it down in the deck of the big ship at the center to trap inside the mountain of pirates.

I tap my hands against each other to get rid of the dust from the job and give a nod while looking at the cage.

“... Great, it’ll be fine with this.”

The knights beside me become dumbfounded at my words. Is it something to be so surprised about? I guess so, making a cage this big in a few minutes would surprise anybody. But if I had more and better materials, I could have make a better one, you know? But even like this, the pirates inside will be unable of destroying it or getting out so please be at ease.

“Now, I leave you to stay on guard just in case. If they wake up and start making a ruckus, please call me... I’ll shut them up.”

I bow down to the knights guarding the pirates, leave that place and go to the captain’s cabin of the big ship in where Navirio and Orlando are.

“It’s me, excuse me...”

I knock on the door and while saying that I enter the cabin, and inside I find

Navirio and Orlando resting in a sofa. I understand from that that they are more tired than I originally thought. When the two see me entering, they try to stand up but I tell them to stay like that with a hand gesture and get close to them while talking.

“You look tired.”

“Yeah... I’m beaten...”

“That was really dangerous... You saved us.”

“Just what happened?”

I ask them the details and it was exactly as I had expected.

At the beginning they went to the deserted island to exterminate the pirates and they easily captured them but, immediately after a great number of pirates came as backup and now they were the ones that got captured. In ability, Navirio and company were superior but they were outnumbered. They were ultimately brought here and were wondering if they were going to be executed when at that time I appeared... I’m so glad I hurried... If I hadn’t make it, let alone Princess Eris, I wouldn’t have known how to face Naminissa and Narelina...

I got secretly relieved and now I got questioned by Navirio.

“So, why are you here, Wazu? Haven’t you met with my sisters?”

Oh right, I haven’t tell them.

I tell Navirio everything that has happened up to now excluding the thing about Princess Eris and the Evil God.

And after hearing that, the first thing that Navirio says is...

“... Fumu... So that means that Wazu will become my little brother... As an older brother I can’t show an embarrassing side to you... For starters, you can call me Navirio-ani if you want.”

... Et tu Navirio? Is this that thing called family trait? Well I actually don’t mind calling you that but, let’s wait until I marry Naminissa and Narelina please.

“And well? I understood that you were able to meet my sisters so why did you came here alone? Does it have to do with you coming to look for me?”

... Okay, from now on is the main question. I already decided to let Navirio have the final word in this so let's tell him everything like that.

And thinking like that, I proceed to tell him about Princess Eris. Of course, I tell him that we brought her by the person's own will... This is important.

"... And so, Princess Eris wants to marry you, Navirio. Or rather, do you know who she is? Do you remember her?"

"... If I remember correctly, I met her when we went to greet the King of Iscoa... That been said, before talking about marriage, I first need to get to know better Princess Eris... Although, did my parents felt displeased with her?"

"Well... It didn't look like that at all."

"Then what's left is what I think about it... My parents don't seem to oppose and she seems to be a good match."

Saying that, the corner of Navirio's mouth raise a little, and a small smile appears in his face. Stop looking handsome. That's why good looking people are... Well, he is my brother so I'm actually proud.

"But to think that she wants to marry me... I guess this means that I'm following after Orlando?"

Saying that, Navirio gives a face to Orlando of that like a kid that just pulled out a prank. Being looked like that, Orlando gives a bitter smile and starts scratching his head. Eh? What do you mean? Following after Orlando...? Don't tell me!!

"Did you get married, Orlando?"

"Yeah... Well... I did."

Orlando says that to me with a red face... Tch, that's why good looking guys are... Everyone of you making handsome faces... Well, Orlando is my best friend so I'm actually proud.

"Congratulations!!"

"Yeah, thanks!!"

I honestly feel happy from the good news from my best friend and congratulate him. Orlando accepts them with a broad cheerful smile on his face.

"And who is the lucky lady?"

to run like that... while pulling the huge ship...

And like that we crash into the harbour of the Port Town Motampe!!... Doing that would be bad so I reduce my speed at the end and with vigour I stop like that the ship. At that moment, the pirates crashed their bodies with each other due to the impact and started to groan but, well, I don't care.

At the same time the people on the harbour started to get noisy but there were some knights that knew me and Navirio also came from the bow so their expressions changed to that of joyfulness. They are trusted.

We'll leave this place to Orlando and the Knights, and Navirio and I will go to the Mabondo residence. I was thanked by the knights and promised with Orlando to go grab a bite with him later. Did someone contact them beforehand? Givirio-otousan, Mirelina-okaasan and Princess Eris were already in front of the house waiting for us and got glad that Navirio came back safely.

I got thanked by Givirio-otousan and Mirelina-okaasan and I left the thing about Princess Eris to Navirio so I went to where the girls were.

They seem to be in a room in the second floor so I just opened like that the door of the room.

For some reason, Aria and a group of people that I don't know are inside facing the girls, and from there I can feel that a bloodcurdling battle is about to start, the ambiance is filled to the brim with killing intent...

I slowly close the door.

Chapter 191 – Reality is probably like this

I open the door once again but the scenery doesn't change.

From inside the room I can feel bloodthirst filling to the brim the ambience, the girls are bluntly showing their displeasure and you could even call it killing intention... Or rather, all of their expressions are full with it. Just what on earth happened...?

On the other side, this time Aria is the real one and not the Goddess of Darkness impersonating her but, she is sitting closing her eyes and mouth. Besides her was a man with a face almost as handsome as Grave-san's face, with blue hair and wearing a splendid silver armour and he is looking downwards while sweating. Behind them, laughing, there is a man with a handsome face and a well built body that gives the air of a warrior, and by his side a young girl with a cute face wearing a pointy hat and an ambience of a magician is sighing. I bet they are the Hero Party that beated the Demon Lord.

After confirming that, I enter the room, try to somehow calm down the girls and sit down facing Aria. The moment I sit down, I realize that the situation was so unexpected that I forgot to run away. Well, after coming this far, I naturally decided to not run away. But I made sure to tell the girls not to interfere no matter what is said to me.

"... It's been a while, Wazu."

She opens her eyes, and looking at me, that is the first thing she says.

"... Indeed."

"Before we talk I want to confirm something."

"What?"

"Princess Eris is fine, right? I haven't meet her yet."

... She just met with Navirio not long ago, so she might have hidden herself as to not be taken back before that...

"She's fine. I met her just now."

“I see... Then that’s fine. The reason we are here is to take back Princess Eris. And to do that...”

“Just talk it out with her. I won’t meddle anymore.”

“Understood... Then I’ll talk about my personal reason for coming here.”

... *gulp*

I unconsciously gulp. And it seems that Aria also made up her mind. The blue haired man besides her calls out to her worriedly but aria just answers with a nod. Just by looking at that I can somehow figure out what Aria wants to talk about...

“This is just talking by myself and any mistake can be said is my fault. So please listen to everything first and I don’t mind if later you want to curse at me, but just let me tell you that this is all my decision and there’s no way to change it... I want you to listen to me with that in mind.”

She looks straight at me as if to tell me that there is no lie in her words.

“When we were little we made a verbal promise... We might have been just kids at that time but there’s no doubt that those were our real feelings... And because they were real my heart is still lingering to it... And if I don’t resolve that lingering feeling, I won’t be able to move forward... That’s why I was looking for Wazu... And because I was able to meet you here, there is something that I want you to know no matter what...”

I can see Aria behaving stout, but I can see tears forming in her eyes...

“I’m sorry... I can’t keep that promise...”

... Okay...

“That wasn’t my intention when I first went out on our journey with the hero here beside me... All I wanted was to finish this as quick as possible and return to your side... But we worked together, and after the years some bonds were made... He saved me from peril many times and my perception of him changed, from a reliable person to a dear person.... and then those feelings changed to love...”

...

“And he also had those feelings... By the time we defeated the Demon Lord we had already...”

... Figures... As I thought, the scene I saw at that time was not my misunderstanding or nothing...

“That’s why, although I know I’m saying something really selfish... I know that I’m just saying this after it happened, and that this is the least I can do to settle things in my heart... I know that I’m hurting you... But I wanted to tell you this myself... I know that doing this will only hurt you more but, I can’t make it as if our seriousness that time was nonexistent, and it has been tormenting me up until now...”

I’m really sorry... I’m sorry I’m being selfish...”

I didn’t say anything. Midways I hanged my head down... And didn’t look at Aria at all.

They might have gotten tired of waiting because with a sound I was able to tell that Aria and Hero-sama got up...

When Aria and her party were leaving the room, I looked at Aria’s back and said just one thing.

“Be happy.”

I don’t know if she heard me... But I wasn’t able to say anything else... There might be something else I could have said... But I couldn’t think of anything else... If I had not run away that time, something might have changed... But I ran away... Is there anything else I can say...?

‘You were special for me too...’

I whispered that in my heart...

After Aria and her party left, I turn towards the girls.

