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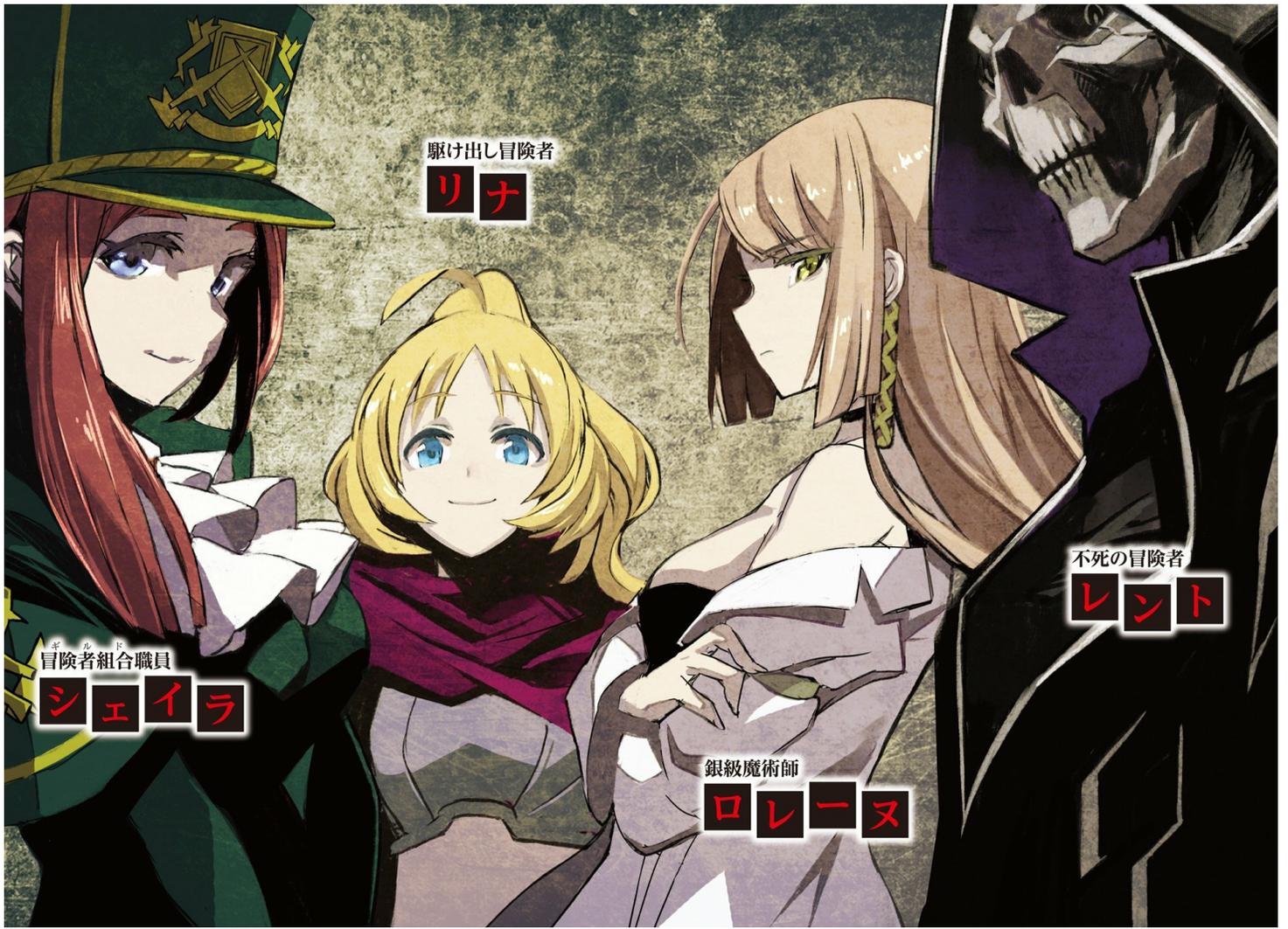
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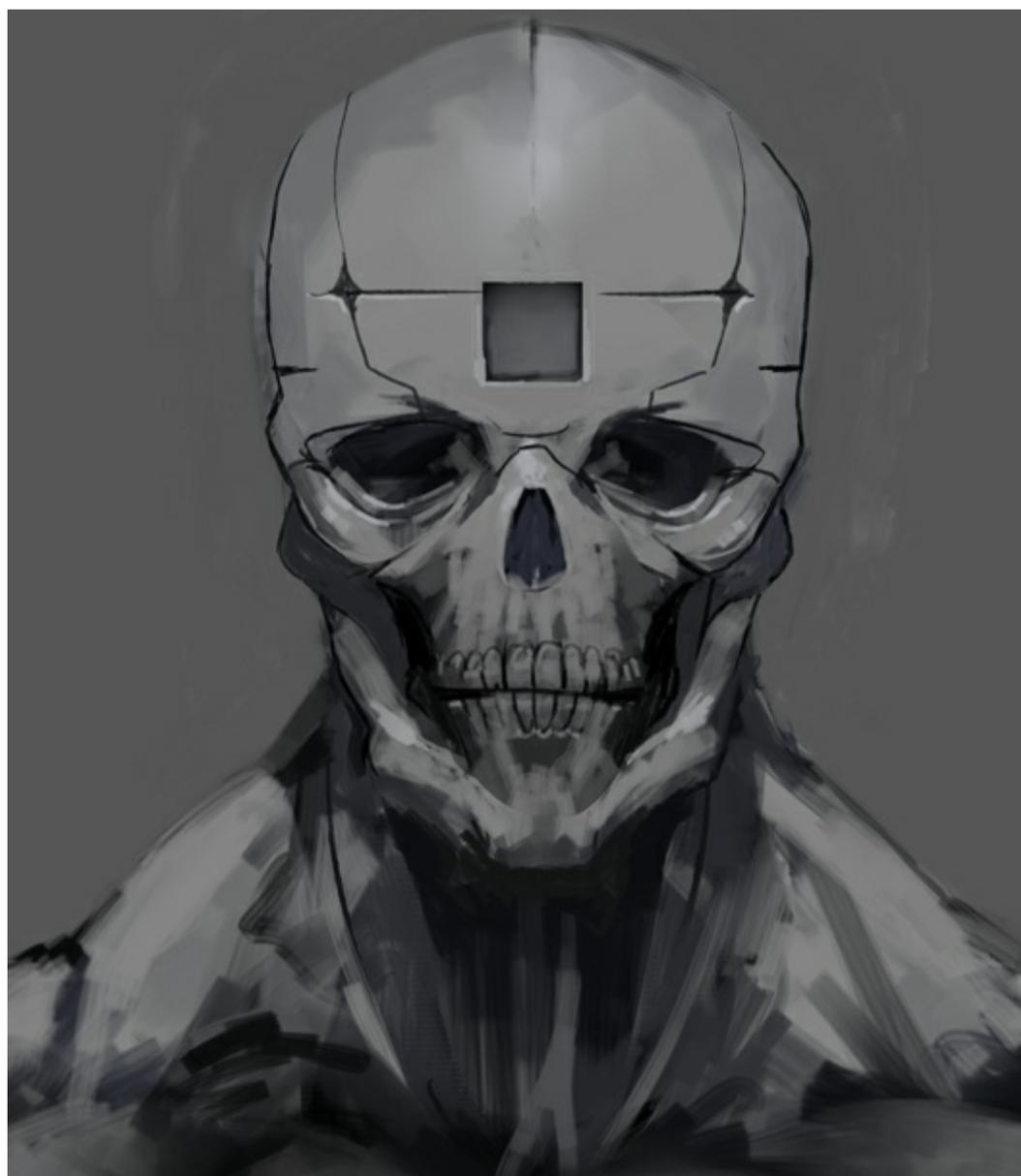


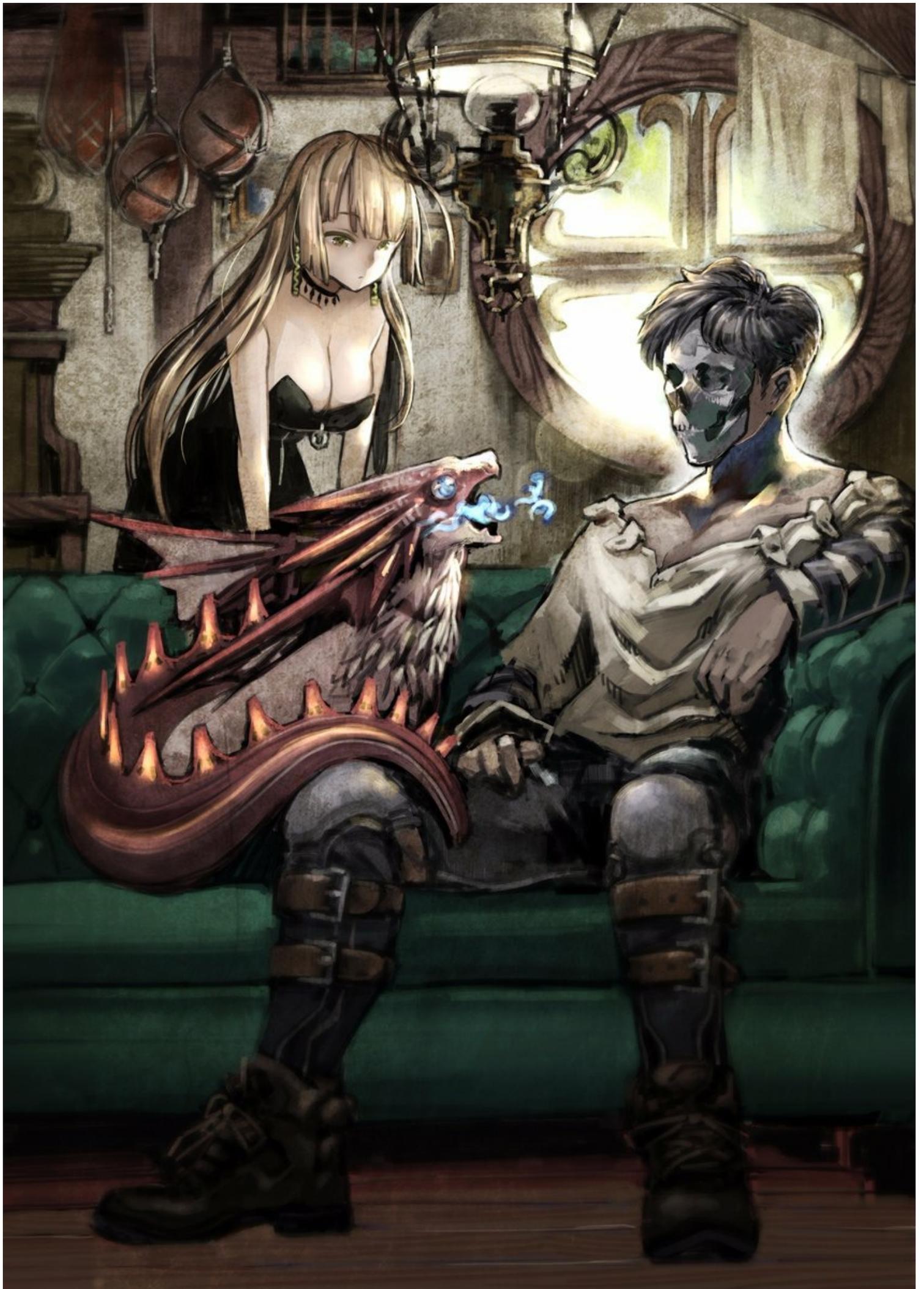
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# Prologue

## Chapter 1: Prologue

### Part 1

—Crap, I'm done for.

That was what I thought, when I saw a gigantic bright red monster in front of me rushing towards my direction.

There's a small city called Malt in the most edge of the Yalan kingdom, a frontier kingdom located at the edge of the continent.

There's the lower rank labyrinth called 《Labyrinth of Water and Moon》, in that place I, Lent Fayna, a lower rank adventurer of copper class, earned my daily income while doing dull monster hunting, that day too, I was hunting monsters such as goblins and Bone mans(Skeleton), collecting small magic stone and material in the lower layer in the same way as usual.

With that as my daily work, I returned to the town around evening similar to what I do everyday, and then receive my wage which is enough for a few days by bringing the materials to the adventurers guild.

That was what is supposed to happen.

But.

That guy suddenly appeared.

First of all, Since I'm walking in the labyrinth everyday, I shouldn't lose my way inside, but for some reason today, I discovered that there's a different passage in the route that I pass everyday.

That was where my luck ended.

That's right, it was my fault.

In normal conditions, something like that should be ignored.

Though an adventurer is someone who's adventuring, it doesn't mean that they should be plunging themselves recklessly without any preparation, like what I did.

But in reality, many people just plunge themselves without thinking, and I'm also a fool who couldn't omit myself from such a foolish custom.

Anyhow, this is a great discovery if a new room and passage is found in the 《Water and Moon Labyrinth》 which was said to be completely explored a long time ago.

It's possible that there might be magic armor or high-grade magic weapon, though I can't expect it, I can also gain some income if I make an exploration map to some extent.

That kind of foolish idea is just common, as I was setting my foot into that passage.

As a result, I was facing against a giant monster in the square room after a brief walk.

If I'm not mistaken it was, a dragon[western]. ]

Dragon is a top-ranked monster, it is said to be an unrivaled monster even against several Divine Silver(Mithril) rank adventurers who rank above White Gold(Platinum) adventurers.

They vary in appearance, there's your usual giant type dragon, then there's long and thin-like-snake type, and it seems there's giant frog-like type too.

It seems that encountering them means that you're extremely unlucky and won't survive since the dragon itself very rarely show themselves to people, because of that encountering them is truly unusual, the people who encounter them throughout history can be counted by your hand.

Its power is comparable to a Demon King which is rumored to be just four of them existing in this world, it's an existence that is said to be closer to a God than to a living being.

In short, an eternal copper ranked adventurer like me who accidentally arrived in this place, it's an opponent who can beat me without even lifting it's

finger.

## Part 2

There's no way I won't be surprised when such an existence appears before me.

And, I have no reason to even think of fighting it head on.

So I tried to run away, moving my feet thinking that I'll die if I don't escape from it.