“... I’m fine!! I’m unexpectedly calm!!”

Even after I said that, the girls give me worried looks. What is it? When I was thinking that, I felt water hitting my hands. I touch my cheeks with my hands and realized that at some point I started crying. Even though I wasn’t planning on cry...

“I-I’m sorry!! This is just... Some dust got in my eye.”

I don’t want them to see this unsightly side of me.

But the girls just hugged me tightly.

“... It’s okay... It’s okay to cry.”

I don’t know who said that... It could have been all of them... but...

The moment that gentle voice entered my ears, I started sobbing and just kept crying...

Chapter 192 – I feel somehow refreshed (mentally)

The next day...

Three days later...

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The morning, five days later...

I'm fully recovered!! How could it be?! I'm completely recovered!! How to say it, I feel refreshed!! I feel invigorated!! Was the world this beautiful?! The chirp of the birds feel nice!!

... I got my tension a little up... I'm sorry...

But I cried a lot that day, I was feeling like an empty shell up until now but now I feel refreshed. I'm not just putting up a brave face!! ... Let's calm down a little...

Fuuu... I can think calmly now. The thing about Aria was certainly shocking... If I just were to think whether to forgive her or not, obviously I wouldn't be able to forgive her. But I also don't plan on condemning her. Or rather, I don't think that I have the right to condemn her. The me of that time was just being a coward waiting for her return from a safe place, and I even flee from that place afterwards. So what could I say now... Aria blamed herself but I think that's just the natural result, a result I think I let happen.

If at that time I had jumped out and said something, maybe something might have changed...

Or even if I had forcefully tagged along with them when they went to defeat the Demon Lord, it could have gone well too...

There's no end to thinking like that. In the end, I can't change the past. In reality, Aria is not by my side, and I'm not at Aria's side. This is the truth.

Now that I think about it, an older girl that lived in my neighbourhood said

once...

'The first love always fails... But because that is the first person you ever love... That person becomes unforgettable...' Or something like that...

I think I can understand the meaning of those words a little more. I probably won't ever forget Aria... But that will not be because I still love her... I will simply exist as a memory. Mine and Aria's path will never cross like that again...

I think I'm able to think like that thanks to meeting the girls, being with them, and because I made a promise with them.

Sarona's, Tata's, Naminissa's, Narelina's, Haosui's, Kagane's, Mao's...

I wonder if receiving their feelings of love to me made my heart stronger... No, that's not right, is their presence what supports my heart. I can feel the love they give me in my heart.

Severely, tenderly, kindly, sublimely, sternly, bravely facing forwards.

It warmly heals my heart...

Aria will live together with Hero-sama, and I will live together with the girls.

This is the path that Aria walks. I can easily accept that and thus, I feel like some weight got lifted up from my heart...

I raise my body after having slept all this time. I think my body got stiff because I can hear my joints cracking. Well it can't be helped since I have been wrapped up on the bed all this time. I make some slight stretches, get down the bed and change into my usual clothes.

While I was changing, I remember what happened in the last four days. At that time I loudly cried my heart out but thanks to the isolation barrier Naminissa placed, it didn't leaked outside. Well, if it had leaked out I wouldn't be able to leave this room from the shame, so I'm grateful. And I also should thank the girls for taking turns at staying with me. Having someone near was really reassuring and I'm glad for it.

And that's what I want to say to them but, there's nobody here. I'm effectively alone right now. Eh? Even Meru isn't here. I want to caress her a lot!! The feel of Meru's skin is indisputably the thing that gives my heart

stability the most... Where could she have gone? I desire Meru right now.

When I finished changing, I leave the room and from the living room downstairs I can hear voices so I go down the stairs and enter the living room. What comes to my eyes is the sight of the girls surrounding the table talking about something with serious faces. And over the table there is a banner standing, and that banner says:

[46th Hero's Party destruction meeting]

That's what it said. I can tell that some words were strongly written... I understand that but, what does it mean? Haven't they realize that I just entered the room? And I can hear the contents of their... meeting?

"No matter how I think about it, if we kill them normally, our feelings won't subside."

"You're right... It has to be the most gruesome and miserable death possible or..."

"And to do that we need to think of several ways to proceed."

"I see... Won't tearing their four limbs and throw them out do?"

"... That's too tepid..."

"Then how about stripping the hero nude, make him wear woman's underwear and have him walk around downtown?"

"And we can then hang him from a signboard with the legend 'I get sexually aroused when I wear woman's underwear and get looked at with scornful eyes'"

""I like that!""

What on earth are you girls talking about?

I can't keep looking at them having that kind of conversation so I call out to them.

"Uhm... Good morning, everybody."

""!""

The moment I say that, all of them get up their seats and gather around me... And with cheerful faces and shedding tears they greet me with a hug. I feel their warmth in my skin and realize something warm that resides in my heart starts burning. I also spread my arms wide and hug them back. And when I do that,

Meru flies to my head and rides it as if claiming 'this place belongs to me', so I stroke her skin.

Ahh~... I'm feeling healed~...

Chapter 193 – I'm sorry I made you wait

We sit again around the table. I softly stroke Meru who is over my head, and I wonder if she is happy to be once again in her usual place but she starts to lovingly bite my fingers. It tickles. I can't help notice the banner in the middle of the table. Aren't they taking it off?

"Are you completely fine?"

While I was playing with Meru, Naminissa asks me that with a worried face. The other girls too have a similar expression. Do they think that I'm just putting up a brave facade? Do they think that I'm forcing myself? I have to tell them that now I'm perfectly fine.

"I'm completely fine. I'm sorry I made you worry... It was reassuring having always someone by my side these few days... I'm really thankful."

Together with my thanks words, I honestly tell them what I thought and what I feel to let them feel reassured. I'll be living together with everyone here from now on so I don't want to hide anything from them. I told them about myself just as it is. The girls too give me serious expressions not wanting to miss anything I say.

"... And that's how I feel. So I'm completely fine now. I resolved everything with Aria and thanks to you all I was able to stand up again... I'm really grateful to you... No, that's not it. What I should say right now is..."

I cut my words there and look at everyone in order.

"I'm glad you were there for me, thank you... From now on I wish you would stay together with me... I won't ever let go of you... I love you all."

"We won't let go of you either!! We'll be forever together!!"

"Fufu... If you are fine with us, please let us be with you forever."

"Our feelings for you will not change, Wazu-sama. We will always be by your side."

"Our feelings remain the same since the beginning. We all also love you Wazu!!"

“... Together forever.”

“He became dere!! Onii-chan became dere to us!! We won!! We won!! Sekihan*!! I want some sekihan right now!!” (T/N: Sekihan, or red rice, is Japanese rice with azuki beans and is a dish eaten to celebrate special events)

“Don’t say something like that now... My face is burning...”

Don’t worry, I’m sure my face is crimson red right now. I mean, this is really embarrassing, and I know my skin is completely red but I won’t avert my eyes from theirs. Besides, your faces are also red, you know? We’re even...

I cleared my throat and after calming myself down, I once again ask the girls.

“And...? What is this all about?”

I point towards the banner and everyone answers me.

“The Hero Party came as messengers from the Iscoa Kingdom a little before you returned from bringing back Navirio-sama and company.”

“And because you weren’t here, we hid Princess Eris and we face them first.”

“We took into consideration that they might have wanted to meet Princess Eris by force, so that is why we hid her. And so we tried to explain to them about what Princess Eris wanted but...”

“Before we were able to do it, the hero attacked us.”

“... He said ‘Doesn’t matter if you know Aria, that’s no reason to kidnap the princess of a country.’”

“Fu fu fu... Even remembering now, my blood boils... That damned hero!! You talk about it first!!”

“Of course we were going to retaliate so we took our stances but, at that moment, Aria yelled at him so he stopped... Then the hero sat down with an embarrassed face and at that moment you came in.”

... Fumu... That means that the hero attacked my wives without listening to reason first...

“... Let’s kill him.”

I fill my body to the brim with killing intention but for some reason, the girls look at me with enraptured expressions. Of course, I have no intention to actually go kill him, it’s just that no matter whether it is the hero or any other man; if someone tries to lay even a finger on the girls... I WON’T KNOW WHAT

COULD HAPPEN.

“Now that I remember, Princess Eris told us that the hero has many wives but, how many could he have?”

“Let’s see, from rumors I heard that they were about 30. I heard from Princess Eris that Aria is the legal wife.”

“Hee... He has that many.”

“Well, he did defeated the Demon Lord and that is a big achievement so I’m sure many nobles offered him their daughters.”

“Hmm...”

Listening to Naminissa and Narelina’s conversation, I honestly just feel as if it is someone else’s matter and I can’t say anything other than ‘Hmm...’

Does it mean that I don’t care anymore? Well as long as it doesn’t involves us, I don’t care.

“... Does Wazu-san wants to accept more women besides us?”

Tata carefully asks me that but I answer her honestly.

“No, I’m more than happy with having you all with me. I don’t want to increa...”

“Why do you stop there?!”

Receiving Tata’s scream, I remember something... The contract... I have to tell them about it too... Haa...

“No, it’s not what you think... Uhm... The truth is...”

Saying that, I show the girls the crest engraved in my right hand and explain about the scheme of the Goddesses.

“... So that means that the Goddesses might come to become my wives.”

“What do you think about that, Wazu-sama?”

“Uhm... It’s true that they have help me up until now, and even though they have given me some trouble, it’s not like I hate them, and if they want that, I can only say that I do feel happy...”

Or can it be that I actually want them near where I can see them so they don’t give trouble to someone else? But well, it’s also true that I enjoy being together with the Goddesses... It’s a feeling close to ‘If you want to come then come’ or

something...

“Well, if it is the Goddesses then we don’t have any complaints.”

“I understand that they helped you out of love, and the Goddess of War is a nice person.”

“Fufu... It seems that we will also become a big family.”

“Yeah, and to think that it will also include deities.”

“... It’s expected from Danna-sama.”

“Fumu... We have to polish ourselves to in order to not lose to the Goddesses.”

“Yeah, we won’t lose.”

I’m glad for you Goddesses. It seems that my wives will welcome you. If they were to object, this conversation would be over. To me the girls are already my top priority...

... Ahh, talking about becoming my wives I remembered.

“I just remembered but Haosui, how many days are left for you to turn 15 years old?”

“... Just about a month.”

“I see. Well, Kagane is already 15 and when you turn 15 too, let’s get all married. I’m sorry I made you wait until now.”

When I say that, they give me a smile like that of a flower blooming and being unable to hold it in, they come to hug me.

I hugged them back in order to support them.

Chapter 194 – What’s going on now?

“And? We seem to be the only ones in the house. Where did Navirio and everyone else go?”

I stayed for a while being embraced by the girls but, we calm down for a moment and return to take our seats and I ask about the think that it’s been bothering me for a while. In the house are only the girls and me. Navirio, Princess Eris, Givirio-otousan and Mirelina-okaasan are nowhere to be seen.

“Onii-sama and everyone else went to the Imperial Capital Iscoa.”
“... Mh? Why is that?”

According to the girls story, many talks took place in the few days I was shut in the bedroom.

The first thing that happened was that Princess Eris met Navirio, they talked for a while and then she proposed with great fervour in front of Givirio-otousan and Mirelina-okaasan. Navirio accepted her proposal at that very moment, and just at that moment my talk with Aria had ended so they witnessed it so she told the Hero Party “This is the future I desire. I will tell this to father as it is!!” with a stern face and so Navirio and company decided to go with her. The Hero Party returned to the Imperial Capital Iscoa as escorts.

And, although for Naminissa and Narelina it was a family matter and they were asked to come along, me being in that state, Navirio asked that as soon as I got better, the girls would explain to me the situation and hoped that we also went to the Imperial Capital.

I began pondering about it while I was drinking the black tea and eating the breakfast that Tata had prepared for me.

I have a feeling that this become something bothersome.

Isn’t this Navirio and Princess Eris’ problem?

No it’s not. This is already the problem of the Mabondo family. And in the near future it will also be my problem. So is that why he asked me to come?

It seems that Naminissa and Narelina are worried about their family and they

are restless. Hmm... It seems that they want to know what happened...

“Should we go?”

When I propose it, for a moment their faces shined but next it changed to a hesitant expression.

“What is it?”

“No, well... I really do want to go but... I mean...”

“If we go you might bump into the Hero Party... Or more precisely into Aria...”

“Ahh that.”

You don't have to worry too much about it...

“It'll be fine. I have you all by my side, have I not? So that doesn't matter anymore... If you are by my side, there's nothing I fear!! Besides I don't think that it has something to do with me anymore. Although, how to say it... If it tries to get involved with me... I'll destroy it with all I have.”

They seem to feel relieved by my words because the girls give pleasant smiles. Seeing those faces I feel content so I stand up with the intention of going.

But before that I took a shower, changed my clothes, got Meru to ride my head, made our preparations and then we left the house. And while I was glancing at how the town was doing, the girls also came out after preparing their stuff so I told them “Let's go” and left the Port Town. We say good bye to the gate guards and left trotting. The gate guards told us “Please take care of Navirio-sama and everyone else” while lowering their heads. As usual, they were the former Mabondo Knights that knew me... No, they are now the Motampe Knights. I answer them with a nod.

The princesses seemed worried about their family so we increased our speed a little while heading towards the Imperial Capital Iscoa.

In the middle of our trip, I mutter about something that's bothering me.

“... Now that I think about it, I haven't tell my parents that I came back.”

Kagane reacts with a jolt at those words.

I give Kagane an inquiring look. I remember that when we first entered the Imperial Capital she gave a suspicious reaction too.

“What did you do?”

Kagane averts her eyes at my words and starts to sweat cold. But it seems that she thought she wouldn't be able to escape my inquisitive eyes so she muttered some words.

“... Just a little education...”

Okay. She just let out some disturbing words. Just what kind of education did you gave them?

“And?”

“... Probably... When they see Onii-chan, they might start apologizing with great impetus but, please accept them with a kind heart.”

“... Really, what did you do?”

I don't remember having parents like that. If they really changed like that, I will have to make Kagane turn them back to how they were while I scold her... It's not like I hate my parents. They did payed more attention to Kagane but, that's to be expected, right? I think anyone would want to pay more attention to their child if she happened to be a genius. And I wouldn't hate my parents just because of that. Even if the amount of love they gave me was different, it's not like they didn't gave me anything at all. I was also proud of my exeptional sister Kagane.

“... Uugh... You're not angry?”

“No I'm not. It's just that I will scold you later for going overboard.”

“... Hau... Do you hate me now?”

“Now that's stupid. I could never hate you, Kagane.”

“Paaaaaaaaa!!”

“I understand that you became happy but, I think what you are saying is wrong.”

We continued while doing our exchange, and thanks to our speed we arrived at the Imperial Capital Iscoa in a few hours.

Chapter 195 – If it's for my Brother and Sister

Would it be okay for me to enter the Imperial Capital Iscoa? While I was thinking that, I present my guild card to the gatekeeper and he tells me “I have been already informed by the Royal Family, they are waiting” and starts to lead us towards the Iscoa Castle that towers the Imperial Capital.

Once we reach the castle gate, another soldier gets in charge of us and leads us through the interior of the castle and once we enter the castle, a veteran butler with a magnificent mustache guides us to a room. Hey, the one called Freud! Stop feeling competitive!!

And inside the room were Navirio with Princess Eris, Givirio-otousan and Mirelina-okaasan. The veteran butler shows us inside the room and with a bow, leaves.

The room we were lead to was richly adorned with gorgeous ornaments that it was perfect for a royal family to use.

Navirio and his family were sitting at the table inside the room but when they saw us they gave great smiles and came over to us.

“Are you already fine?”

The first thing that came out from Navirio's mouth were words of concern about my physical condition.

“Yeah, I'm already fine. So, what's going on? Why were we called here? Hasn't the misunderstanding been solved?”

While sharing Naminissa and Narelina's happiness from meeting their parents again, I ask that to Navirio. And when I do that, Navirio changes his expression to an apologetic one.

“... What happened?”

“... Well, the misunderstanding about Eris has already been solved but, our marriage is being opposed... They say that they don't want anything to do with the Mabondo family...”

“Eh? Not with just you, Navirio but with the whole Mabondo family?”

“That’s how it is. Actually, Tou-sama and Eris’ father the King of this Country, King Rusona’s relationship are like water and oil... Or more like King Rusona hates Tou-sama one-sidedly... Or rather, he’s not good with him.”

“What’s that? What do you mean?”

“Tou-sama and King Rusona are old acquaintances but Tou-sama’s personality doesn’t mesh with King Rusona’s personality... So, because Tou-sama doesn’t really care about it, they got to take care of each other reluctantly and that made the other party obstinate... And being stubborn has led us to here. But as I just said, it’s not like they hate us, just they are not good at dealing with us...”

“And thus this?”

“That’s right... But even then, Eris has set her mind. She is set on marrying me even if that means having to leave the royal family... Or more like severing all blood relations.”

While Navirio was recalling that scene, he turned to give Princess Eris a delightful and kind glance and in return, she gave a small chuckle with a shy and red face.

Yeah, yeah, thanks for the feast.

It’s time for me to clear my voice and and bring them back to reality...

“*cough*... And now what? I understand that part but, how does that relate to bringing us here?”

“... It’s something really difficult for me to say...”

“Mh? What is it? Is something bothering you? Don’t worry. We will be cooperating in the future as brothers and sister so, something trivial is not a problem.”