—But.

Or should I say as expected, the opponent was a monster.

It noticed that I tried to run away.

IT NOTICED ME.

—My feet, won't move.

Wrong, my entire body won't move no matter how much I try to make it move.

"Why did such a thing happen?", is what a common person should be thinking.

But, I recalled about this phenomenon.

There's some study that the body will enter such a state when confronting an opponent whose abilities are far greater than yours.

Due to overpowering magical power, the freedom of the body is completely lost .

There was such a case though it's an extremely rare case.

This is definitely that case.

I, who's unable to stand against the dragons coercion, became completely unable to move my body.

By the time I realized that, I was already thinking from the bottom of my heart for the monster to ignore me, but I know that kind of thinking is futile.

What I could do at that time is just, wishing in my heart “please don’t eat me” to the monster before my eyes.

But, reality was cruel.

The dragon is opening its big mouth after confirming my position and just like that it was going towards me with such vigor.

—Ah, it seems that it’ll eat me.

I was thinking such an easy-going remark while facing the danger that was threatening my life.

Oh crap, though I’m thinking that I’m done for, whichever it is, it’s already too late for me, there’s nothing I can do.

Anyhow, moving is impossible

I’m already 25 years old, it’s been 10 years since I become an adventurer.

To surpass White Gold(Platinum) and even climb to the top rank Divine Silver(Mithril) is the reason why I continue to be an adventurer.

That’s the dream that I will never let go off, for that I kept training everyday after I have finished my job.

And yet, it seems I’ll be finished in this kind of place.

That was too fast huh.

Both the feeling of regret and feeling of being released are in my heart, thinking that this is my end—.

And then, I was swallowed by the Dragon..



### **Part 3**

Shortly after that, strangely, I awoke....

Yes, I awoke.(••••)

I awakened despite the realization that I was surely dead after being eaten by a dragon.

And then, I noticed.

—Nonono, it must be wrong. Something like this is impossible right ?

Was what I thought from the bottom of my heart after confirming my situation right after waking up.

What's the impossible?

That's the condition of my body.

I'm looking at my hands.

Thereupon, on that place, there is no flesh.

No skin too.

In that place is nothing but slender white skeleton.

Just that.

And then, it's not just my hand, my entire body too.

My feet is bone without meat or skin.

Same for my thigh.

My upper arms too.

My face is.....Though I don't know the condition of my face, it's most likely in the same condition.

in short, it seems that I, the low ranked adventurer of the copper rank, Lent Fayna has experienced class change from adventurer to Bone Man(Skeleton) before I realized.

—Impossible right ?



Nevertheless, What do i do from now on..

That was what I should be thinking about first.

First of all, there's no doubt that I was eaten by dragon but, it seems I'm lucky as I'm still alive this way.

No, can this be even called alive ?

Speaking of Bone man(Skeleton), they're one of the immortal type monster but, they're already dead and being called as monster.

It might be the bishop of the church who said that it's extremely easy to make them vanish with the purification type magic of temple-something-priest, they're extremely weak monster.

According to the divine providence, there's something like "Dead people isn't something that should exist in this world" , for that reason let's return this wicked monster Bone Man(Skeleton) by divine providence by exterminating them with purification magic.

It seems there's a theory to exterminating them with purification magic after they remain in this world by opposing that providence.

Though I don't know whether this is correct or not for I'm not a bishop nor a temple priest, for the time being, following that theory, the Bone Man(Skeleton) is a dead people, it seems that's an important truth for me.

I'm dead.

It's seems that I still exist in this world with this "dead" status.

## **Part 4**

I'm-really-unlucky.

Though I've said that some times ago, I still exist in this world despite being dead, which means that I become the contradiction of the god providence.

If I go back to town in this condition, no matter how much I claimed myself as Lent Fayna, it seems the first thing will come is called, purification.

In that situation, my existence will completely vanish.

That's absolutely a NO.

Though my current condition is basically "Boney Everywhere", I'm, still alive.

Even if I'm a Bone Man(Skeleton), even if my existence is defined as dead, from my point of view, I'm alive.

That's why I can't return to the city just to be killed.

But, what should I do then.

That was the problem.

Should I continue to live in this place.

But, this place is a labyrinth.

It's a place where the adventurers come to subjugate monsters, it might be the labyrinth of the frontier region but, there's people who's stronger than me entering this place.

If I'm loitering around, normally I'll be exterminated.

What should i do.....

When I'm pondering about that, something come to mind.

The current me, is a monster.

Though monster have strange nature, there was a saying that the monster who are going through long years of experience will continue to evolve towards higher existence bit by bit.

Somehow I might be really a monster, though I'm not quite sure about that, at least from the other point of view, I'm truly similiar with the Bone Man(Skeleton)Monster.

In that case, won't I be able to do that too?

The evolution of the existence.

I suddenly thought about that.

Though I read the study of the monster due to the nature of my job, within that I read that the Bone Man(Skeleton) is the description to an existence in which it will evolve to, a Corpse Eating Demon(Ghoul).

Naturally, the Corpse Eating Demon(Ghoul) also immortal type monster, though it's classified as what is called "Undead Monster", it's appearance closer to human than the Bone Man(Skeleton).

It even has meat, well, if I hide my appearance with a robe and a mask, isn't it possible to look human.

In that situation, I can even enter the city, and I might be able to explain various things to my acquaintances.

Though I know that I'm thinking such absurd things, but the current me has no choice but to do that.

Yosh, I've decided.

First, my aim is an evolved existence.

I will become a Corpse Eating Demon(Ghoul) in this labyrinth.

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# Arc 1 Bone Man

# Chapter 2: Investigation Regarding Bone Man Ability

## Part 1

—Now since I'm aiming towards becoming a Corpse Eating Demon(Ghoul).

Now, since I have decided what to do, there is still one problem, "How much battle power do I currently have?"

In the first place, as someone in the bottom place of the Adventurer Guild(Guild), since I was a low rank adventurer of the copper grade, truly rookie of rookie, my ability was a little higher than new iron class adventurers.

As for how strong I am, If I must say, I have plenty of margin by facing one or two goblin or Bone Man(Skeleton) and win against them.

That's how powerful I am.

Though it's a bit hard when I'm facing more than three, it's not like I can't win.

I'll run when facing more than four.

It's checkmate if I'm against more than five.

Something like that right.

—So weak.

I don't want to say it you know ?

But it can't be helped..

Even though I became an adventurer 10 years ago, no, it's around 20 years if I added the time before I became an adventurer since I always training very hard.

Even so, I don't want someone to pity me since I always train to become nothing but this level.

I wonder why I couldn't become stronger than this even though I train with everything I got, speaking of it, the answer is extremely simple, my body

couldn't hold high amount of sacred spirit or, will power or, magical power.

Moreover, I have poor control of what power I have, yet, it could be said that it was rather good fortune that I could become an adventurer.

It's to the degree that I want to be praised.

By the way, when it comes to something like sacred power, will power, or magical power, first, magical power is necessary to use magic or sorcery, to the extent that it's the source of miraculous power which they have by nature for many humans.

In a simple way, if you have magical power, you can make wind and create fire, move earth and produce water.

If you become a magician and have power for it, you can do even more complex operations.

It's an extremely convenient power.

1 of 50 people was born with this kind of ability. So it's not rare.

But, when it comes to degree of magical power till the level where you can become a true magician, I can say that it might be around 1 of every 1000 people who have this kind of magical power.

If there's a bit magical power, one can use lower grade magic such as Fire Ball(Fotia Borivas)\* or Earth Lance(Gi Beros)\*, and need talent of 1 in 1000 to use higher degree of it. [TL\* : Author Original, so don't blame me on this]

Incidentally, though I have magical power, it was nothing but at the level where one can do nothing but incline their head when I say that I successfully became a magician.

The type of attack magic is nothing but one use only, even if it's a lower grade magic.

Now you should know the level of my talent right.

But, well, I think it was some kind of blessing, since I could somehow use it to make a fire or produce water to drink.

But, unfortunately it's completely useless in battle.

After that is, willpower, it has many names, like Ki[気], chakra, prana, it is a power that originally comes with the life force of most living creatures.

Since it was originally the life force of the living creatures, this is really different with magical power, everyone has it.

## Part 2

If one can make use of it, one can strengthen their physical ability, produce strong power, and have extraordinary stamina.

But, a normal person can have difficulties in consciously using it since they mostly use it unconsciously.

Even if for example one could use it self-consciously, they will need to have enough talent and considerable amount of training necessary for it.

Though I could use this power self-consciously, I couldn't make use of it perfectly due to insufficient talent in practical use.

Even so I make it into my trump card, since I could increase my offensive power to 1.5 times once a day, though that was a wonderful power, there's no doubt that it was a mere child play when seeing it from the natural users after all.

And the last one is sacred spirit, first, I can say that this ability is unrelated to a common person.

It's recognized as a special ability which is quite rare to gain divine protection of the spirit or god, the people who have that power mostly become a clergyman.

As for the way to use it, it's more famous for mainly healing and purification.

Curing the illness and wound as a basic skill, the person who is skilled in it could do something such as erasing the monster from the immortal group, and purifying huge plot of land.

And, since it's power gained because of a divine protection, the person who gains it can communicate with a god or a spirit.

First, it's a power that you won't get if you live a normal life.

To tell the truth, I also have this power, just a bit though.

But, as expected, there's no need to say that it was nothing but a weak power.

As for the reason why I have this kind of power, a long time ago, I repaired a small and abandoned roadside shrine in my hometown village and it seems that the spirit living in that shrine gave me a little divine protection.

Though I can use a bit of sacred spirit, at most I could make muddy or dirty water to be clean and drinkable, I can also purify a wound so that it won't fester, but purifying the land or closing a wound in an instant are too much for my power.

Even so, it's useful in its own way, since this power is truly useful during this ten years, I want to say that I'm truly grateful to the spirit who gave its divine protection at that time.

But, it was truly harsh to make a living as an adventurer with just this, that was how the life was.

In other words, it just means that there's not much of magical power, willpower, or sacred spirit inside me.

In short, to say it bluntly, I'm not even suited to become an adventurer in the first place.

Well, since a human who have those three kind of power are extremely rare, I have never met such an existence other than myself.

But, number is not everything, it's the quality that matters.

And then, in conclusion, I really am not blessed with that quality.

Which means that people who become adventurers are people who have accomplishments in their own way, none of them are as diminutive or half-baked like me.

Since generally it is an occupation where one is not fighting in a city or village, one could say that they are finishing their lives for having this kind of occupation.

But, it was a big dream which become a trouble for me.

I'll became a Divine Silver(Mithril) rank adventurer, no matter what.

Because I yearn for it since my childhood, always, continuously chasing after that dream.

Something like giving up is something that I couldn't do.

Well, I can't say anything about turning into a Bone Man(Skeleton), but it's not bad that I was able to sacrifice myself for my dream.

### **Part 3**

Moreover, it's not like I'm completely dead, I still have a body that can move even if it's a mystery, so it's better to say that my luck is not that bad.

As a human, if I somehow was able to survive..

I can still do something.

That was how I live so far.

Though I ended up becoming a Bone Man(Skeleton), I'll have to think hard about this.

Well, for the fundamental problem, I really don't know whether I'm alive or not, still it seems that I can still move.

It's not so bad for thinking about perservering because of this.

As a test, the power which I has when I was alive, sacred spirit,will power, magical power and the result of the experiment is, I can use all of it without any problem.

I know that it's plenty enough with just this.

At least, a Normal(・・・)Monster like Bone Man(Skeleton)can't do that.

I thought that I can fight.

By the way, even if my current goal is aiming at Corpse Eating Demon(Ghoul), it doesn't mean that I'm not feeling a little damned in hearing just that, it's not like I want to eat decaying meat of people, but just for sure, I'm aiming for that

since it's appearance is closer to human.

In addition, though I say Corpse Eating Demon(Ghoul), even if I become that, it doesn't mean that I will start to eat people's meat.

But there might be a time where I will start to eat people because of instinct. I feel like doing it secretly as much as possible.

Well then, after confirming my power, and decided the general plan.

The next thing is to keep doing my best while aiming for Corpse Eating Demon(Ghoul).

For that I need to beat down the monsters in this labyrinth..

Why if it come to that way I can easily say it like that, because they're monster, by gathering experience for months and years, I can raise my rank toward higher existence, or so how it's explained.

An example for a being that becomes a higher existence due to the passage of time are the dragons, from a very young dragon till they grow to become a Thousand Years Dragon(Ancient Dragon), in the first place high leveled monsters would have a high leveled ability.

In this point, a Bone man(Skeleton) would continue to be a Bone man(Skeleton) no matter how many years pass by..

That's because immortal type monsters never change no matter how many years pass by if they just live normally which means getting stronger after many months and years is said to be impossible.

At any rate, it's because they're made of bones. They're not growing.

In that matter, what should i do.

It was by piling up experience.

Anyway I need to battle to gain experience.

It's said that if a monster beats another monster, they can absorb the opponent's power for themselves.

This is not just exclusive for monster, it was the same with people.

That's why, even though adventurers and soldiers who have been fighting for a long time can show great power, there's still a fundamental difference between monster and people because people are still people now matter how much monster power they absorb.

Contrary to that, when a monster gathers a certain amount of experience, there's a case where they can evolve to a higher existence.

That's what I'm aiming for.

## Part 4

Of course, there's a problem whether I am considered a monster in the first place, I'd like to work hard knowing that I can evolve to a higher existence, since it is something that I can check if I try.

That's why the first thing I should do is to beat monsters that are within my level.

That means, the monsters within the same level of a Bone Man(Skeleton) in this labyrinth are Slimes, goblins and also other Bone Mans(Skeleton).

Though I'm currently in the untraversed area of the《Water and Moon Labyrinth》, I still remember about how I beat down the monster along the way till I arrived to this place.

Though there's several opinion for this detailed theory regarding the labyrinth monster, the matter regarding them reviving after fixed interval is confirmed.

It is said the the phenomom called Re-Spawn(Re-Pop) or reconstruction could take several days to several years for strong monsters, but for weak monsters, it won't even take one day.

I don't know how much time has passed since I was killed by the dragon, but it seems that the time required for Re-Spawn(Re-Pop) was met.