“If you say it like that, it makes it even more difficult to say... Fuu... Actually, after Eris said that, Tou-sama also gave his consent and then it unfolded into a verbal dispute. And as a counterattack, King Rusona said ‘Then we shall have a duel between one of our representatives to deal with this problem!!’ And my father got carried on and accepted it...”

When I hear that, I turn to look at Givirio-otousan and he lets out his tongue as if saying ‘tehee’. What are you doing? Seriously...

I return my sight once again to Navirio and, with a really apologetic expression, he continues talking. Well, having heard up until now, I can kind of

figure out the rest...

“It’s almost certain that King Rusona will bring out the hero. So we thought of also bringin out our mightiest power... And thus we came to the conclusion that you are the strongest person we know, Wazu.”

“Well, that’s how it would turn out... I have fight in front of you too... So I was the one selected...”

As I thought it turned into something bothersome.

Haa... But well, when I first heard it from the princesses I didn’t believed it but, it turns out that Navirio and Princess Eris really want to get married and so I can’t really say no to my future Brother and Sister in law... And it’s not like I have nothing against the hero so I’ll use him as a stress relief.

“Fuu... Got it.... You owe me one, Navirio-niisan.”

“Thank you... But just please spare me from having you kill your opponent in this place.”

“I know.”

When I give my approval, Navirio lets out a sigh of relief and looks at Princess Eris as if to tell her that with this, everything will be alright. Or rather, you aren’t doubting my victory for even an little, are you?

Do you trust me that much?

While looking at my future brother and sister-in-law, the worried voices of the girls comes to me.

“Are you really going to participate?”

“Yeah.”

“But if you do...”

“Don’t worry. It’s true that he is someone I don’t want to have anything to do with, but since it came to this, I want to do everything I can for Navirio.”

“Thank you very much.”

Naminissa and Narelina give me their thanks and lower their heads. You don’t have to worry that much.

I don’t want to get involved with him but, now that I have, I will have him taste my full strength...

Let’s see how strong is the Hero that defeated the Demon Lord...

Chapter 196 – Before the duel

And after that, the preparations were done in the blink of an eye.

Givirio-otousan called the veteran butler and told him that we would accept the duel, and it seemed that King Rusona also wanted to get this matter over with because they had already finished their preparations so, in an instant the duel was ready.

The place was an open field outside the castle. There, the Hero Party and King Rusona along with some male attendants were already waiting for us. Inside those attendants was also the veteran butler. On the opposite side were us, the Mabondo family and Princess Eris.

I once again look at the other side.

As I had met previously with the Hero Party, I leave them aside and focus on King Rusona. Because he is a person that an ordinary guy like me would never meet.

Well, Givirio-otousan is like that also. It's just that he didn't give that impression when he appeared...

King Rusona looks a lot like Princess Eris that you would tell they are parent and child just from looking. But right now he has a tired expression and if you compare him with Givirio-otousan, he looks unwell. It's as if he has so much to worry about that he gives a troubled aura.

He might be worried dead about the matter with her daughter. How regretful. After this matter is dealt with, the matter with the Evil God will be waiting for you. Hang in there!!

I'm worried he might collapse from exhaustion and anxiety.

"I see you've made up your mind... Let's solve this matter already."

The moment King Rusona says that towards us, the hero comes up front. His expression is full of confidence and he doesn't have even a speck of doubt that he will win. Well, I also don't plan to lose against the hero.

The hero already stepped forward so I also give Navirio and everyone else a

glance and nod once, and immediately after, I give the girls a smile to give them peace of mind. I hand Meru to Haosui and also step forward.

When I step forward, the other side start making faces as if asking 'who's this?' and only Aria gives a face of disbelief. I guess that's obvious, Aria doesn't know about my strength. Well, she already has nothing to do with me so I don't care.

I look like that at the hero and the hero gives a smile that looks like he thinks he will win with leeway.

"I believe you are Aria's childhood friend... and the one that kidnapped Princess Eris..."

Are? Wasn't the misunderstanding solve already? Why did I become the kidnapper of Princess Eris?

"Good grief... Are you aware that because of you, Aria and I took so long to get married?! And you even committed a crime... But also because beside you are Aria's friend Princesses Naminissa and Narelina, her friendship with them got destroyed!!"

Are you planning to make it my fault also?
Moreover, you are saying that in a loud voice as to everyone gathered here can hear it... Are you trying to make me the bad guy?

"Realize already that your existence troubles everyone around you!! This is a great chance, I'll bury you right here!! Worry not!! I will open the eyes of Princesses Naminissa and Narelina!!"

Ahh, I got it. This guy is that type. The type that doesn't hear people's words. He selfishly makes up his own justice, and like that tramples on, brandishing his selfish justice. Isn't the one giving trouble to the ones around him, this guy? Well, I guess that heroes are like this.

They believe in their own selfish justice and carry on like that until the end. And because they have power, their surroundings have just to hold their tongues and that makes them believe they are right...

And because to decide whether that behaviour is up to the people around, at that moment there is nobody that can give a different opinion. And like that, they shine more and more thinking that they are right... And does that mean

that Aria is between the people that got attracted to that light?

Or rather, hasn't he noticed?

My wives are becoming more and more furious at this guy's words. Their faces are so scary that they could spring at you at any moment. They are scary if you make them angry, you know?

But that's a shame because that's my role. The one that has to wake up is your side. If you were to try and touch the girls, I will not be able to restrain myself... Although killing you might be bad, I can always embarrass you.

"Are you listening?! Listen well..."

Because there is nobody to stop him, the rant of the Hero (lol) continues. The people on the Iscoa side are listening. Well those are the words of the hero of their country. And between the members of the Hero Party, Aria is somewhat flustered, the Male Warrior is smiling amused and the Magician Girl is nodding off.

On the other hand, on the Motampe side: The girls seem to already stopped listening to the Hero's words because they are playing with Meru. Navirio and Princess Eris are looking at them pleasantly, Givirio-otousan and Mirelina-okaasan are nonchalantly drinking black tea brewed by Freud with a table set he prepared from who knows where.

Aren't you too relaxed?

Well I'm also the same because I've already started ignoring him... Right now I'm pondering how to shame him.

Ahh... Can't you start already...?

I'm getting hungry...

I've finally returned to Iscoa but I have yet to meet my parents...

I feel like eating mum's cooking...

"... Do you understand!?"

"Eh?"

Sorry, I wasn't listening to you.

Did he finally realize that I wasn't listening to him? Because his expression is

full of rage. Maa! Your face is so red. You have been talking by quite a while. Do you want something to drink? Isn't your throat parched?

“Referee!!”

Reacting to the hero's words, the veteran butler from the Iscoa side comes to stand between us. Ah, thank you for your hard work. I'm sure it's hard for you, to have to even do this kind of thing.

“*cough*... Then...”

The veteran butler looks at us to confirm that we are ready at the same time that he says that.

Yes, yes, anytime you want.

“Begin!!”

Let's see how strong the Hero is.

Chapter 197 – Small fry

At the same moment the veteran butler gave the start signal, the Hero unsheathes a sword from a gorgeously ornamented scabbard. The sword is also gorgeously adorned as to not lose to the scabbard and from the blade a pale blue light shines.

Is that a Holy Sword?

The Hero lunges at me with the Holy Sword.

... Crap!!

At once, I avoid that sword and retreat backwards.

The Hero gets on stance again after a swing and grins.

“Fu! As I expected, this sword is effective against evil. I’ll tear you to pieces with this Holy Sword!!”

... That was dangerous. This has become a nuisance... That Holy Sword... I can’t let myself be cut with that Holy Sword...

Of course, I’m not I’m an evil person so it won’t have any effect in me as the Hero said. But still... what a nuisance. I mean, that Holy Sword...

Is the only one in this world, right?

In other words, I have to avoid destroying that Holy Sword no matter what. It’s not that I’m doing it for the Hero (lol), but for the people of this world, I need to leave them this sword. And that being said I have to avoid that Holy Sword touching my body.

Because, I don’t know if a Divine Sword, that surpasses this Holy Sword, can leave a scratch on me...

Or rather, won’t it break by just touching me for an instant? So besides a nuisance, how can you call this situation...?

Ahh what a bother...

“HAHAHA!! What is it?! You can only run?!”

Because I’m greatly avoiding the Holy Sword, the Hero got cocky and started

slashing at me. I'm not!! I'm thinking about the future and avoiding getting touched by the Holy Sword!!

Or rather, the movements of the Hero are dull...

Eh? His movements makes you wonder if he really is a hero.

I mean, that's what a hero is, right? The one that saves the world, right?

Eh? Eeh? Was he this weak?

He can't even hold a candle to my wife Haosui who has the greatest fighting power, you know?

He might even be lower in status than Tata who has the lowest status among them.

Tata might win with her knife...

Ahh, Is he not giving his all yet?

Does he have a hidden strength?

Is he going to awake his dormant power?

That seemed even less likely.

Far from it, right now he is heaving his shoulders greatly.

That's what you get for putting on airs of greatness and start swinging your sword like that after getting cocky because I was sticking to evasion, you know?

Or rather, to lose your breath over just this much...

Can it be that after you defeated the Demon Lord, you stopped training?

Now that I think about it, you have lots of wives.

Were your hands full with them?

But that's a shame. There is no time to think so I won't show any mercy.

"Bastard!! Can't you do nothing more than escape?! Fight me fair and square!!"

Fair and square... This kind of people tend to say this a lot, isn't that strange? I mean, everybody has their way of fighting, so to fight fair and square depends on every person, right? And yet, whenever something is not fair and square for you, you always say those words... Why is that?

For the time being, I want to first say that it's not fair and square to grandiosely draw a Holy Sword and lunge at a person you consider a commoner.

... Ah! I just thought of something nice. If the Hero is really a hero then it there won't be any trouble.

I aim at the wrist of the Hero that keeps swinging unrefinedly at me.

“Tei!!”

With a typical word I give him a chop and the Hero drops the Holy Sword due to pain. I immediately grab the Holy Sword and stab it into the ground with great force. After confirming that, I retreat some steps away.

By the time the Hero turns to glare at me from pain, the Holy Sword is already stuck in the ground and only the handle protrudes.

“You bastard!! What are you doing?! Do you even realize what that sword is!?”

The Hero is filled with rage but I feel relieved. Or rather, that's the Holy Sword, right? A weapon that's close to it? That would be the knife of our Tata. I can't see any more value in it other than that.

The Hero gets close to the Holy Sword crawling, he grabs the handle and pulls with all his strength but the Holy Sword doesn't budge.

AHAHAHA!! It seems you can't pull it out!! So that means that you are not the Hero!!

I tried saying something a villain would say.

“Fugigigi...”

The hero tries to pull it from the floor with a red face but it doesn't give a sign of moving from there. Or rather, can't you fight without the Holy Sword? Come at me empty handed.

I raise my sight from watching the hero, and notice that the people on the Iscoa Side are dumbfounded. Well, that's to be expected. They never thought that their hero would lose. Aria has her mouth open and has an expression that she can't believe it. The veteran butler has an unfazed expression. Well, he is a butler.

On the Motampe side the girls are giving a refreshing smile seeing the comical way the hero is behaving, Navirio is giving a wry smile as if to restraining himself

from laughing, Princess Eris and Givirio-otousan are laughing out loud. Mirelina-okaasan and Freud are, as always, nonchalant.

After confirming that much, I return my sight to the Hero and see that he's still fighting with the sword stuck in the ground. Just give up, that just means that you are not the hero.

Let's end this already...

I take a breath and in an instant move in front of the sight of the Hero, I give him a kick with enough strength as to not kill him by mistake and send him flying, I catch up with the Hero that's up in the air and, with my hand into the shape of a blade, I cut all of the Hero's equipment.

After I have cut enough, I turn to punch him towards the ground.

Baaaaaang!!

When the dust generated by the crash to the ground clears, the lower body of a person can be seen sprouting from the ground, and that lower body has nothing in it other than its birth suit... Of course, it is facing the Iscoa side. I can't show something filthy to the girls.

And then I hide the scarp of the mantle that I cut that's falling from the air...

Instead, that appearance looks more tragic.

"The winner, the Mabondo Family."

The veteran butler coolly says that while raising his hand to our side. As expected from a butler... Nothing like some fake butler from somewhere.

Haa... I feel much better.

I feel somewhat satisfied and return to the side of the girls that are waiting for me.

Chapter 198 – Don't get involved with me any more

When I return to where the girls are, they receive me with wide smiles on their faces.

“That felt good.” (Sarona)

“I felt refreshed.” (Tata)

“Fufu... Serves him right.” (Naminissa)

“He called himself a hero but he's not a big deal, unlike Haosui.” (Narelina)

“... Small fry.” (Haosui)

“My Onii-chan is the best in the world!!” (Kagane)

“I can't see the depth of your strength, Otto-dono.” (Maorin)

The depth of my strength? Probably a strength that pierces through the stars.

The girls unanimously express their joy.

“I think you overdid it... But saying that is unnecessary.”

“You did well, little brother!!”

I understand Navirio's stance but, aren't you getting a little overjoyed, Princess Eris? But well, who can blame her. This pretty much confirms that she and Navirio will get married.

“To think that my son-in-law has this much power... It's even more than what I heard!! But still... Kukuku... What a fascinating way of winning!! I hadn't laugh that hard in a while!! It'll become a learning experience for that Hero.”

“Ara ara, Narelina and Naminissa got a really good person as husband. With this, our retirement can be peaceful.”

I think you are way too happy, Givirio-otousan. But well, I won't deny it. Mirelina-okaasan, I'll be sure to make Naminissa and Narelina happy, and I'll take care of you two, their parents, so please live peacefully.

At that moment, I steal a glance at the Iscoa side, and see the father of Princess Eris, King Rusona looking at the sky and pressing the bridge of his nose with his fingers and having a resolute expression. He's probably coming to terms with Princess Eris' wedding... Or more likely coming to terms with getting

related with the Mabondo family.

And about the Hero...

He was still buried.

The knights, butlers and maids that were observing the fight just now, are trying to dig him out.

Don't worry, I didn't kill him so he's still alive. But if you don't dig him out quickly, he'll asphyxiate.

The male warrior of the Hero Party that's looking at it is giving a roaring laugh and the girl magician is, for some reason, looking at me while applauding.

... Are the people from the party going to get angry? Or are they of the same opinion as Givirio-otousan and think that it'll become a learning experience for him? I really don't care if the Hero has that attitude only towards me or towards everybody else but, I hope he learns from this and never again appears in front of me. On the other side, Aria is with the other people giving her best to dig him out. When I see her earnestly digging without looking over here, I realize that she really loves the hero and at the same time I got surprised at how calm I am at looking at that. It seems that my feelings for Aria have completely faded.

For the time being, I hope that they learn from this and neither the Hero nor Aria get close to me ever again. Or rather, I really want them to not get involved with me again because it's a pain in the ass. This time I didn't kill him but, if this happens again... Especially if they ever do something to cause trouble to the girls I DON'T KNOW WHAT'LL HAPPEN.

I have the feeling that I'm looking at Aria and them with cold eyes...

While raising the corners of my mouth with my hands as to change the mood, I turn to look at the girls. And there, seven faces were looking at me with troubled expressions.

"You don't have to force yourself, you know?"

"You can always borrow my chest."

"It is bad to hold it in."

"You can act spoiled with us at your hearts content."

"... Rather, get charmed by us."

"Should we kill them?"

“If it comes to destroying this country, we’ll give you a hand.”

Everyone nods at Kagane and Mao’s words. That’s dangerous.

“It’s okay, it’s okay!! I don’t care anymore!! As long as they don’t bother me, that’s fine... Well, if they come to pick a fight then I’ll destroy them... Moreover, let me show off for you.”

As I say that, I lightly put my hands over everyone’s heads.

“So, can we leave now? I don’t want to stay here and start getting falsely accused of something...”

“Yeah, I’m sorry for getting you involved in something like this...”

“It’s okay, I did it for you, Nii-san.”

“Thank you. I’ll tell the King of Iscoa to tell the hero to never again get close to you. What are you going to do now?”

“Thanks. Let’s see, I think for starters, I want to meet my parents that live in this castle town and explain them about everybody and afterwards we’ll go to Motanpe. We’ll look for a temporal residence in there. As you could expect, I don’t want to live here.”

“Got it. Then you can live in the house with us. We are already family so it’s okay, right Father?”

“It’s fine.”

While giving a smile to Givirio-otousan’s light answer, I took upon their offer. I exchange a firm handshake with Navirio and everyone else, and I leave the castle together with the girls.

And for some reason, Freud is following us...

“It’s okay if you want to stay with Givirio-otousan.”

“My master is Wazu-sama.”

“No, no, no.”

“Yes, of course.”

Once we return to the castle town, I stretch myself. I might have been unexpectedly nervous. I feel relaxed after a weight has been lifted from my shoulders.

“Now, let’s go back to my house for once.”

When I say that, everyone else becomes restless.

“We’re about to meet Wazu-san’s parents.”

“I’m feeling nervous.”

“My personal appearance... My personal appearance... Onee-sama, do I look fine?”

“No matter where you show up, you’ll never embarrass yourself... On the other hand I’m worried about me.”

“... The moment has finally come.”

“Please, let Onii-chan don’t get angry at me.”

“I’m proud of my ears and tail but, will they accept me like this?”

I have the feeling that only Kagane was feeling restless for a different reason.

“You are worrying too much... It’ll be fine, I’ll introduce you all to my parents and have them approve of you.”

I hug them tightly to make them feel at ease. I do that until they all calm down. The eyes of the peanut gallery is kind of embarrassing but I’ll endure.

For me, the most important ones are everyone here... But not Freud, okay?