When it comes to that, I have to go back to the road as fast as possible to find the monster that I want to meet.

I decided to move my Bone Man(Skeleton) body, step-by-step to the return passage.

In reality, my body feels heavy when I'm moving it, as I thought, I can't fight like how I used to, but I'm still relieved for the fact that I can move this much.

For my weapon, it's not a problem since I'm still wearing my favourite armor and one-handed sword when I'm still alive from the very beginning.

And the other thing is, it seems I have no choice but to confirm it during the actual combat.

And then, 5 minutes after treading the return passage.

I meet the first monster.

This opponent— —Was of the same species as me and it didn't have any weapon or armor, the Bone Man(Skeleton).

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# Chapter 3: Bone Man VS Bone Man

## Part 1

Within the dim passage of the labyrinth stands a monster looking towards me, the Bone Man(Skeleton).

An Ordinary Bone Man(Ordinary Skeleton) who can't use magic, willpower, or sacred spirit.

When I entered my fighting stance, the Bone Man(Skeleton) recognizes my existence.

——Katakataka !

The sound of clicking bones as if it's laughing.

Bone Man(Skeleton).

Though it's a monster that I fought countless times, it's still a creepy and frightening existence.

If a living being is composed of only bones, it won't be able to stand up.

Even so, contrary to its providence and continuing to act like a living being, the more I see it, the more I feel that there is a certainty that they are indeed taunting something.

I'm convinced, if looking from an outsider's point of view..

No matter how many times I'm thinking about it, I can't just walk into the city.

As I'm seeing that fact in a new light and made me want to take a deep sigh.

But, for me who has no lungs, there's no organ for me to make a sigh.

Naturally, because there's only bones.

I feel dejected of this fact.

I already know as it's strongly pointed out that I'm not a human.

To become a Bone Man(Skeleton), I feel that I was digested calmly and thoroughly even I seemingly show indecisiveness and there's also various signs of me objecting that fact.

But still, I must advance forward.

To defeat the existence in front of me, I will become a Corpse Eating Demon(Ghoul) !

With that kind of decision, I'm moving my feet and running towards the Bone Man(Skeleton).

—Or that was how it should be.

This speed is to be honest, it was extremely SLOW.

Well, I'm running, if one says "it seems you're", and nodding to the degree of speed is surely coming out but, is this for real?. There's no doubt that it's a questionable speed that makes one wonder.

As I thought, it seems that my physical ability was falling considerably.

If you think about it, that's just natural story.

Bone Man(Skeleton) is an existence that is composed of just BONES.

Originally, living beings can move because of the muscles in their body, it's extremely natural for my body, the Bone Man(Skeleton) to not move properly.

The proof for this, even the movement of the other Bone Man(Skeleton) is extremely slow.

And then, the Common Bone Man(Normal Skeleton), all of them are like that even according to my own experience so far.

For this reason, because it was a monster oriented toward a copper rank adventurer like me, the reason i can keep living was because of them.

## **Part 2**

But, even for the copper rank adventurers, they're not that powerful, as I though it'll become a tough fight if it's of the same family, I knew that when the Bone Man(Skeleton) in front of me swings his sword.

My quick sword if ofcourse very slow too but, it doesn't mean that I lost the swordmanship that I learn up till now, I'm fully learning the basic.

That's why, from this knowledge, I've no power for upper swings, swinging downward is the best to raise my sword quickly, or so the rational way of it, in practice, that's so cruel.

First, it was difficult to raise my hand.

Naturally because I've no power for it.

But even if it's hard, I still try to raise my hand, and now, it's difficult to swing downward by reversing the direction of the power including the sword.

Even this again, is because I'm powerless.

In short, the swordmanship knowledge which I'm fully familiar of ISN'T USEFUL AT ALL.

Well, beside, it's only natural if you think about it.

Anyhow, my swordmanship knowledge is FOR HUMAN.

It wasn't designed for a Bone Man(Skeleton).

Nevertheless, isn't it just a bit more.

At this rate, I might be die when attacked by the other guy, though I think that way, should I call it a luck? even if I'm facing an opponent, it was the slow and powerless Bone Man(Skeleton) as my opponent.

While I'm manipulating the weight of the sword, I was moving toward the opponent to attack but, it's feet slipped.

Moreover, part of the bone on it's right ankle is disconnected due to that, it quickly pick-up it's right feet while sitting cross-legged while trying to fasten the joint of it's right feet.

Though I want to laugh at the movement which is completely similar to a comedy actor, I don't even have the vocal cord to produce sound.

The sound that comes out of Bone Man(Skeleton) is seemingly just "katakata" sound of bone clacking, it can't be helped when the other party found me first when I made "katakata" sound.

Thereupon, the other party is seemingly slightly angry, and hurriedly fixed it's disconnected feet then coming to my position with slightly faster speed than before.

It seems to have become serious.

This is bad, even I thought so.

The truth is, the other party is rushing at me just like that, and I'm falling.

And then, while in a collapsed position, as a Bone Man(Skeleton), I will be killed if I don't think of how to counter it quickly.

But, such necessity is seemingly, unneeded.

Why I say that, because the other Bone Man(Skeleton) didn't come to pursuit.

The reason is the sword that I swung by putting in my weight is, though I don't understand how it became this way, before I know it, it's pierced right in the cranium of the other Bone Man(Skeleton).

But, the other party is also an immortal type monster.

It won't be enough with just a sword piercing into it's head, with a seemingly curious face, it became bewildered to the slightly decreasing field of vision.

It's okay up till now, the Bone Man(Skeleton) was moving like a human but, somehow it doesn't seem that it's intelligence is as high as humans, it couldn't make a fast response in how to deal with the pierced sword.

In that gap, I seize the chance and quickly seized the hilt of the pierced sword, and then apply very small amount of power into it.

Since it's pierced deeply, I just need hack it, or so I thought.

But, as expected I'm nothing more than a powerless Bone Man(Skeleton).

Since bones are used for armor materials, they are pretty solid and won't easily be broken by the weak power of a Bone Man(Skeleton).

### **Part 3**

I'm really troubled by this.

Can I somehow add more power.....

At this rate, won't this continue as mudslinging for eternity.

I'm, really reluctant for doing something like competing with this guy for a long time.

When I'm thinking of such lifeless future, I recalled the power that I tested sometimes ago.

That's it, I wasn't an ordinary Bone Man(Skeleton).

I'm aware that myself as a Bone Man(Skeleton) is very powerful, though I completely omitted it from the very beginning, I have magical power, Qi, and the sacred spirit.

Among the three, the power of qi is the one that I need quickly for it's simple rise on physical power, for that is the easiest for the current me to use.◦

I decided to spread the power of qi into every parts of my body weight after thinking about it.

I though whether I can use it properly or not is rather doubtful.

But, I'm invoking it just in case as the qi itself is already tested, for the time being, I'll use the other power if it's not working.

I'm what you call, *"A guy who will try something since he has nothing to lose"*.

And then, the result of that gambling is a succes due to my good luck.

The sword that didn't budge at all even when I put every bit of my power into it is starting to move, and then finally the head of the other Bone Man(Skeleton) was smashed.

It's not only smashing the head, the unpleasant "bakibaki" sound is resounding, I'm wondering how many bone which composed its body is smashed.

After that, the body of the Bone Man(Skeleton) crumbled into pieces as if it lost support.

The body of the Bone Man(Skeleton) which moved as one body is closely fitting together up till this point.

But, the Bone Man(Skeleton) whose head is completely crushed is seemingly losing its immortal traits.

The tumbling corpse is already nothing more than normal bones.

—In some way or another, did I, just win?

It was a comical and unsightly first battle but, it seems that I won it somehow.

I could even use my combat ability.

Ma~ma~, This wasn't a bad fight right.

As I think like that, I, for some reason feel relieved.

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# Chapter 4: Loneliness of a Bone Man

## Part 1

Well then, thought I just beat the Bone Man<sup>(Skeleton)</sup>, I might be advancing forward toward the evolution existence even if it's just by one step.

While pushing my way through the fallen bone of the Bone Man<sup>(Skeleton)</sup>, I check my body after picking up the magic stone..... Did something just, changed?

..... I can't feel it though.

When I think that way, suddenly from the remain of the fallen Bone Man<sup>(Skeleton)</sup>, something that looks like a ball of light puffed out from it and is heading towards my body.

Is it, still alive(?)!

I'm quickly preparing myself in that moment but, with the light that didn't emit any kind of offensive atmosphere and besides, since it was about to hit my body soon, avoiding it is useless.

But, contrary to this kind of worry, my body didn't get hurt by this light, not hurting at all, or rather, I feel that somekind of power is gushing out.

As the light is being sucked rapidly into my body, I felt that something is increasing, though it's somehow just a little, Seiki[sacred spirit], magical power, even the qi that used up a while ago is filled.

Maybe, this is what that guy called as 《The Evolution Existence of Monster》

Though I guess that it won't take too much time.

Though power is overflowing into my body, it doesn't seems to be enough for me to became a Corpse Eating Demon<sup>(Ghoul)</sup>.

Rather, my appearance isn't that much different from before.

Since I have no mirror, the area around my face couldn't be seen, even if I'm looking at the part that can be seen such as my body or limbs, since nothing has changed, perhaps my face too is same with it.

But,

This well, it doesn't mean that it's meaningless either!

I didn't think of it.

The reason is, the so called evolution existence, it's not something that could be done just by beating one or two monster of the same family.

Even by me, though I gained the knowledge by reading the study of monster, the inside of that book was written as a conjecture.

This is in the part that I can understand, and for the time being, if by saying evolution existence is possible just by beating one monster in the same kind, it'll make superior monsters to be born rapidly, since in contrast to the land of the dead, if that situation occur it'll become hell for the human race.

Certainly, there's still lot of monster even now, though there's many monster which becomes a threat for the human race, basically most of them are monsters that can be subjugated, and the calm and peaceful living that make in the village or city is preserved in this way.

Something like large scale evolution existence is impossible to happen, it was said in the study that I read.

In short, it means that evolution existence isn't something that is easy to achieve, which means that maybe it couldn't be done without beating several stronger existence than itself.

Within that meaning, since I'm still beating nothing more than one monster weaker than myself, it's just natural that I couldn't achieve an evolution.

And yet, I might become a little stronger, since I can feel the rising of my ability, this is what you might call as luck.

I'll become stronger bit by bit by defeating weaker monsters.

In short, it'll become easier for me to finish the battle with each passing battle.

Of course, it doesn't mean that'll always be the case every time, because the first one occurred by chance, there's also the possibility that.....

Well, that's something that I can't understand unless I beat a few more monsters.

## Part 2

First is, let's try and see.

I decided to continue with the labyrinth exploration.



The conclusion is, it's as I thought, with each beaten monster, I truly was becoming stronger little by little.

The reason is that I met several Bone Man(Skeleton) after the first one, beat the hell out of them, and then, the absorption of the power occurred just like the last time.

And then, due to the absorption of this power, something that I never have imagined happen called "my ability is rising", it was become quite obvious that the movement of my body become even better than the last time.

Even one attack that used my Qi, the power behind it is rising by a bit, the time when I beat the first Bone Man(Skeleton) that barely crushed the head of the skeleton, if the current me become serious, it'll turn the bone of the head into pieces.

Maybe, it's almost the time for me to move my target to slimes.

I know that I will become stronger accordingly.

Because Slime is the representative of weak monsters that stands side by side with Common Bone Man(Normal Skeleton), the thing that made me unable to make light of them is because they're monster of undetermined liquid form.

With that nature above, the thing called physical blow is hardly showing any result, because of that, beating them by using magic is the so called the easiest way.

Though it doesn't mean that aside from that there's no other way to beat them, it's still feasible to beat them with physical attacks.

There's two ways on how to beat them, there's something like viscera in animal which in the Slime called a core, when that part is smashed for sure, its entire body will collapse and leave just the magic stone.

But, doing that is not so simple, the spearmanship or swordsmanship skill to accurately shoot down the constantly moving core part is a must, that kind of skill can't be learned unless one has ability to surpass your medium grade of copper rank.

So as expected, I couldn't do that since I'm just low grade of copper rank.

Therefore, it's come to the other way, it can't be done unless I beat them till their body disperses to the point of unable to regenerate the fluid body composition of the slime.

This is very simple, it was possible even for me, but it'll take a bit longer.

Slime body is in their liquid state, even if beaten till their body start scattering, it'll be squirming and moving to stick themselves to the biggest lump, and regenerating their body.

For the sake of preventing that, maybe I have to scatter them at once with enough power, or maybe I will have no choice but to scatter them to faraway places with speed, for me, it doesn't mean that I have self-confidence to that kind of speed, I have no other option but to scatter their body at once with Qi strike.

In short, the matter of hunting slime was one day one slime.

So weak.

Well, that's just how the low grade copper rank is.

Moreover, I solo-ed it without even joining a party.

For something like slime, if it's in normal case, a one person party, not to mention those with the main occupation of magician, as long as those person have enough power to use even the lowest tier magic such as Fireball<sup>(Fwotia Borivas)</sup> or Arrow of Earth<sup>(Gi Beros)</sup>, they're monster that can be beaten easily.

This means that an adventurer with bad efficiency like me is the minority.

Instead, because things such as goblin or Bone Man<sup>(Skeleton)</sup>, so many of them can be beaten by me, earning income isn't that difficult for a low grade copper rank adventurer.

Well then, though the slime is an old enemy of mine, if it's the current me, it might be fairly easy for me to beat them.

It's reaching the point where I have enough physical strength without using the power of Qi is attained, if this is the case, if the slime body starts scattering, it doesn't seem to be that much of a problem.

### Part 3

—Shall I go then ?

Thinking that way, I, prior to becoming a Bone Man<sup>(Skeleton)</sup> is deciding to aim at the area where the slime gathered.

Though I already cleared it when I came, if considering that plenty enough time have elapsed now, most likely they're already Re-Spawn(Re-Pop).

For that, I expected that the other adventurer already stopped the hunting.

When I continue traversing the labyrinth, for some reason I know the timezone with the atmosphere inside of the labyrinth.

The stronger the smell of blood and iron is, the more human inside the labyrinth, I can sense how many of them by the vibration that is transmitting along the wall.