I wait until everyone calms down and once again look at their faces.

“Now, let’s go.”

“””Yes!!”””

Chapter 199 – Being this sudden will surprise you, right?

““We’re trully sorry!! No matter how cute and a genius Kagane is, for us to ignore you, Wazu, is our greatest shame!! Hit us!! Come hit us!! We don’t think that you’ll be able to forgive us with just that but if you don’t do at least that, we won’t be able to forgive ourselves!! So come!! Come!!””

In a single house of the commoner’s district.

The moment I open the door of the house where Kagane and I lived and say “I’m back!! I’m sorry I was away from home for so long”, my parents came running while crying and giving me a hug, they yell that.

Really, what did you do to them, Kagane...?

Or rather, you tell me to hit you but, I can’t really do that. I don’t really hate my parents, instead I feel like I’m the one that has to appologize for running from the house. Besides, if I were to hit you how I am now... I might kill you. You’ll become a star in the far sky.

“Come on, you are bothering Onii-chan.”

Kagane calls out to my parents that are stopping me from moving by hugging me. And the moments she does that, my parents immediately get away from me and do dogeza.

““We are trully sorry!!””

I can only get baffled at looking how different my parents are from how I remember them...

I wan’t to know what did Kagane do to them but, it might be better that I don’t ask... I’m a little afraid of asking, and I don’t think she’ll tell me...

If I let my parents remain in dogeza, it would cause an scandal so I have them stand up and, together with the girls, we enter the house.

I have my parents rest in the living room and let them drink some black tea brewed by Freud so that they can calm down.

In the mean time, I return to my room that I haven't been at for many years now.

My room was still the same as when I ran away. It's been periodically cleaned so there isn't a speck of dust, and my bed seems to be aired regularly because it smells like the sun. The ones that did this are surely my parents. I'll be sure to thank them later. I finish checking my room and thinking that they might have already calmed down, I return to the living room.

When I return to the living room, my parents have already regain their composure.

I'm relieved that my parents have returned to their usual selves.

"So tell me Wazu, I understand you meeting with Kagane but, how about the other ladies?"

"All these beautiful ladies... Are you adventurers that saved our son?"

A chuckle slips out and I go behind the girls that are sitting as if being interviewed by my parents.

"Everyone here is my wife."

The girls get nervous expressions from my words but, when I look at my parents... Their mouths are wide open.

Eh? Hello? Are you awake? It's not a lie, you know? It's the true.

"N-Nice to meet you!! My name is Sarena... I'm an elf!!"

"My name is Tata. I hope we can get along well from now on."

"My name is Naminissa Mabondo. I am in your care."

"I'm Narelina Mabondo. I'm a little clumsy but I'm in your care."

"... Haosui."

"I'm Onii-chan's little sister, Kagane!!"

"I'm Maorin. Feel free to call me Mao, please."

Everyone got up from their seats and one by one introduced themselves. My parents are still open-mouthed.

This is so sudden, do they not believe it?

While I was troubled at to what to do, my parents regained their speech and timidly asked.

“... T-There’s one thing I want to ask... When you say Mabondo... Do you mean the Great Country of the East...?”

“Yes. But we have already left our country so we are just ordinary persons.”

Naminissa answers like that at my parents question, and I suddenly ask them a question at her answer.

“Eh? But when Navirio marries Princess Eris, speaking in terms of connections, you’ll become again royalty, will you not?”

“... It will come to that.”

“... Yeah, it will.”

To my words, Naminissa and Narelina become pensative.

“Who is this Navirio person?”

My parents ask us that so I shall answer. Your new son in law will become this country’s King!!... Probably.

“Mh? Ahh, he is Naminissa and Narelina’s older brother. Navirio is soon to get married with this country’s princess, Princess Eris. So in the end these two will once again become royalty... Are? If it turns like that, then when I marry you two, I’ll also join the royal family, right?”

Uhhm... That situation will become difficult for me.

I don’t want to get tied down by that if I can...

Mh? This way of thinkig is pretty similar to Givirio-otousan’s, isn’t it?

The next time we meet, I’ll ask him about it.

It seems that my parents recieved a lot of information at once becuase they seem to have freezed. Well to suddenly tell them that I will become one of the royal family is sure to baffle them. But if we say that, Mao is also royalty. I mean, her father is the younger brother of the Beastpeople country. But even if I tell them that now, they won’t hear us... Let’s leave this for later.

Afterwards, out of consideration for my parents, everyone held back on the topic about the Mabondo family. Because we are a large party, we are unable to stay all in a normal house. And that’s why I just came to tell them that I’m fine and that I’ll marry the girls and with that our business is over.

We all gather again at the entrance, and my parents came with us to see us

off.

“I’ll come again.”

“Yeah, this will always be your home. Come back whenever you want. I was surprised that you have this many wives but I’m sincerely glad that you are okay.”

“You came with so many wives at once... As a mother-in-law, I don’t know what should I do...”

Tou-san, I’m also happy to have met you all.

Kaa-san, even if you became a mother-in-law, you don’t have to force yourself.

I hug my parents with my both hands and I smile at them.

My parents also smile at me.

Later, after being sent off by my parents, we leave the castle town and head towards the Port Town Motanpe.

Chapter 200 – No, I did notice

After leaving the Castle Town, we head relaxed towards the Port City Motanpe.

Having finished the matter about Aria, we don't have anything else to do. You can say that we don't have a need to hurry.

Well, we still have the matters about the Evil God, Shiro and the Goddess of Darkness but, at the moment we don't have a way to deal with them. We are completely falling behind. But well, if we knew where they are I would immediately go attack them but, I have no idea where they could be so at the moment, we are waiting for them to make the first move.

Probably the Evil God will revive, but the problem is what the Goddesses told me, that he is much stronger than me. But will my power rise even more? Is it that? Because when I was at the mountain, I ate a lot of stuff, my status became like this so, I'll become even stronger if I eat more? But I think I have already eat all the upper beings atop the mountain, and thinking about beings stronger than those monsters would be... Ragnil? No, no, no, that's not right. Let's throw away this way of thinking. But then again, the only conclusion I get to is that I can't become anymore stronger. Are? I'm checkmated. Well even so, I'll still challenge the Evil God once he revives.

And when I reach that conclusion, my mentality becomes relaxed. If I look at my surroundings, there are the girls. When I turn my face, the girls ask me 'What happened?' so I just smile in answer.

... It's fine already, right?...

I still have the problem of the Evil God left but, that's okay, right?

I mean, everyone else's parents have given their consents, and my parents also have already given their consent, so it's already fine, right?

Right? Right?

I can brag about these cute, beautiful and kind women being my wives, right?

I kind of got the urge to scream it...

Well, not actually. But, if right now I were at the top of a mountain, I would certainly scream, you know?

I'll marry everybody... I wish the thing about the Evil God could be finished before...

And while I was making merry about that, Freud sneaked close and called out to me.

“... Wazu-sama, I have something I want to discuss with you...”

“... What?”

He came to interrupt me when I was immersing happily in thoughts of the girls so I ask him a little annoyed.

“I would like to borrow a little of your time because it'll be troublesome if someone were to hear it...”

“Got it.”

At first I thought that it would be another worthless thing but, seeing in Freud's face that he's being serious, I answer like that.

“Everybody, do you mind if we camp here today?”

“””Understood.””””

Anybody else would be reluctant to camp if asked suddenly. And thinking that, I asked that of the girls but they replied immediately that they were okay and hurriedly started making preparations for camping. So thinking that our talk would be in the night, I also helped making preparations.

Like gathering firewood... Or gathering firewood... And gathering firewood... Also exterminate the monsters in the vicinity...

After eating Mao's spicy cooking, we all gathered around the bonfire, ready to hear what Freud had to say.

When I asked him that if it was okay for the girls to listen as well, he answered that they also had the right to hear it so it turned that we all would hear Freud's talk.

‘It's because you all are my master Wazu-sama's wives’ Or so he said... I'm getting embarrassed so stop it!! Or rather, I'm not your master!!

And thus it turned out we all would hear what he had to say but, or disposition is strange.

Normally, when sitting around a bonfire, everyone should surround the bonfire but, I am sitting facing Freud, and the girls are sitting around me. Meru as always is on my head. She would never relinquish that place.

Our disposition is like one big spot and a little spot.

“And, what do you have to talk about?”

While I was being crushed by the girls that aren't minding the timing, I urged Freud that's sitting in front of me to quickly start talking.

Ah! Hey!! Kagane!! If you pull me over there I'll end up behind the bonfire and won't be able to see Freud!!

“Yes, there is something that I must ask to everyone...”

Hey Freud!! You are seeing the situation I'm into so why are you being so calm. You could hesitate to start talking or something, there's a lot you can say about, right? Are you going to ignore it? Well, that's fine I guess...

“I am actually the 'God of Creation'”

With those words, the girls stop moving.
I took advantage of it to correct my posture.

“... And?”

The girls are befuddled but I just urged him to keep talking.

“As expected of my master Wazu-sama. You are not surprised?”

“Well, I thought that it wasn't something I should be getting surprised at.”

“... Can I ask the reason why you thought that?”

“Let's see... Just from the talks I figured that, after creating the Goddesses and sealing the Evil God, the God of Creation got his power stolen, and I never heard of him getting sealed or that he disappeared so I thought that he might still be out there somewhere, and what convinced me that it might be you was that time that you stopped my punch when I was in Godhood mode.”

“... I see, you had many clues...”

Freud starts nodding as if convinced of something.

“I certainly got my power stolen by the Evil God. And after sealing him, I started traveling the world. Although I got my power stolen, that doesn’t mean that I lost my divine power so I decided to clean up all of the destruction left behind by the Evil God. When my journey was about to end I arrived at the Kingdom of Mabondo. In there I started living as a butler which I gained an interest in the middle of my travels, and decided to tour the world. And in the middle of it, I met you Wazu-sama, someone who had the blessing of one of my own kin, the Goddess of Light... And thus here we are.”

Hearing Freud’s early life, I started thinking while humming.
He is omitting an essential part.

“So, why did you decided to make me your master?”

“Eh? A butler needs a master, doesn’t he?”

“That answers nothing...”

“Because I’m a butler.”

“... That sounds nostalgic.”

I don’t care anymore, he probably will tell me someday. I’ll hear it then.

“Wazu-sama. There’s one more thing I want to say...”

“... What?”

There’s still more?
I want to go to sleep.

“Why do you act so carefree?! I just revealed my true identity!! I’m the God of Creation!! The God of Creation!! Here’s where you say ‘No way!’ or ‘Is that true?!’ or ‘Why have you been hiding it all this time?’ or ‘We are partners’ or something!! And then you start jumping and tearing your clothes off!!”

“... I want to at least say something about your attitude.”

Beacuse of your usual behaviour I developed some sort of resistance!!
In a way that’s your fault!!
I’m scared of my own mentality that can accept Freud that easily...

After that, I asked Freud as his master to be on the lookout and went to sleep with the girls.

Chapter 201 – What faction are you?

The next day after cleaning up the bonfire, we head towards the Port City Motampe.

I'll maintain the status quo with the thing about Freud and I'll blame his lack of common sense on him being a former god. I will also not pay attention at what Freud said later...

We crossed the plain in between the Imperial Capital Iscoa and the Port City Motampe and we find two men on each side of the road that leads into the forest.

While humming, they seem to be thinking about something.

From their looks they seem to be bandits without a doubt but, I can't understand the reason of why are they in this open space where they can be seen from everywhere.

I also thought that their companions might be hidden inside the forest but, thinking about the distance from here to the forest it's quite long so that even normal people might have enough room to escape without trouble.

And so looking at them like that I wonder if they are really troubled by something.

But they're still bandits so I can let my guard down.

Just to be safe, we rise our awareness and at that moment, they notice us.

"... Ah, what the hell are you lassies doing? We are talking about somethin' important right now so we won't attack you, now get going!!"

"No, wait. I thought they were only women but there seem to be men to. And two of them. Let's ask them too!!"

"Ah!! That's good!! With just us two, we won't get anywhere!! Hey you punks!! The two men come here!! The women stay there and don't move!!"

The two bandits say that while signaling with their fingers for Freud and me to go there.

I exchange sights with Freud.

"... What do we do?"

“I think that whatever Wazu-sama decides to do is fine but; well, let’s see... As long as it doesn’t causes any trouble to the madames, there will be no problem in hearing them out. I don’t think they can hurt us...”

I feel unsettled at Freud’s affirmative answer.

I get the feeling that it’ll be something troublesome... Or more like bothersome...

But, as Freud said, the only ones capable of hurting us might be just the Evil God and in extension, Shiro or the Goddess of Darkness.

“... So be it. I’m actually curious about what are they worrying about with such serious faces, and if it comes to it, I can just send them flying.”

I tell the girls not to get close and entrust them Meru.

I also told them to fight back if they need to, just in case.

And so, together with Freud, I get close to the bandits.

“Good, you came. And you also left the women over there. This is a talk that can’t be heard by women...”

“So what is it that you want to ask of us?”

The two bandits put on serious faces and prepare to talk.

If it’s something suspicious or if it’s something troublesome for people, I’ll send them flying...

“Yeah, actually...”

Are you of the briefs faction or the trunks faction?”

... Haa!!

I blanked out for a moment.

I can’t take on some information that I don’t want to understand.

What is this guy saying? Is he sane?

Why did it abruptly turn into underwear talk?

As it is a pain in the ass, I’ll hit them and get this over with.

“... I see.”

When I’m about to hit them, I heard a voice of understanding from besides me.

Of course, the one besides me is Freud.

When I turn to look besides me, I see Freud meditating with his eyes closed while assenting with his head.

“That’s a theme that has worried the men for ages.”

... Eh? Is that so? Is that something so deep?

I open my eyes wide to Freud’s statement.

No matter how you look at it, it’s a worthless topic, right?

Why do you have to dig so deeply into it?

“Oh? From your face I can tell that Wazu-sama has yet to grasp the true importance of this. Listen well, briefs are underwear that give you a sense of security similar as to when you were in the womb of your mother just from their embracing disposition, trunks on the other side are underwear that appear at your teens and stay with you till adulthood but they hide some peril all the same. They are the two greatest underwear. In other words, it’s no exaggeration say that these two great underwear represent the soul of all of the men in the world. And thus, to know which is more popular, which one surpasses which... that’s been the eternal struggle!! The ultimate two pieces of clothes!! ... But seeing that you don’t understand that... Does it mean that Wazu-sama is from the brief’s faction?”

“N-No, you’re wrong!! I’m using trunks!!”

He asked me so suddenly that I got disturbed.

The two bandits for some reason start nodding in agreement to Freud’s rant, but the moment I said what I was wearing, one of them got wrapped in elation while the other one looks like he’s going to cry.

“Yeah~!!”

“How can it be...!!”

I look at them with cold eyes.

Is that something to be so happy and sad at the same time?

When I was thinking that whichever was fine...

“By the way, I’m also from the trunk’s faction.”

Freud says that while bowing elegantly and then the one that got happy got even more so that he looked like he wanted to jump, while the other one sinks his head on the ground while groaning.

Seriously, who cares!!

I mean, it's just underwear, right? You just wear it and that's the end of it, isn't it?

The happy bandit look so glad that it seemed that he wanted to come hug us, but he refrained from it.

“... So, what was this all about?”

“It means that in this place, the trunks faction is stronger.”

“My thoughts exactly!!”

Don't make me a comrade as you please!! Even though I'm wearing the same underwear!!

“Like I said, what's the meaning of it anyway.”

“You don't have to think of it, just feel it.”

... I don't feel anything though...

While I was giving disgusted lookings to Freud and the happy bandit, a man appears from the woods and comes close to where we are. I thought that he was a comrade of the bandits and that this stupid talk was actually a trap so I got my guard up but, I realized that I needed to put my guard up against him for another reason.

The man had scars everywhere and had the appearance of a real bandit, on his upper body he was wearing some dirty clothes but even over his clothes you could tell that he had a muscular body.

... But, on his lower body he was wearing just a piece of black pants, and those black pants had just enough fabric to barely hide the important places... Sorry, I don't want to look at you in the eyes...

“Good grief... Breifs this, trunks that, how long are you going to keep discussing childish stuff?”

The impudent words of the man reach us and the two bandits straighten themselves and Freud shows an amazed expression.

“”Ossu!! Speedo-sempai!!””

“T-Those are!! Speedos!! He is splendidly wearing the one underwear that are like a medal for men... I can do it... I can do it, Wazu-sama... I have to prepare myself...”

I want you to tell me what is it that you can do.
I'm sorry. Actually, I don't want to really know.

“Come on, leave those bastards alone and let's go!!”
“Ossu!!”

And like that, the three bandits disappear into the woods...

The whole time I had no idea what was that all about but Freud was still groaning.

Let's leave him alone.

I return to where the girls are but...

“... Trunks.”

They are concentrating on my lower half. Please stop what you are thinking!!

Author's notes: Besides them, there is a “Fundoshi-daisempai*” and a “Boxers-kouhai*” m(__)m

(T/N: Daisempai can be easily translated as 'great sempai' but I wanted to leave it as a suffix so 'great' didn't work. And I believe that you already know but, kouhai is the opposite of sempai)

Chapter 202 – Now, finally the last chapter starts

While I was feeling everyone's eyes at my nether regions, we reached the Port City Motampe at a quick pace. Everyone, please stop your sneaky talks. We were greeted with a "Welcome back" by one of the gate soldiers that knew about us. It was a little embarrassing.

We were let through without having to prove our identities, and we decided to rest for a while so we headed towards the Mabondo Mansion.