Especially since I just dived in this labyrinth, I have a clear grasp of time,

And then, therefore I could derived the time from that sense, I'm not that curious for why they continue on hunting within the labyrinth during this kind of time.

The labyrinth that exist in the vicinity of Malt city isn't just this one, there's another one called the great «Labyrinth of New moon».

The other labyrinth is not yet fully explored, it still has un-traversed floors.

Therefore, most of the adventurer of Malt is going to the other one, the one who does hunting in this place might be an eccentric, or was a solo adventurer who couldn't challenge the labyrinth by forming a party.

I'm the latter.

Thought if I truly dared to challenge 《Labyrinth of New Moon》, that place has many monsters which are different with this place and it's not that rare for them to attack with several monsters.

As for solo, especially for me, a low grade of copper rank adventurer going to that place means an instant death, that's why I have no choice but to hunt in this place.

It was the most lonely tale when I think about it again.

If you want to ask why I'm going solo, that's even more a lonely tale, it's because no adventurer wants to form a party with me.

I became an adventurer 10 years ago, which means that me who is still nothing more than a low grade of copper rank adventurer is the proof of me being a leftover.

Certainly, no matter how talentless someone is, if he keeps doing it for 10 years, that person will become around high grade after medium grade of copper rank.

But, I'm just.....

Well, this kind of tale that will make me more disheartened the more I think about it is better to leave behind.

That aside, now is slime time.

It seems I just arrived at their place, the monster of indetermined crystal-like form is there, moving while squirming in front of me.

It's the SLIME.

I set my sword, and slowly approach the slime.

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# Chapter 5: Bone Man VS Slime

## Part 1

This slime is, quite pretty('''), is what I feel.

The transparent individual who is sliding back and forth as if it was fresh water is just taking a form to become viscous liquid, my fear is that might not be that much time elapsed for Spawn<sup>(Pop)</sup> in the labyrinth.

I wonder how many days has passed, if one were to speak of that then, the thing is rare in this kind of state(''') since it's starting the so called digestion because it might be just capturing unlucky small animal who entered its body or another monster living inside the labyrinth.

When I said so, the state of the body of the living being in the midst of digestion inside its liquid body has things like its bones floating inside, newcomer adventurers will vomit from seeing the grotesque state.

Though if it were the body of a mouse or a monster which is closely resembles an animal, most of them can deal with it calmly, this one is a demon with human-like form—— Goblin?, or maybe it was in the middle of digesting another adventurer who died in the labyrinth, the search during this days become impossible at a splendid rate.

Naturally since adventurer or the like have no need to do something like that, they'll get used to it, even so the unpleasant feeling still remained.

Though when you do this job for 10 years like me, you won't feel anything, the first year is necessary adventurers to prepare themselves to get used to this unpleasant feeling.

When I think about such things, the slime in front of me is entering an extremely lovely state.

Just how much the current me in Bone Man<sup>(Skeleton)</sup> state, even if the appearance is more terrible than the slime in the midst of digestion, as for feeling, it's the same with when I was a human.

I don't think that I want to scatter the body fluid of the slime along with the remains of its prey.

But, if it's slime in this state, their body fluid is pure.

In this way, the body fluid of the slime right after Gushing<sup>(Pop)</sup> is preserved if you have a container, it's an article with high-value just by selling it as it is to alchemist or Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>.

Even the impure body fluid of slime is not that a material since it can be used for manufacturing low grade Recovery Potion<sup>(Potion)</sup>, if you mix and boil it with another medicine, the body fluid of the pure slime is somewhat high priced since it can be used for even more things.

I currently have one tool bag on my waist before I became a Bone Man<sup>(Skeleton)</sup>, since I have some of those preservation container in case I meet an event like this once, I decide to collect its body fluid if I manage to beat it.

After that, I approached the slime who move unsteadily with "poyopoyo".

The slime who notices me, shivers with "buruburu" and then "pon", shoots something that looks like a lump of water towards me.

I safely avoid that since I already expected it.

The lump of water I avoided hits the ground and released several clouds of smoke.

This is the first and main type of attack of a slime, Acid Ball<sup>(Acid Breath)</sup>.

Going by that name, it's created with acid inside its body, and attacks by shooting it, because whatever the acid hits, will end up melting.

Even if the attack carrying acid seems simple, it won't turn into a fatal wound just by getting hit by it once, the place that got hit by it will still receive considerable damage.

At least, the area surrounding the face must absolutely be protected.

..... Well, for the current me, even if the area around my face is melting for a bit, I don't think I will be suffering from damage like losing my sight, in this case, I who become a skeleton, my bone will melt immediately.

If that's the case, aren't I bearing a damage which will bring me closer to death than losing my vision.

It's an attack that I must avoid at any cost.

## Part 2

But, no matter how dangerous that attack is, its speed is just too slow.

The movement speed of Normal Slime<sup>(Normal Slime)</sup> is normally extremely slow, its movement also has one pattern\*, it's not that much of threat to tackle it if you're being careful. [TL : can only moving in line at time]

However, according to the several means of attack I can use, I can say that it's hard to kill.

In addition, my physical ability which is absorbing some of that power after fighting the Bone Man(Skeleton) sometimes ago, has risen.

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At least, my speed increases to almost similar to when I was alive is something that I noticed.

But, I didn't feel that I will lose to a slime.

It fires the acid ball again as I'm slowly approaching it.

Now I'm approaching it with faster speed while raising my sword, the slime is trying to release its acid ball before I swing my sword so I retreat immediately after attacking it.

"*Bichari*", though I sensed something touched upon my hand, I decided to bring it down in one strike.

I thought of that action.

But.

Unexpectedly, the slime is seemingly not running after me who attacked it, its damaged body quivering in that place, and then momentarily stopped, its soul that exist up till now is crumbled slovenly as if falling out.

This is, in the phenomenon that I see when slime is losing its life, due to losing the power to support its body, the fluid body is loses its unity.

In short, that slime who became like this is dead.

I'm surprised to the extremely quick ending.

At any rate, for me who's a former-low grade of copper rank adventurer, I didn't have enough power to beat the slime in one strike.

But, what happened just now is.....

Though I couldn't confirm it since I was desperate, maybe, my attack unexpectedly hit the core of the slime.

If that was true, this result is something that I can understand.

Rather, when I'm attacking the next slime, as I thought, I must act carefully under assumption that I won't beat it with one attack, so I thought to fight it with safety.

..... That aside, the raw material of the slime.

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Because the part of the slime body fluid that made contact with the ground is lost it's usefulness, I must collect it by cramming the container into the body fluid of the slime right after I beat it.

Even if you're trying to cram in something in the body of the slime when it's alive, it will give a sense of rejection along with "Boyon" feeling, the slime that is already dead won't give such feeling as you can cram into its body right away with the feeling like touching jelly.

I'm taking out the flask type container from my tool bag, cram it into the body of the slime that already melted to fill it.

Slimes are dangerous monsters that will fire Acid Ball(Acid Breath) but, its body unexpectedly didn't carry strong acid, since the adventurers who cram their hand into the body of the slime comes out smooth and fine, so it's used as women cosmetic.

Amongst the use of the body fluid of pretty slime, the majority is used for

cosmetics due to the effect of the body fluid of slime.

Since that way of using fetches a higher price than using it as lower grade Recovery Potion(Potion), the heart of the women which seeks for beauty scary, is what I think.

They even make cosmetics from other monster..... or so.

But well, the material taken from monster, will give a big effect on the human body, like rejuvenation, if we go by legend, there's more material which as far as have possibility of bestowing eternal youth, rather it might be more natural to use it that way.

### **Part 3**

As I was thinking about it, I'm staring at the container that was filling with the liquid while ejecting the burbling air inside.

And then, when that liquid filled the container to brim, I take out another one.

.....Uhn. If it's this much, it might fetch a high price.

Around a few days worth of hotel charge.

As for pretty slime, the encounter rate is low, and it'll become a nice source of income when you encounter it.

Nonetheless, in the point where I can sell it in my current situation, it doesn't even have any meaning since there isn't a place where I can stay.....

Wrong.

I'll eventually become a Corpse Eating Demon<sup>(Ghoul)</sup>.

In that case, I might be able to go to the city and sell the raw material.

As for the lodging..... Well, whether they'll give me a shelter or not is still a mystery but, if it's at the level of barn, they might be willing to lend it to me.

I leave that place to hunt for the next monster while thinking about such a thing.

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# Arc 2: Scapegoat

## Chapter 6: A Quick Look of Corpse Eating Demon

### Part 1

I feel something out of my place in my body after i have beaten my fifth slime of the day.

I fought with the monsters of the labyrinth so many times but, as for the slime, the matter regarding beating them in one blow wasn't just a stroke of luck, I could beat even the next slime who I met after that in one blow.

It seems that my ability is rising a lot compared to when I was alive.

When I was a copper rank adventurer, I couldn't even feel my ability rising no matter how much I train myself so I don't know whether I should be grieving or be delighted for such thing to happen after I died.

But nevertheless, it's better than being weak.

I might be become stronger in this condition, or the possibility of me getting exorcised somewhere is still plausible but I should do my best for the time being and keep fighting.

After beating ten monsters, I feel a strange sensation in my body.

This isn't an unpleasant thing, rather i feel something strange gushing out from my body.

Nevertheless, I'll be even more troubled if it becomes something strange, I tried to resist the sensation for the time being but that great effort ended in failure.

And then, the "bikibiki" sound is resounding throughout my body, and I got covered by light.

— — —What will happen to my body ?

The moment I thought of that, withered-like flesh rises to the surface of my

body as if covering the white bone.

After reaching that far, I felt it.

This is, isn't this what I'm waiting for.

—Evolution Existence.

Isn't that what happened now.

So I thought.

Practically, this phenomenon keeps going on for a while as the light spreads throughout my whole body.

Flesh is wrapping my arms, at the same time it also wraps my legs and body.

..... My body which was only made of bone up till now is wrapped in flesh !

And then, this phenomenon stopped a short time later.

I'm observing my body which was remoulded anew.

I certainly gained flesh.

I who didn't have flesh up till now.

But, I don't have beautiful skin like the one I had when I was a human, my impression can be said as, the sinew flesh that I got feels like withered flesh sticking to my bone.

Every part of my body and face, though I don't know about that well since I don't have a mirror, nevertheless, it should be what I imagined.

In the first place, this quality of skin or rather, the withered flesh on the bone was something that is just sticking to it, and I was aware of that.

## Part 2

—Corpse Eating Demon《Ghoul》.

This is the target that I was aiming for from the evolution existence.

I remember the appearance of the corpse eating demon《Ghoul》 is deprived of the skin from a human body, and then on top of it the meat inside looks like it is

teared apart and left to dry..

In short, it truly gives an eerie feeling..... Yes, it was a monster of undead race that gives the vibe of a dried corpse.

Something like wanting to become this kind of existence by his own will, something that is obviously not from this world.

Though, in my case, it seems that I'm quite advanced compared to what I was before.

At any rate, at least I gained flesh.

And I could experience the evolution of monsters with this body, that is to say that the possibility of becoming a higher rank existed as long as I keep going.

The monsters of the undead race will become closer to human in appearance if they advance to become higher existence.

If I become a blood sucking demon《Vampire》, the higher existence of the corpse eating demon《Ghoul》, the appearance will become more human like.

When I arrive at that point, I know that I can safely operate in the city.

As of now, there's a possibility that I might be able to enter the city if I hide my appearance with something, since it's not to the point that I can act as free as I want.

Well, the gatekeeper was my acquaintance, if all goes well I might be able to enter normally.....

Ah, That is.

Though it's withered, I've more or less gained a body of flesh.

Given the situation, even I want to leave and test it out.

"—Va.....Va—....."

I'm moving my throat to test whether any voice will come out.

It seems my voice is coming out.

"G-Good wo.....Good w, wo—.....rnyng, I must ve misvelled.....G-good worning....."

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U~n.

What should I do about this.

I can somehow speak but not fluently.

Training was necessary.

Though it's completely better that my Bone Man《Skeleton》 period in which I can't speak at all.

If I have this, assuming that a person will enter the labyrinth, we can have a mutual understanding somehow.

Well, that would be the case if the other party will let me speak without faltering even after seeing my state.....

When I was pondering about such things,

——GIIN !

I hear the sound of someone fighting from a distance.

It was the sound of a sword colliding with something.

There is no monster that will cause metal-like sound in this stratum since there are only weak monsters here that I have beaten sometime ago.

In short, since it's the sound of metal colliding with something, if there's not that much irregularity, it means that was the sound of an adventurer fighting something.

# Chapter 7: The True Power of Corpse Eating Demon

## Part 1

".....YAH ! ! "

It was a girl who's vigorously throwing herself toward the Bone Man《Skeleton》while shouting in a loud voice.

The thing she's wearing is——It's Cheap pelt armor and a cheap-looking sword, she might be a beginner iron rank adventurer.

For me, who knows many names and faces of the adventurers in Malt city, the meaning of a face which I don't know is nothing but that.

Though things like iron rank adventurer is nothing more than an annoying rival who will surpass me sooner or later if they do it after me, speaking of why I remember their faces, it's because they're endlessly trying to cause trouble like reporting false charges or the guy who's looking down on me knowing my talent.

When it comes to that, I firmly remember their name and face, and in the future I'll remember where they live, the people they know, and their position.

As an adventurer, I don't have that much talent in terms of physical ability but, if there was one, rather than talent it's more to drafting a tactic or memorizing, so I can easily crush the plan assembled by those iron rank guys.

Which means the adventurers with higher rank than me in Malt is just like that, since they know the cunning part of me, they never needlessly meddle in my affairs.

That's why as a result I'm increasing the quality of Malt adventurer itself, even if the excessive baggage stopping or keep doing it as a lower rank adventurer with long term period as much as 10 years, so the Adventurer Guild《Guild》is in the end didn't say anything.

Which means that my planning skill should be kept.

So, it's about the adventurer girl fighting.

She's running at a glance, from every movement of her equipment, she's quite unskilled.

If I must say it honestly, I can even say *"Isn't she even weaker than the me when I was alive"*.

Well, no matter how I'm a low grade copper rank adventurer, I'm powerful if you compare me with iron rank.

No need for being meticulous means that there is no need to say the certain skill level to safely beat it, Bone Man《Skeleton》 is easy.

In case of an ordinary person, they must have resolution to die if they meet a Bone Man《Skeleton》, two in case of iron rank, otherwise three, they must have a margin if they can't beat it.

As for me, who keeps going solo, well then you should be able understand how powerful I'm right.

And then, looking from the eyes of that me, the adventurer girl in front of me is weak.

In short, though she did her best in a battle against the Bone Man《Skeleton》, at this rate she'll be defeated with just one mistake.

She's nothing more than that.

But, well, even if I say novice, the adventurer also degenerated.

When push come to shove, there's a method called retreat with one feet of escape.

That's why I'm not too worried.

But.

——OiOi.

I understand the unskillfull walking of the girl when I'm seeing her for a while.

She never though of something like when push come to shove, the strategy she adopted is the so called, just *"Keep pushing forward"*.

But, in addition to that her real ability is not enough, the girl is slowly being cornered.

And then, inside the labyrinth with nothing but a narrow passage is fatal.

The girl is being cornered again and again, and then.

## Part 2

"..... ! ? "

"DON", she noticed that her back is against the wall.

That's is the situation that will happen if you keep fighting without looking at your surrounding.

And for a swordsman like her, she needs more room to swing her sword.

Seeing that she already lost that space, her future is decided by this point.

It's a fact, the Bone Man《Skeleton》 who fought her is happily stretching it's hand to her.

Since it has no weapon, it might be attacking it's opponent with simple physical power.

But, even if rotten, Bone Man《Skeleton》is still a monster.

That physical strength will blown them in one attack if it's a novice adventurer without defensive gear, it'll turn into a deadly attack which will lead to death if it hits a vital spot.

In short, she might be dead for sure if that attack hit her.

I couldn't help but think that way.

Of course it doesn't means, *"It can't be helped even if she dies just like that"*.

I, who was watching in silence, it means that I can't just show myself and take a risk to save her.

Even though I'm quite excited when coming to this place, my head is cooled down when I see a human who's alive.

Even if I appear before her just like that, it might be resulting in nothing but me being treated as a monster right, I can roughly guess that there might be no conversation.

But, nevertheless, my feeling just couldn't let me to see someone die before my eyes.

No matter how much of my body becomes that of a monster, my heart is still that of a human.

As long as it's not an extremely annoying guy, if there's someone whose life is in danger, I must come to save them.

That's even more if it's a novice adventurer who can be said as my junior.

Yes, that's why.

".....UGAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA ! ! ! ! "

I'm appearing with loud voice and pulling the attention of the Bone Man《Skeleton》 from the girl.

Whether this is effective or not is a gamble.

Anyhow, I'm obviously a corpse eating demon《Ghoul》 at glance.

As far as a monster is concerned, just how effective is the loud voice of a monster to be able to pull the attention of another monster.

It's just that up till now, the time when I was fighting with a skeleton body, every one of my opponent attacks when they found me.

I wonder why, even if we're a fellow monster, or I might be different, though that the probability of me making this attempt and success is high.

And then, I won the gamble.

The skeleton who was about to attack the adventurer girl was turning its head and facing toward my direction.

The adventurer girl is opening her eyes in astonishment due to this situation.

Since the skeleton is turning it's back to the enemy, she's slashing at it as it is, though she might think that the skeleton movement is stopped due to surprise.

## Part 3

It can't be helped, I raised my sword overhead and go toward the skeleton.

Since I'm gonna settle this immediately, I'm using the power of qi that feel like retaining to give a rise in my offensive ability.

Well, it's because I feel that the amount of qi in my body have increased after becoming a ghoul, I have this feeling that it won't run out with just one or two use.

The sword which I raised overhead is swung downward in accordance to the move that I mastered over long periods of training and then, it cut through and break into a straight line in the skeleton body, a moment later, each part of the skeleton is divided right by half.

".....Amazing....."

The adventurer girl is looking with a dumbfounded expression as she sees the last moment of the skeleton.

That is so right.

Despite no matter how weak the skeleton entering the category of weak monster, there's no case in which the swordsman put an end of it by splitting it right in half.

If anyone see that, of course they'll be surprised.

Yeah.

I mean me.

What the hell is this.

EH.

Have I become that powerful ?

Right after I cut the skeleton, I got those kind of feeling above despite I'm the one who did it.

Though I think there was power in my attack, it's this strong huh.

If it's in this kind of condition, could it be that the day in which I become

vampire might be close by ?

I noticed that my hope is within my sight.

And then, I suddenly remember.

That's right, rather than that, now the adventurer girls side.

Was she alright.....

And, I tried to say various things with my throat, come to think of it, I recalled once again that I'm currently a ghoul.

She might throw herself at me if I'm unskillfully approaching her.

I can't let that happen.

..... What should I do.

When I'm thinking about that as I'm looking at her, sure enough, she was staring at me and taking a stance with her sword.

# Chapter 8: The Request of Corpse Eating Demon

## Part 1

"G-GET AWAY ! "

When I stretched my hand as I mutter "Wa—.....", she retreated while screaming.

That's normal.

In the labyrinth, there's no human who won't raise their vigilance to the corpse eating demon《ghoul》 who's raising a groaning voice, most likely none in this world either.

But, if you think it really carefully, you'll find it's strange that there's |Corpse Eating Demon《Ghoul》 level monster in this labyrinth 《Water and Moon Labyrinth》 .

Corpse Eating Demon《Ghoul》 is a monster with a higher rank than Bone Man《Skeleton》, it usually won't spawn in the hunting ground for iron rank adventurer

In case it's appear, it might be because something is wrong when they're climbing from lower floors, or special specimen which is hard to control with the rule of the labyrinth.

And then, whichever the case is, the strength of this Corpse Eating Demon《Ghoul》 is many times stronger than normal.

If a novice is suddenly running across such existence, it's to the point that they must be prepared to die.

It was natural that she's being vigilant.

Well then, maybe you will understand that if you're suddenly approaching female adventurers while raising a groaning voice, though I say that, it wasn't my intention.

Rather, I was about to greet her normally but, as I thought, I can't do that yet with this body, it's different when it's of a normal battle but, it was truly hard to speak.

Regarding the way to move my body and the way to battle, I never miss my training since long time ago, to know what movement to do in any situation isn't difficult, since I could understand the object whether it's okay if I deal with it, and since the correction is also easy in early ranks.

But, when I think about it again, I have no skill in conversation, Things turned this way since it's extremely difficult.

As a result, the voice became a groan such as "Wa—", this already can't be helped right.

In addition, bearing upon this kind of body, the first meeting with a human, moreover a girl at that, the shock was quite splendid when she's screaming "*get away*" is also another mean.

It really doesn't mean that I'm disgusting or something, but there's no even need for me to pay attention to that since the reason was just because I'm a Corpse Eating Demon《Ghoul》.

Maybe.

But, even if that's the case, for me, I wanted some sort of communication.

That's why I stopped according to the girl words, first I should make whatever my voice is to be heard.

"Wa-Wa—..... G-Good myornyi~ng. I-Iyam L-Lyend. Lyendo— ! "

"HIIIIIIII ! "

The girl's raising her voice as if being frightened by me who suddenly started to speak incomprehensible words.

But, I won't flinch with that.

Since I felt that it's not a good thing to give up here.

For example, in case that I'm giving up, if I judged that it's hopeless by this point, and then this girl is returning back to town.

Thereupon, if I must speak how it'll become, a report will come to the Adventurer Guild《Guild》called "a special monster has appeared in the labyrinth", and then the powerful adventurers might be coming for me.

It'll be a bad situation for me.

I, who experienced evolution after battle with various monsters, despite more or less becoming stronger, i'm still a lot weaker than humans and the likes, and might die.

## Part 2

It's the end if those guys come in this situation.

That's why I need to communicate with this girl one way or another.

I'm a human, though it doesn't mean that I'm not gonna kill the girl, it's more or less served as my last resort.

I don't feel that I can do something like that.

Well, it'll be a different case if she's something like a criminal or a thief but, I get the feeling called "*seeing a young adventurer trying her best to keep her life*".

I couldn't get used to the cruelty of snatching away the future of this kind of people for my own sake.

That's why I frantically speak to her.

"F-Fleaze~ ! ..... F-Fleaze b-bear me..... I-I-I k-kan't getz ut"

I keep talking in this way for a short while.

Thereupon, the girl also came to listen to my voice, maybe because she thought it's strange to the fact that I'm not rushing at her at all despite facing at each other.

"..... ? What do you.....Want to.....Talk about ? "

"T-That'z zo..... Iyam, Lend ! A-An adventUr.....ER....."

As I thought, maybe because the other party has a misunderstanding, despite

speaking bit by bit, even I get used to it.

The girl also came to the point as if grasping the meaning of my words to my voice that became clearer than the first time.

"..... Adventurer..... Adventurer, AH ARE YOU AN ADVENTURER ! Could it be that you're..... That..... Adventurer ? "

"YEaH ! Iyam-adventu-rer ! My NaMe ISH..... Lend ! "

".....Lend-san ? "

"Lendo..... Len-d..... Lento ! "

"AH, LENT-SAN....."

After coming this far, even she was seemingly getting used to it.

Maybe this is bolder than what I thought.

Her weapon's still in her grip but, she's talking normally with me, a Corpse Eating Demon《Ghoul》.

"Well then, I wonder why is..... That Lent-san..... Having this kind of appearance ?

"Y-You're MisTaKen..... I..... DiEd....."

After I explain my own situation which cause myself to change while feeling crestfallen, while she listens with an apologetic face,

"Ah, T-that's so right..... even if you're living as Corpse Eating Demon《Ghoul》..... Eh, even so, certainly one part of the monster of undead lineage is human who's transforming after their dead but..... Something like consciousness of their own life is completely not left behind, I heard that they're becoming a completely different existence....."

### **Part 3**

The words spoke by her is correct.

Though it's not like there's no case where they're keeping the memories from when they were alive, that is, the memories during their life becomes

something like instinct, it's different with the situation where their intention and clear memory which exist in a living person.

And yet, though there's also the case where Amongst the high ranking of the undead, it became something like a reincarnation from human due to extremely high magic, that is something from stuff like legend which you can say as something that you won't see.

In short, my Corpse Eating Demon《Ghoul》 situation in which I have my memories and my own will like a human is going past unusual, you can even say that it's impossible.

Though I can't even explain it clearly because of that, somehow or another, I didn't expect this reason.

Maybe, just maybe, it's because I met that 《Dragon》.

Though I don't understand things like What kind of reason is that, or what kind of phenomenon is that, I think I became like this because that 《Dragon》 has something to do with it.

That's the natural conclusion since there's no special conclusion for me except for that.

But, it's useless even if I explained it.

That aside, first, she understand that I firmly secured my original consciousness, the first priority was to receive her cooperation for various matter.

Generally speaking, I want to go to the city.

Her cooperation is necessary for that.

"..... Zhaz's, i-ivin Ai dz-zon't know about itz..... butz, Ai ..... wantz to leavez ! "

"S-So that's what it is ? You're alive..... Though it's strange to call you "Alive"..... You're definitely different from the normal monster, you saved me..... Afterall. I'm truly grateful for that"

Maybe because she recalled it during our talk, she' saying that as she set her sword aside while bowing at me.

"I-It's okay..... Do-Don't mindz itz..... A-Ai zust zave..... An adfenturerz....."

"When you say that way..... Then, uhm, though I'm asking an absurd question like this, does that mean I can leave? You won't kill me? "

Since she came to ask like that, I answered in hurry.

"A-Ai won'tz du zomethingz likez killing zou..... V-Vut..... But, Ai have a requeszt....."

"T-Thank goodness. I feel relieved. Nevertheless, a..... request? If I may ask the request for the debt of gratitude of the monster..... Who saved my life..... It's not something like blood, or meat"

"O-Of courze..... Ai wantz that'z but..... Firzt iz drezz for me"

"Dress? A~h.....AAH, I see....."

She guessed it easily, and keeps nodding as if she understands the meaning as she sees my whole body.

"As it is, if some other adventurer came, it'll come to them attacking you since you're a monster huh..... U~hn, it should be okay with a robe to hide your body? "

## Part 4

"A-Ai will be grazefulz I-If it's az fazt as pozzible.....Ah, m-money,,,,,,,,,"

This adventurer girl is probably an Iron rank adventurer.

This amount is nothing more than insignificant amount.

In that point, my income is quite well, I secured my money or personal property of my life.

It's firmly attached on my body without changing place, it fell nearby.

So I picked it back up.

I put my leather pouch filled with silver and gold coin on the ground, retreating back When I say to the girl to pick it up, she was slowly approaching

while still keeping a bit of her vigilance, and then takes the pouch.

And then looks at the content.

"T-This is..... you sure have quite a good income right..... ?  
Since you definitely are an adventurer who has a name when you were alive ? "

She was asking while being surprised.

But, me having a big sum of money is definitely not because I'm doing a big job, it was because I'm steadily saving my money.

Almost all of my money is in there.

It's just that I'm not explaining that far to that girl.

Or maybe, since I didn't want it to become something like explaining my selfish feeling, I said another thing while glossing around that area.

"I-If you came with dress..... you can take the rest..... that's why, please..... "

To my words, she.

".....understood. Though there's many things to think about..... You're not an evil monster..... In the first place, I would be a corpse if you didn't save me back then. As a knight, this Lena Le Page will pay this debt of gratitude. Please wait for me..... Lent-san"

Saying that as she was leaving this place in a way that look like retreating while keeping her sword as it is.

While saying one thing after another, it seems she isn't fully trusting of me yet.

Well, that's natural.

Rather, that's the correct action if you're an adventurer, she won't grow from now on if she doesn't have this kind of caution.

I think she might become a fine adventurer someday.

The problem is, will she keep her promise with me, she might steal the money as it is, though from my insight that I honed for this 10 years I was seeing the face of a newcomer, I knew that she won't betray me.

Or should I say she is a too honest person.....

Well, even if she betrays me, it's for that time right.

I think about when the worst result happened to me, I must become stronger even just a little.