We walked while I was planning on taking the girls for a stroll at downtown tomorrow, and when we reached the front of the mansion we found a person waiting for us.

The moment I realize who that person is, I raise my alertness and as to follow me, the girls did the same thing.

"Hey, you finally came. I was waiting."

The person that was waiting for us giving a gleeful smile was wearing his usual black garments and his previously white hair was turning black. It was Shiro.

"You sure appear brazenly."

"Well you see, there's no need to hide. And in a way, appearing like this serves also as a way to thank you for the entertainment."

"Thank me?"

I ask that with a puzzled expression and Shiro spreads his arms wide while raising his voice in a theatrical way.

"Far from returning the kidnapped princess, you also went and kidnapped her and that was great!! What's more, you were jumping from roof to roof and later crossed over that tall wall in a single leap!! It was the greatest show!!"

"You were the cause of it all..."

I look at him reproachfully and the person himself laughs out loud while remembering about that time.

"And that's why this is my 'present'!!"

"... Present?"

Shiro subsides his laugh like that and from a pocket of his jacket takes out a red sphere and a black sphere. I raise my vigilance even further.

“You still had those? I would have thought that you had given those to someone long ago.”

“How could I do that? These two are for my personal use... By the way, do you cherish this city?”

Do I cherish this city?

The moment I understood what Shiro intended with those words, I lunge towards him but I was a step late.

On that spot, Shiro throws the black sphere to the ground and crushes it with his foot.

At that moment, in an instant, a black fog rises from the crushed black sphere and the sky gets covered by clouds.

“You bastard!!”

I return my sight from the black clouds in the sky towards Shiro, but he is already nowhere to be seen and only a provoking voice can be heard.

“HAHAHAHA!! What a pinch, what a pinch!! I’ll say this first, these two spheres exclusive to me are special made, and are really powerful!! They will gather even S-rank monsters!! Come on, if you don’t escape quickly, this city will disappear!!”

I turn to look to where that voice is coming from and from there I can see Shiro raising a hand while looking at us.

“Well then, I’m busy with the revival of Evil God-sama so I’ll take my leave now!!”

Shiro says that and besides him, the Goddess of Darkness appears once more and leaves that place while disappearing. I also want that form of transportation. I scratch my head restlessly and turn my sight towards the girls.

“In any moment, monsters are going to come attack this city!!”

When I tell that, the girls give me a resolute expression.

“It was the same at the Elf village, an abnormally large herd of monsters came.”

“I haven’t seen it before but, is it really that large?”

“Yes, it will probably be large enough to easily engulf this city.”

“No problem. With our current strength and if we borrow the help of the knights of our former country, we can defeat them.”

“... Bring it on.”

“Oh yeah!! A situation in which my magic is the most effective has come~!! It’s the introduction of the Genocide Magic!!”

“Fufufu... I’m itching to try my skills... Now that I’ve become this strong... I’ll rampage to my heart’s content.”

The resolution to fight the imminent horde of monsters dwells on the eyes of all the girls, and suddenly, they turn to look at me.

“”””So please leave this place to us and go after the main culprit Shiro and stop the revival of the Evil God!!!!””””

I receive the resolution that dwells in the eyes of the girls while I close my own.

“... Roger.”

I open my eyes after saying just that word, I look at everyone of the girls and hug them tightly all together.

“We’ll become happy from now on. So I’ll go exterminate anyone that intends to obstruct that happiness of us... You are all forbidden from dying, all right? If by any chance that were to happen, I’ll never forgive you!!”

“Fufu... We know.”

“All of us here will never do something that could bring sadness to Wazu-san.”

“I’ll protect everyone here, myself included.”

“I’ll kill them before they can get the chance to kill us!!”

“... I’m a hero, so leave this to me.”

“I’ll mow them down with my magic!!”

“And those are also our words, you know?”

“”””No matter what, you have to return to us!!””””

I smile and assent with my head once in order to give the girls some peace of mind, and the girls also smile in return and also nod their heads once.

I hug the girls strongly once in order to engrave the feeling of them all in myself, I entrust Meru to Haosui and then they disappear into the city with reassuring smiles.

I smile back at them until they disappear and, while taking a breath, I change my expression into a serious one. I turn to the only one left here, Freud.

“... I assume that you know where the Evil God is.”

“Why, of course.”

“Then lead the way. I’m sure that Shiro and the Goddess of Darkness are also there.”

“By your will.”

I exchange only those words with Freud and lead by him, we also disappear into the city and leave the city.

Chapter 203 – Another story 17: The Defensive Battle of the Port City Motampe 1

“So, how should we move from now on?”

For the sake of protecting the Port City Motampe, Sarena asked this of Naminissa before taking any actions.

Be it due to her being royalty or her personality, inside Wazu’s Harem Members, Naminissa had the role of the leader. And Narelina had the role of supporting her prided younger sister.

And when it was time to take action, in general, they would heed to Naminissa’s instructions.

“Let’s see... I do not know how many monsters would come attacking but I am sure that they will be even more than what we have hypothesized...”

Naminissa judged that with a uneasy face.

It was at times like these that they relied in Wazu’s out-of-standard strength but, Wazu had other place to go to. That’s why they had the obligation to do something about it themselves. And they had to prevent anyone from dying in order to not make Wazu sad.

Those factors narrowed down Naminissa’s field of vision.

But there was no way that Naminissa would commit a mistake.

Because since birth, by her side was always her twin sister.

“... Come on, you’re making a difficult face again!! Haven’t I always said that you don’t have to overthink everything by yourself? Look carefully to your surroundings. Who is here around you?”

“... Wazu-sama’s Harem Members, including Ane-sama.”

“That’s right!! And we’re the strongest!! Can’t you rely on us?”

Directing those words to Naminissa, Narelina gave a fearless smile to show how proud she was of the Harem Members. Seeing that smile, the feelings of unease of Naminissa receded a little and she felt as if a weight had been lifted from her shoulders.

“... You are right. We will not lose to anybody. We are the invincible Harem

Members of Wazu-sama... There is no way that we will be taken down by some monsters...”

“Exactly, let’s just get ready like ‘doon’ and defeat them like ‘baaam’!!”

“... Us being here is already exceeding war potential.”

“Is just like Haosui said, Naminissa-oneechan!! Just rely on us for anything!! And let’s protect the city beautifully so that when he comes back, we can get praised plenty by Onii-chan!!”

Following up on Narelina’s words, Haosui and Kagane said that to Naminissa in order to reassure her, with Sarena, Tata and Mao nodding to those words.

“Then I will be relying on you plentifully, so let’s save this city.”

Feeling relieved, Naminissa also gives a smile.

And from there, Naminissa’s actions were fast. In a moment, she decided how they were going to move in order to confront the monsters, she explained it to the Harem Members and each of them took their respective actions...

This Port City Motampe has three entrances. By land there was the East Gate and the West Gate, and by sea it was the Harbour. Everywhere else was protected by a sturdy wall, although not as tall as the one from the Imperial Capital Iscoa.

Judging that all of the monsters would rush all of those three entrances, Naminissa first decided to gather all the residents of the city and the knights in one place and explain to them in a simple way what was about to happen in this city.

“... And so, in no time, monsters are gonna come rushing here. But please do not fret. For we will certainly protect you.”

But there was not one citizen or knight that got frightened by Naminissa’s words. Which was to be expected, since most of the population of this city were people from the former Kingdom of Mabondo. And even if the Mabondo family were to stop being royalty, the people of this city still love all of them and idolize them.

And seeing that the Mabondo Princess Naminissa... seeing that all of the Harem Members of Wazu that live together with Naminissa were willing to fight to protect this city, it was obvious that the feeling of wanting to assist them would

be born in the people.

And from everywhere, people saying "I'll fight too!" stood up, and that was the moment that all the people gathered here shared the feeling of wanting to fight side by side with the girls.

At that scenery, the Harem Members answered their feelings with a deep bow.

The strategy that Naminissa came up with was simple.

That was to gather people in all of the entrances of the city and divide the Harem Members.

First in the East Gate were Sarona, Tata, Mao and 60% of the people capable of fighting from the city and in the West gate were Naminissa and Narelina and the remaining 40% of the people capable of fighting.

And in the harbour, Kagane was left alone. Guarding over the wall was Haosui.

This arrangement was exceedingly simple to chose due to the fighting ratio, and the overpowered Haosui and Kagane were left to move at their own discretion.

The one giving directions on the East Gate was Sarona, and the one on the West Gate was Naminissa.

And Kagane was left to exterminate the monsters attacking from the sea taking into consideration her super long range magic to give support. Haosui was left as a mobile unit to stop any monster that got out of formation.

And so, in order to protect this city, everyone moved to their designated places. And the moment they finished preparing, the portion of the horizon visible by them was tainted by a great number of monsters that were rushing in. It was huge enough to fill their own field of vision.