I renewed my feeling, I must beat more monsters, thus I started to wandering around the labyrinth again.

# Chapter 9: Adventurer Lena Le Page

Lena POV

## Part 1

The adventurer Lena le Page was a newbie adventurer.

A young girl who just turned 17 years old.

The armor she wear is a cheap one, and yet it's look seedy without even showing any sign of grooming for her appearance.

But, when you see her nicely, she have a dreamy-like light blue pupils which and her golden colored hair which seems like beautiful if she unravel it, she'll look georgeous and perfectly match her by wearing some dress which'll made her completely unlike an adventurer.

This kind of girl was coming to Malt city for a simple reason, it's because none other than a piece of information she gain in the capital called recommendation, *"this city have two lower labyrinth which geared toward novice adventurer"*.

There's a great number of adventurer in the capital, since there's so many people in there, it's quite a severe place for a novice adventurer to act in there without any connection, lena was looking for a more comfortable place.

During that time, she heard that there's quite a demand for novice adventurer in the city and village of frontier area from the staff of Adventurer Guild《Guild》, it was referred as *"We can make a referral for Several city if you want to make an income while increasing your skill"*.

Lena was jumping at that referral without hesitation, and thus she came to Malt city.

Originally, no matter how much they say *"the job here is just too little"*, the adventurer who registered in the capital hating the idea of changing their base toward the frontier.

Because judging from the line of thinking of this kind of people in which many of them thinking that they'll soon heading toward the top adventurer by receiving a huge request, is a hard land as it's separated from the capital.

Some even say that they're "*Running away from the capital*" to heading toward the frontier, basically that's how the general adventurer of the capital.

But, Lena couldn't quite get with this kind of feeling.

Rather, for this kind of Lena, she really want as soon as possible to leaving from the capital, it wasn't exaggerated to say that the introduction of the staff of Adventurer Guild《Guild》 of the capital is a godsend.

Thus, Lena is set out for the frontier city Malt just few days ago.

Though in some sense Lena was coming to Malt city carrying her dream and hope in her chest, that hope smashed so easily.

Because, the labyrinth surrounding Malt, for Lena who's a novice amongst novice no matter how you see it, is too much severe place for solo exploration, though she need to go with a party, no one willing to take Lena.

The reason was, her gender, appearance, and then what written in her career.

First, it's quite a deduction in the point as an adventurer for a woman, from the fact that her appearance is quite thin even her armor look too dainty, one might think that she won't be able to fight too well, when she speak that it wan't even one month yet since she became an adventurer in the last moment, and taking this as a hobby, by that point it's a good bye.

It's a cruel story.

The truth is, Lena ability is comparable to the novice adventurer in the Malt city, or rather she's cut above the rest, that sincere character can be understood by how well maintained her armor.

Despite not even one month have passed since she becoming an adventurer, the thing of her having that kind of mentality and power is quite unusual case, rather you can say that she's quite a bargain object.

But, it's just a bad luck for lena, when she's looking for someone to form a party with her, there wasn't anyone who could give a just evaluation in Lena

ability.

Originally, there's several people in every Adventurer Guild《Guild》, they're usually observing the newcomer while scattering their pipe in the bar that annexed\* to the Adventurer Guild《Guild》. [TL\* : Maybe an idiom but I'm that sure for this one]

And then, for the Adventurer Guild《Guild》 of Malt city, Lent Fayna is the one in charge for it, though when he's not here, the higher ranking adventurer will be the one that doing it, both of them is unfortunately absent when Lena's looking for a party member.

Because of that, Lena ended up unable to meet someone with adequate ability to form a party with her, it was then she cannot help but to dive in the labyrinth to gain her daily income alone.

Though even the staff of the Adventurer Guild《Guild》 feeling troubled with her decision, because the staff understand about Lena ability as she's looking at the data send by the Adventurer Guild《Guild》 of the capital, since she judging that the probability of her dying even if she's exploring the labyrinth to some extent is low, she stopped giving a warning the moment Lana take her comission.

## Part 2

Sooner or later, Lent or someone might come to looking for someone to form a party with Lena, she even judged that there wasn't any problem to left her for a solo till that time.

Practically, though that judgement wasn't wrong in normal case, if she know that Lena's still ignorant with the way of world apart of her imagination, she'll make a different judgement.

That's right, Lena was quite ignorant to the way of the world.

Though she's quite skilled for a novice in regard to sword skill, that's in the end a martial arts-like skill for a mock battle, her experience is quite shallow in regard to real combat.

Because of that, she's keep on diving in the «Labyrinth of Water and Moon» which recommended by the Adventurer Guild«Guild» as a solo adventurer, which then led to her dilemma.

First, since she could beat several monster that appeared, despite it's already good if she just liquidate the magic stone and the raw material by returning at this point, Lena's feeling that her condition is at the peak has decided to dwelling a little deeper.

With this she's fallen into the deadliest beginner mistake, she have her party member when she was in the capital and the most experienced amongst them gave a warning.

But, having lost this kind of person, Lena judgement became quite terrible.

As a result, she just one step away from being killed by a Bone Man«Skeleton».

No, she definitely will be killed if things goes as it is.

But, Lena is quite lucky.

It's because she was able to meet a powerful person who then save her life.

When the Bone Man«Skeleton» raised it's arm to kill Lena,

".....UGAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA ! ! ! ! "

Someone has come along and yelling loudly.

Though Lena thinking "*who's this person*", when she became clear of that, she left speechless.

That is because "*this person*" was Corpse eating demon«Ghoul» which is several times more terrible than Bone man«Skeleton» .

And yet, the complex tatto's ecthing on the portion of it's face radiating place blue light.

Though it doesn't mean that Lena has meet a lot of type of monster, nevertheless this monster is a special existance — She guessed right away that it might be the so called "*special individual*".

For the special individual of monster is an extremely rare monster which

called as «|Given Name<sup>«Named»</sup>Monster» or «|Scarce<sup>«Rare»</sup>Monster», in case of labyrinth, it's a monster which normally won't appear in this floor, and it say that they're monster of different feature than the normal one.

And then, those monster, in most case, is so powerful to the point that you can say that they have different status than the normal monster, quite strong to the point that you must prepare yourself to die if you meet one.

The Corpse eating demon<sup>«Ghoul»</sup> which appearing in front of Lena which definitely one of this special individual is very obvious from it's appearance, moreover even the atmosphere exuding from it is somehow powerful.

*"This look, bad."*

It was natural for Lena to think so.

Moreover, this Corpse eating demon<sup>«Ghoul»</sup> brandishing the sword in it's hand to the Bone man<sup>«Skeleton»</sup> who was trying to kill Lena, which resulted in the latter to cut right in half.

That movement was extremely beautiful, in that moment she think that slash was truly beautiful to the point that she's forgetting about the monster.

### **Part 3**

But, when she regaining her composure, this reality stiffening Lena body even more.

Why you say, because something like this is absolutely undefeated for Lena.

*"Is my adventurer life will end in this place"*

At that time, Lena was making preparing herself to die.

But, strangely, Lena who met this monster in this place is rather lucky.

This monster who appeared in front of Lena is somehow started to talk and it then conversed with her.

And then, it made a request to Lena.

The monster requested her to buy him a clothes.

Lena's accepting his wish and ran toward the city.

As a knight, She felt that she must payback the debt of life.

Because, though the current Lena is an adventurer, she's originally a daughter of knight house.

# Chapter 10: Staff of Adventurer Guild, Sheila Ivars

## Part 1

—Lent Fayna isn't come back.

Staff of Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>, Sheila Ivars was wondering curiously about this matter.

Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>.

Sheila is in her 5th years as the staff of Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>, she's quite young for a female guild staff but, her association with Lent is a long one.

Or rather, when she just become a staff of adventurer guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>, her first adventurer was Lent Fayna. Lent at those time is a 20 years old young man, but, he already have 5 years experience as an adventurer by that time, and yet he's still remaining in the copper rank adventurer, it was easier to understand by saying that he was low class adventurer.

After working for few years as an adventurer, if he can do nothing but reaching at that rank, most people will giving up on their own talent, going back to their own hometown, they're the retired adventurer who was looking for another job.

That's not something that will make you particularly embarrassing, there's many people who choose this kind of option.

Well, nevertheless it might be because their life became more valuable, or, because they're not trying hard enough, though there's also the people who's making fun of the one who say that, because everyone know that the so called adventurer is not an easy occupation, everyone will consider that the guys who's saying something like that is a fool.

In short, the Lent of those time, with his age and experience, it won't be strange even if he's considering to quietly retiring, it's decided during that time that Sheila Ivars will be the one in charge of him.

Sheila at those time was reluctant to became the one in charge of Lent.

Which means that, it doesn't mean that she was particularly disliking Lent, the job of the staff of adventurer guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> also including for them to giving the last and final notice to the adventurers, when she's looking at Lent with his experience and age at those time, Sheila already considered if it should be better to tell him to giving up as an adventurer.

Someone must do this but, no one want to do this if possible.

Moreover, for being assigning in this kind of adventurer in her very first work, a dark cloud is hanging over Sheila heart during those time.

But, when saying about the result, you can say that this kind of worry is just needless anxiety.

The reason is because Lent isn't the target for this kind of notice during the meeting in adventurer guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>.

Certainly, with Lent experience, when you're just seeing at the number of years since he becoming an adventurer, it was better for him to giving up as an adventurer already.

But, Lent who's making an active effort both inside and outside of the Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> is extremely harmonizing with the management of the Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>, or rather, because he made them want to say *"it's better for us if he just staying like that without raising his his rank"*.

Or rather should she say that, it was to the point that the Chief of adventurer guild (Guild Master) was scouting him whether he want to become a staff of Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> if he's giving up on his job as an adventurer.

The duties of Lent of Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> is covering a wide area, starting with seeing through the ability of the novice who came to Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>, in addition he's to select and introducing appropriate party member which matched them in his eyes, in addition he's to performing the training and explanation regarding manner inside of the labyrinth and fundamental battle knowledge, even further is smashing the plot of the adventurers with twisted heart.

Moreover, it's not so bad when all of those are the commission coming from Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> but, Lent just do many of those free of charge.

Though sometimes there was commission which given a reward from Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>, the amount was nothing but a measly change.

And yet, Lent was taking this kind of job as if enjoying it.

In addition, there's considerable effect due to him doing this kind of action, the mortality of the novice adventurer is shockingly considerably low compared to the Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> of the other region, and even the law and the order of the adventurer is preserved, the citizen of the city also interacting in friendly manner with the adventurers.

Normally, something like this was quite unusual.

Sheila who's originally not living in Malt city is leaving her birth town to attending the recruitment examination for the staff of |Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>, moreover she's accepted and assigned in this city.

## Part 2

Because of that, if she must speaking of Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>, she just know that of her birth town, and then if she must speaking of the adventurer of Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> of that birth town of her, to put it bluntly, it was full with even more ill-bred people.

Certainly the good one also exist amongst them, such kind of peoples are turned into a cruel hearted one by the citizen of the city, as they couldn't said anything to them since they're frightened.

But, majority of them, was committing crime as much as they like, in reality was disliked for the people who's standing out.

But, such thing can't be said in this city, Malt.

There's trust in adventurer, the portion of adventurers who's vile, by the time they're trying to do something, they're being purged immediately by the hand of the adventurers instead.

That reason is thing's that Sheila aware as the one being in charge of him, the one called low rank adventurer, Lent Fayna.

The matter of him entrusted with Sheila, the reason wasn't for Sheila to gaining experience in facing low rank adventurer, it was because the consideration of the Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> whether or not for Lent to taking care for train Sheila.

And then, in reality, Sheila's taught many things as a staff of Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> by Lent, and now she's working happily everyday as the competent staff.

The adventurer and staff member who was raising in this way by him is not small in number, now, the new faces who's trying to distinguishing themselves in this city was the people who received Lent guidance in the beginning.

It's not a strange thing if the Divine Silver<sup>(Mithril)</sup> rank adventurer coming out from anyone of them sooner or later, rather it was enjoyment for that day to come.

In reality, Lent himself want to become like that too, it was a well known fact by the the other adventurers, even Sheila know that he's never miss his everyday training, it was even known that becoming that way is difficult with his own talent as an adventurer himself.

As long as he have the talent, though everyone can't help but unintentionally thinking that reality is reality.

It can't be helped.

Though there's a trick by becoming famous as a party with him and a powerful person to act as a party.

But, the adventurers of Malt, so many of them was aware of Lent goal.

To become a Divine Silver<sup>(Mithril)</sup> rank adventurer.

That's not having the same meaning as "*becoming famous*" at all.

Because he want to become a Divine Silver<sup>(Mithril)</sup> rank adventurer by his own power, doesn't mean that he want to become famous because the power of

someone.

And due to that reason, no matter how much impossible it is, he have nothing but his own power to rely on.

the thing about him going solo is obviously the most efficient way to absorbing the power of monster, thus, he choose to not forming a party with anyone.

It's for his own sake.

As for the truth, it's because he's not that powerful.

For that he might be dying someday in somewhere place.

But, Sheila, and the other adventurers thought that the possibility for that is low.

For that reason, no one saying anything even if he's going solo.

Anyhow, though Lent is nothing but someone at the low rank in term of physical strength, his knowledge and experience was rivaling a full fledged high ranking adventurer.

He definitely having his composure and judgement for danger, he was an adventurer who you can trust.

But.

Lent Fayna isn't coming back.

He's diving into the labyrinth at the same times everyday, and then returning to the Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> at the same times too, he's returning to reporting the completion of the comission and delivering raw material, after that is his personal training.

That's his daily routine.

That is his daily life.

### **Part 3**

And yet.

Where the heck he's going to.

There's many people such as Sheila who's worrying about him.

Lent.

Lent Fayna.

Sheila's doing her Adventurer Guild(Guild) duty while praying so that he, somehow or another is safe.

".....U~hm....."

She was called like that by a girl.

Sheila immediately raising her face and see the girl.

It was the face that she remembered.

She was the novice adventurer who just transferred from the capital just the other days.

Unfortunately, she have to going solo since Lent isn't here when she come—— If she remember it right, her name should be, Lena Le Page.

# Chapter 11: Realization of Corpse Eating Demon

## Part 1

I swing my sword as I already lost count in how many Bone man<sup>(Skeleton)</sup> I beaten.

The severity of battling them while I'm alive is just like a lie, I could split them in half by taking the back of bone man<sup>(Skeleton)</sup> with ease.

It's unbelievable.

It doesn't means that my sword of arms is changed at all.

But, the power dwelling in my body—— the quantity of my magical power, qi, and reiki keep increasing everytimes I beat the demons.

When I'm strengthening my power using any of those, my body which feel sluggish up till now was moving nicely according to my intention.

During my live, I often practicing it while imagine it properly on how to move my body in my head(image training).

I got blisters, collapsed, even so I keep swinging my sword, but my body couldn't move as I want.

But, how about now.

My body moving as how I imagine it.

My body even blurred slightly.

I can see the movement of my opponent even more clearly and my sense is getting sharper.

Undoubtly, this kind of world might be the one seen by those guys who's walking above me.

Though it's the world that I absolutely never seen when I was alive, the current me has see it.

If possible, I would want to enter this state when I was alive but, in the end

that's already impossible.....

Well, even so, it's not a bad thing since I can still fight with my own will even when I died.

If it's keep like this, I might become Divine Silver(Mithril) rank adventurer faster than I expected.....

There's still part of me which think so as I unintentionally thought about it despite already in this kind of state.

Could it be that, I'll keep working as and adventurer.

Basically the one called adventurer are something that any human can become.

Of course if the meaning of adventurer limited to just this much, there's many guys who's retiring after being unable to raise their rank like me but, if it's just registering as an adventurer, it's something you can become if your age is 15 years old.

But.....

As expected, what will happen if a demon become an adventurer ?

If I'm trying to ask about it.....

I expect that I might be not be able to become one, the so called commonplace answer was appearing in my head.

You'll know if you think about it.

During a certain day, a Corpse eating demon<sup>(Ghoul)</sup> just briskly walking and then entering the Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>.

And then it keep advancing like dragging his legs till arriving at the receptionist, it then stretched it's withered arms toward the receptionist after that as it says with groaning-like voice.

"Pyea-se..... MadE M-mE.....I-INTo AN advEnTu..... ReR ! "

..... It's a horror you know.

The receptionist definitely won't say "Yes".

She will press the emergency button under the receptionist desk, to call the Chief of adventurer guild<sup>(Guild Master)</sup> or strong adventurer, and yes, just like that the scenery of the subjugation of one Corpse eating demon<sup>(Ghoul)</sup> is playing vividly in my head.

But, if the situation might turn that way.

## Part 2

I can say for sure that I..... might not be able to continue as an adventurer.....

Maybe I must stop thinking like that.

Even leaving that aside, I should think on how to keep working as an adventurer.

If you want to know why, it's because I, definitely will become a Divine Silver<sup>(Mithril)</sup>rank adventurer.

Especially because my talent was at its extreme bottleneck, it seems the solution of my goal has been found when I became a demon.

And yet, that bring another trouble for me since I can't become adventurer as a demon.

But, as I thought, I still can't come with a solution on how to continue my job as an adventurer.

I've say this so many times before but, the Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> will certainly opening the path of adventurer to anyone but, there's no way they'll do so if the applicant is a demon.

Though I made a request for clothing to that adventurer girl called Lena, anything she bought practically will become a robe to hide my body, assuming that I'll use it to hide this withered body of mine, my face will be seen clearly if it's from close distance, no matter what, my arm will be for anyone to see when exchanging material, money or, writing documents.

When my current body was seen.

..... It's withering.

It can't be helped, it's withering after all.

Though I felt that the color of the withered meat was light brown a while before, it's turned eerie with tinge of black now.

When this kind of arms is being presented in front of your eyes, there might be no human who won't show any particular reaction right.

Maybe there's people who won't give that much consideration about it but.....

No, I should stop this.

Though I, Lent Fayna didn't have some sort of special skills, my face is very well known.

Despite I live as an eternal copper rank adventurer, the people who don't know my face is just minority since I'm putting all sort of effort so I won't be told to stop right away.

In short, my appearance is known by majority of people who belong to the Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>.

When that kind of me suddenly showing up one day with this kind of skills, it'll be followed by various kind of question. ㄷ

Not only just the so called curious, things like worry, thinking that there might be some sort of dangerous demon wriggling in the labyrinth, I ought to be questioned even if it's for information gathering.

When things already reaching that stage..... There's high possibilities that they might tear my robe.

If it's just my arms, I might be able to prepare some excuse.

Something along *"It was withering since my vitality is sucked by a slightly strange demon"*.

But, it's the end if they saw my face.

Though I don't know since I have no mirror, I certainly have the feeling that I become that of Corpse Eating Demon<sup>(Ghoul)</sup> from the feeling of my touch.

Even how I become like this, it might turning into a story such as *"If not subjugated, I will degenerated into a demon"* with that sort of reason.

The more I think about it, the more it turning into a checkmate situation.....

### Part 3

I unintentionally imagining the situation that I don't want to happen.

It seems my determination is wavering again.

But, it's settled for the time being.

Anyway, the problem is only about my appearance..... while for the time being my appearance is still something open to see.

As I thought, I'll calm myself first and go with the first plan and settled with evolution existence.

Even if I goes out to the cite, it might be better for me to keep my distance from the Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> till my appearance somehow become safe to see..... But, no, if I do that the work to gain my income will.....

When I'm thingking regarding various difficult problem waiting for me, I suddenly heard voice called from distance.

".....Lent-sa~n ! .....Lent-sa~n ! Where are you ! ? "

This is, there's no doubt about it, this is the voice of Lena, the adventurer girl to whom I made my request yesterday.



".....Hyiiiiii ! ? "

The one who raised such voice while approaching me is one who I expected, that adventurer girl, Lena.

Though screaming the moment she saw me as if gulping dread-like feeling, well it can't be helped if she saw my current appearance.

Lena's gradually asking with timid voice.

".....U-Uhm..... Y-You're L-Lent-san, right ? Or, are you, another Corpse

Eating Demon(Ghoul) ..... ? "

Of course while setting a stance with her sword.

Well, it's just natural right.

Even if I say to judge individual difference between Corpse Eating Demon(Ghoul) , it's normally impossible.

Even if I say who is the similar withered corpse of the same color is who, having to decide that is just unreasonable.

That's why, I replied to Lena question.

".....T-That's right. I'm, Lent....."

I can somewhat speak more clearly\*, it was because I keep practicing after that.

My voice become clear, just a bit, I feel that this'll be easier to understand.

The meaning I feel doesn't mean that I can just speak clearly to human, Since I was only grumbling with myself, I don't know how to measure it since I'm the object of evaluation.

But, Lena is,

".....Ah, thank goodness..... I was wondering what would happen if it's different one.....N ? For some reason, it seems your speech become slightly better....."

Since she says so, it seems I didn't make a mistake with my sense.

## **Part 4**

".....I-I trained it..... since I, want..... to become able to talk even more"

"So that's the reason ! That is the right choice right. You're going to enter the city after this right..... Next it's, ah that's right. Here, the item you're wishing for and then, here the change ! "

Having said that, Lena put the bag on the ground.

it seems so many things is packed into that bag.

Naturally, it's my ordered item, there's cloth in that bag.

When I approaching Lena direction while trembling in excitement, Lena was picking some distance from the bag.

I stopping my gait as if feeling a bit shocked by it.

Thereupon, Lena,

"I-I'm sorry..... Uhm, I'm still feeling scared..... P\_please give me a bit of time till I'm used to it ! "

For her to say something like that.

.....No.

Well, she probably doesn't have any other way.

In the first place, I'm quite grateful to her just for having a communication with me who can be seen as nothing but demon in this situation.

So, I、

".....I-I don't mind..... It's a good thing that you're not falsifying it..... Moreover, may I also confirming the, clothes..... ? "

When I say so, Lena,

"Yeah ! Please by all means ! Please confirm it since I also bought many other things that you might need except for the cloth"

Since she said that, I approached the bag and opened the mouth of the bag.

# Chapter 12: Dress Fitting of Corpse Eating Demon

## Part 1

When I'm searching inside of the bag, first is the one that I want— In short, since I saw that there's a robe to covering my entire body in it, I'm pulling it out.

When I'm trying to spread it out, it seems that it was folded inside, it's color tinged in completely jet black color and was something that have hood attached to it.

Since this is something that preferred by many magician and such, if it's the previous me, it's almost like an item which I will never take in a store.

But, for me, that tinge won't catch anyone intention and, it's covering my entire body from top of my head till the tip of my toe, so it's an amazing item, I was charmed by it to the point that I won't even mind to buy it.

I feel like to give a round applaud to the fashion sense of the adventurer girl, Lena, who choose this with a brief comment, *"Please help me to buy clothes"*.

.....Anyway, let's try to wear it first.

When the feeling of my arms passing through the sleeves transmitted, it seems it's made of a good material, the material feels good on the skin.

Though I'm quite wondering about the touch sense of this body which nothing but withered meat isn't different from when I'm alive, even if I can't feel calm about it, I'm a demon.

I think I'll just leave it that way.

And yet, except for the feeling when wearing it, my plan to live as an adventurer still way to go, whether there's obstruction or not when I'm moving and doing such other things is the main problem.

In that case, when I'm confirming it, though it's definitely have slight problem in my field of vision when I'm covering my entire body till head with the hood, I can still see quite distance in front of me and confirming my surrounding to some extent.

But as expected, in case that I'm being surrounded by enemies, though I might have no choice but to removing my hood no matter what, the current me is strong enough if it's just one or two demon.

".....How it is? Are you like it?"

"..... Yup..... I-I'm astonished....."

Lena was already coming closer before I noticed and asking suck question to me.

She, who was truly scared by my appearance till just some times ago was closing at quite close distance.

Though she still held her sword in her hand, she's not pointing it at me right now.

Could it be that she already used to my presence?

When I think so,

"..... I-It's feel great..... That aside, you are not..... Scared of me?"

"No, I'm still quite scared of you. But, it might be because various in-human like part is hidden by the robe..... It's somehow feel alright even if I'm approaching at this distance"

Well, though I said close, there's still around three steps between us.

I sense that, could it be that it's just barely outside the range of Lena sword.

She might take this distance in which she can responding if I do something, her wariness is definitely isn't faded.

Even so, it was quite improvement.

Is what I think when I see Lena taking such action.

A sudden encounter with a dragon before getting my self eaten by it and then became a Bone Man《Skeleton》, you can see me as a quite unlucky subject but, I can't help but unentionally thinking that it was quite a luck that I met Lena.

Though it might be true that I saved her life, there was normally no human and such who will choose the means of communication with demon without feeling of prejudice till this far.

Even now, it's still a mystery why this girl is cooperating with me till this far but, I'm truly grateful for that negotiation.

## Part 2

"Ah, that's right. I also purchased many other things you know..... See, there's gloves and shoes. As I thought, you can't walking in the city while showing your limbs like that right? "

As she say that, she's taking out gloves and shoes from the bag and then placing it on the ground of the labyrinth.

Both was made of fine quality leather.

It's tinge quite normal for both of them, she understand it so she selected the one that's not conspicuous.

This is truly a nice event.

Anyhow, in the first place I'm asking nothing but clothes to Lena.

That's why she might purchasing the robe, was what I thought.

And yet, Lena's considering my intention, she came after purchasing so many different things after various consideration.

Where in the world do you think you'll find a girl of marriageable age choosing clothes for demon.....

The kindness which I received for the first time after becoming a demon, turning into tears which won't coming out..... No, it might be not suited for this body.

Anyhow, I properly equipping the gloves and the shoes.

To be honest, since my limbs are dried which made it different from living flesh, those gloves which made for normal human to use was marvelous whether for fitting or it's sturdiness.

But, either of them in the end is unsatisfactory, I deemed it acceptable since I could wear it.

But, despite in the matter of the shoes need to forcibly fitting it by tying it

with strings, the gloves is too big.

It seems that it's really hard to grasp my sword with this, though I'm a bit worried, it should be okay as long as I'm putting this on when strolling in the city.

"Ooh, that's quite..... Impressive isn't it. When you put that on somehow, Tomb Man《Wight》? .....Ah, I've bought a mirror too but, are you about it? "

Lena, whose words somehow similar to the employee of the store is saying that line (You look like tomb man, but I don't know whether it's a compliment or not) after that is crouching for a while on the ground and then taking out a mirror from inside the bag.

..... Nevertheless, though I'm slightly wounded by the fact that she didn't personally handing that over to me, maybe it can't be helped.....

But, she really is sensible girl for her to even bring back a mirror.

Always after I became a Bone Man《Skeleton》, since I can do nothing but confirming with my sense of touch about how become of my own face, I felt uneasy.

Of course when I'm still alive, I who became 25 years old understand that I'm not baby faced to be mistaken as someone in his teens, I'm not even that attached anymore to my former face.

There won't be any problem even if my face become frightening.

I'm taking the mirror which made of polished metal while thinking about such thing, and then trying to take a look on it.

Thereupon, the face reflected in it was.....

".....T-This-is....."

Well, in general I can say that it's turning into something beyond my imagination.

It was the face of withered corpse.

My eyes is sunk, it might be slightly unexpected that my eyeball is nothing more than one of two.

And yet, my opinion is quite puzzled about it since I've see it as if looking with both of my eyes, if it's this appearance, there won't be something like blindness in one eyes or both eyes if it's in this kind of situation.

### **Part 3**

Either way, it's the face of a corpse.

But, one unexpected things is a complex and yet strange tattoo which carved on my face.

Moreover, it's somehow radiating pale blue light.

That dim light is beautiful, whichh was somehow made me remember a strange feeling when I see it.

I don't even feel it as strange, it's not like I didn't think that it have something to do with me transformed into a demon.

But, more than that, first, this is extremely troubling me.

Because my specially prepared disguise will be spoiled if there's this tattoo on my face.

Frankly speaking, it's too conspicuous.

Though having simple tattoo might be okay and no one will paying special attention, for it to have gaudy radiance is just a bit.....

Though I need to put a slightly great effort by checking the mirror whether I can do it or not in order for it to not be seen by putting on my hood, it's completely useless.

If I have to say whether becoming of the result, inside of the hood is not exaggerated to say for it to be the birth of terrible Tomb Man<sup>«Wight»</sup> which blinking with blue light.

.....Nonono.

It was a trouble but.

What should I do about it !

This is the first time I'm really troubled by this kind of feeling.

"Ah, right. This is it, I know that you're not asking for this but, I bought it while thinking that it should be okay for you to wear it..... How is it? "

Lena says so and taken out another items from the bag.

Though she have taken out various things from the bag one after another, it doesn't seems that many item is inside of the bag but.....

Could it be that is magic bag?

No, it's okay for now.

Leaving that aside, Lena has taken out the item.

That was a mask.

That skeleton shaped mask which seemingly covering the entire face, was exuding eerie feeling.

".....T-This, is? "

That is, though it was a question with meaning "*What was your intention for coming back after purchasing it?*", Lena give a clear cut answer to that question.

"Lent-san will soon coming into the city right, in that case, thinking that you might be want to hide your face..... as expected, you don't want to enter the city as shining man right? "

That's absolutely right.

Truly sensitive, this child is, though my eyelids become hot for the second time..... as expected, no tears coming out.

I might be able to cry if I keep doing my best, it was mystery in how I feel like I want to cry.

ANyway, this mask is purchased by lena consideration for me like the previous case, I picked it up from the ground where it was placed, and put it on my face.

It have hole pierced at the mouth and eye parts so I'm not troubled by my field of view either.

It might be hidden better if I'm wearing this.....

## Part 4

When I thought so, for some reason, I feel an incredible absorption power coming from the mask, my face was tightly pulled with “gyuut” by it.

".....UAAA ! "

Strange voice's leaving from my mouth.

And then, when I noticed, the mask was attaching itself on my face.

"Wa~. It match you very well right ? "

I hear a strangely optimistic words of praise of Lena, and then looking at the mirror.

A suspicious looking magician who wore mask of skeleton was reflected in the mirror.

.....Certainly, I have this feeling that it's match me very well.

Well, I was practically made of bone till just few days ago.

Thus the mask of bone is definitely a match to me right.

I think so.

But, it's feel extremely fit on my face for some reason huh?

How I remove this I wonder?

This kind of anxiety's suddenly attacking me, I tried to remove the mask with my hand.

And then.....

".....I-It won't..... come off....."

"EH.....?"

The voice of dumbfounded Lena is resounded in hearing my words.

# Chapter 13: The Mask of Corpse Eating Demon

## Part 1

"..... As I thought, is it impossible ? "

Lena said that with worrying tone to me who grappling with the mask that clung on my face.

Ater the mask is clinging on my face, it keep on clinging for around half-hour.

But, it won't come off no matter how much I try.

It's as if it become my skin, even if I remove it, the skin of my face will sticking to it.

"I..... It won't, come off....."

When I'm answering that way, Lena,

"..... I'm sorry, because of me..... the truth is, when I think about it now, that, the person who sold that mask, was suspicious right..... I purchased it at the street stall but, with a price that surprisingly cheap if I buy it now....."

Saying that thing is inexcusable.

It's the the words of an ordinary merchant only when they're complaining but, in addition to that, when it comes to the price he set is really suspiciously low.....

No matter how I hear her story, I never heard that kind of modus operandi of a swindler.

Well, though there's swindler-like merchant, there might be normal merchant who say that but.....

"By, the..... Way, how much, the price was..... ? "

"Three copper coin. No matter how much you think about it, it's too cheap for a solid mask made of metal..... right ? Even so, I somehow come to like the first time I see it....."

It's Lena preference huh.

Well, in that case it can't be helped then..... I can't take it off.

That was natural.

Or rather, 3 copper she say.

It's not something unusual because it's a mask for adventurer.

Because, during the long years of me as an adventurer, there're so many case in which they're suffering from a wound which is too big to be restored with low rank restoration magic.

Big wound like the lost of their limbs such as their legs or arms can't be restored if it's not saint class that get certification from religious group such as the church, if they want to use that, they'll be suffering doctor fee which become so much in the name of donation.

As for the people who can't afford to pay that, I'm sorry for saying this but, either they're retiring or, keep going on with artificial arms or legs.

They'll use mask in case such as when their face receiving a huge wound, a cruel burn scar even just seeing it which can't be cured.

Amongst the low class monster such as slime who's using |Acid Ball<sup>(Acid Breath)</sup>, the demon who using attack which will melt your face is not few in number, it will come to this if you fail to avoid it.

That's why, mask was unexpectedly an item which you should keep close to yourself because we're adventurer.

That's why, I somehow know about it's market price while thinking about the life so that I won't wear it if possible.

Judging from that sensation, the mask made of metal like the one which wore by the current me isn't something that you can buy unless you're taking out silver coin.

You might be able to get one bread with one or two copper coin, that's how much that amount of money is.

In short, for this mask, processing cost aside, was an item which made you

want to retort since just the price of the material already exceeding 3 copper coin.

And yet, Lena ended up purchased it.

Though there's some point which I found suspicious, maybe she lost to it's cheap price.

## Part 2

"....."

I'm looking at Lena with piercing gaze.

My one eyeball is not enough but.

Thereupon, Lena's waving her hands in front of her face in panic.

"A, uhm, I think it's okay that things turned this way you know ! It didn't give any sign of curse..... See, I, could hold it normally with my hand but, it isn't giving lively feeling ! I thought that it might have somesort of special circumstances but, maybe it's nothing at all if it have no curse....."

Well, when she said so, it certainly was that way.

Lena's taking out this mask from the bag and placing it on the ground to me without even taking any vigilance at all to me.

In sort, doesn't it mean that she's suffering from curse..... ?

Wrong.

When I'm trying to concentrating my consciousness on the mask that clinging on my face, I feel a slighty evil sign.

This is definitely curse right.

That thing didn't take any effect on Lena..... perhaps, isn't it maybe because she didn't try it on her own face.

Anyhow, for me too, it didn't do anything in the stage of just by holding it with my hand.

Which means that the curse invoked just when I placed it on my face.

Geez, I'm really unlucky.

But, a curse huh.....

In that case I might be able to do something about it.

SUddenly, I, who thing about it is concentrating the power that residing in my body.

Thereupon, a dim pale blue light was coming out from my body.

"T-This is ! ? Don't tell me, reiki..... ! ? "

Lena said that with astonished expression.

I can understand her reaction.

Anyhow, something like reiki was a power that you rarely see.

Even if you've chance to see it, it's an extremely rare case when the clergies using in an event such as festivel, normally you won't even seeing it invoked at such close range.

As for the reason for me to use this power right now was the power of purification in the reiki.

Cleansing the curse, though the process of dispelling is also possible with holy magic, it's extremely unpopular in general due to the use for it being monopolized by the clergies.

Even I don't know how to use it.

But, if it's reiki, even if I don't understand the full detail to using it, I heard that it's possible to purge the curse just by releasing it.

It might be impossible if it's for the previous me[alive].

Anyhow, since the water of purification was the limit.

which can't even clearing things like curse no matter how much you go for it.

But, if it was the current me who's going through the 《Evolution Existance》 by beating the demons.....

I thought of that action.

## Part 3

It was actually effective.

Though the mask that's clinging on my face without even giving any kind of reaction till sometimes ago was starting to make clattering sound along with the emission of my reiki.

This is it..... come off!

is what I expected, but.

"..... A-Are ? Lent-san, isn't that pale blue light aura lessened than sometimes ago ? "

Lena who was observing me is muttered with worried face.

It's actually as she says, the reiki that have been released from my body keep decreasing.

Or should I say that I'm out of gas already.

Though I noticed how much my reiki increased, as expected it was only this much.

Though I feel as if being pressed by the mask till sometime ago, now there's already no feeling like that as if it's being force back by my reiki.

HYAA, I't still no good huh.

When I gave up on keep releasing my reiki, the trembling of the mask also calmed down.

And then, when it's completely stopped, the mask was clinging tightly on my face.

Geez, it's not giving any sign of being able to taken off at all.

As I thought, it seems my power is lacking.....

"..... It's no good huh"

"It, was, no..... good....."

When I sit down due to fatigue and weariness, lena is, "My apologize..... I

ended up purchasing something with that kind of curse....."

Apologized.

Sure, I might be look like dejected.

Tears's flowing out from lena eyelids, it seems she really was feeling sorry.

She definitely though that I thought *"AAH, It won't come off, what a bad luck"*.

But, if you think about this carefully, especially her action is not even something that I should criticism till that point.

That's why I'm saying to Lena.

"It's okay, I wOn't BlAmE yoU fOR IT..... mAYbE For, thE, cURRenT me..... It'S thE bESt tO KeEp it THiS WAY....."

"But....."

"It GaVe A SIGn OF LoOSeNIng A whlle AGO..... I DoN'T Know ABouT it BUT, IT MiGHt be ComE Off if I'M UsiNG StRonGER ForCE..... It's OKAy EvEn If It'S TaKEN Out SinCE I Can ALSo sAVe sOmE MonEY....."

I said those words to comfort Lena who's arguing vehemently.

And then, when I'm stretching my arms to touch her shoulder..... I'm pulling it just before touching her.

## Part 4

That's right, I recalled that I'm a Corpse Eating Demon<sup>《Ghoul》</sup>, she has yet to be used to my presence.

But, she's outstretching her hand as if to detaining my hand wrapped in gloves.

"W-What....."

Lena's saying to the surprised me.

"I understand. Lent-san is an evil man..... or demon? Absolutely not ! That's why, I'm already not scared. I'm not, scared....."

She was slightly shivered while saying so.

I know.

Though she might be saying not scared, it seems she's still scared.

But, even while in this kind of situation, I know that she was deliberately taking my hand for the sake of comforting me.

That's why, to her, I,

"Thank, you..... And..... Someday, it'll BE GoOD WHeN YoU'RE No LONGeR ScARED....."

I'm carefully releasing her hand as if to not wound her hand while saying so.

To that me, Lena is,

"I'll get used immediately ! Definitely ! For sure"

Smiling as she say that while her legs losing it's power.

It was such silly exchange.

As if we're somewhere else.

But, I, Haa~, as I thought, I'm lacking liveliness.

Doing human-like conversation with human, that made me feel really happy.

# Arc 3: Malt City

## Chapter 14: Inspection of Malt City

### Part 1

"..... By the way, will you try to go to the city ? "

Lena asked me after I more or less calmed down and wearing the item purchased by Lena.

I'm bewildered for a moment when I hear those words.

Why you say, maybe it's because I'm still brooding over whether such a thing is possible.

Of course since I'm aiming for evolution existence in order to go to the city from the very beginning, if it's the current me, I've been thinking that I can go on if I'm doing my best.

But, as expected, I'm still being anxious when it comes to put that plan in motion.

"..... Do, YoU thINk..... I CAn GO ? "

Thus I'm asking Lena for her true opinion.

Looking from the perspective of a human, whether I, who's wearing a robe, sword hanging on my hips and gloves on my hand, can safely enter the city.

Since I have no one to ask but Lena to make that decision.

In this question, Lena's placing her hand on her chin as if pondering something,

"Uh~m..... You feel like a slightly suspicious person but, even those kind of people are large in number right now. Though there's such possibility like when you're showing your face, isn't that mask which won't come off no matter how hard you pull might be a blessing in disguise. Rather, I can say that it's better to not have it to come off by the time you're entering the city. They should be able

understand that it really won't come off when they're trying to pull that mask"

"Bu, T..... If thEy, DO So, My SkiN is....."

"That's the opposite you know. In that case, you might be able to say that your vitality was sucked by a demon. If the person themself knows the truth, you're definitely an undead at glance but, when thinking with common logic, no one will think that they can have a proper conversation with an undead right. It's slightly hard to understand but, seeing that both side definitely can have mutual understanding, you can say that they'll treat you as an adventurer who have wounds all over his body rather than an undead you know. In addition, though it'll be slightly difficult if they can identify your face, they can't see your face right now. So all is well ! "

Lena said that as she give her stamp of approval.

Speaking of how to put my plan in motion, I think that this girls' analysis is mostly correct.

You can't have mutual understanding unless the undead is an extremely high-ranking one, this type of being have extremely big presence just by approaching but, they won't think that the current me is one of those.

In the first place, I won't have that much worry in entering the city if I have that much power.

Anyhow, I have this kind of feeling that it'll be alright if I do so by pressing down my anxiety in case of being found out.

You can say that the next thing I need is just doing my best.

"UnderSToOd..... WeLL THEn, I'LL TrY My BESt....."

"Yeah ! Let's go ! "

Since Lena said that, I tilt my head.

"..... WHaT Do YoU MeaN ? "

"EH? Aren't we going together ? "

## Part 2

Lena answers my question with a puzzled face.

I'm surprised by this.

Since I didn't expect that she really thinks to go along with me.

Anyhow, the current me is an undead.

There's too many risk if the current me is trying to enter the city.

There's possibility of being chased out if it's leaked that she's accompanying demon.

Could it be that she didn't think anything about it?

I think so, and trying to ask her.

"..... If WE'rE GOiNg TOGeTHER..... ISn'T IT DANgERouS FOR LEna..... ? "

"Aah..... Well, you could say it that way but, the success rate is higher than going alone you know. The other people will approve if I say "*This person is a human*", there's no way any of them will think that you're a demon right"

"ThAT is SO, BUt..... ArE YOu OKaY WItH thaT? If, If SomE....."

"That worry is when that happens. In the first place, I'm a dead man if I didn't meet Lent-san anyway. That's why I think "why I don't put my life on the line for the sake of Lent-san" "

Though she said that while tilting her head, you won't go that far if it's a normal situation right.

Though I already understand this side of her, she's seemingly quite a softhearted person.

It was something that I welcomed.

As for me, it's crossed in my mind that i must refuse that idea considering her wellbeing.

But, I want to enter the city no matter what.

Moreover, what she said was reasonable.

If there's a human who says that this person is safe, it certainly will increase

the success rate.

And then, once I entered the city, what comes after that is relatively smooth sailing.

Because the inspection will become loose if it's an acquaintance.

That's why I decided to leave it to Lena.

"..... WeLI, I'LI LeAVe IT, TO yoU..... BUt, DOn'T, PuT YoUr LIfe, ON tHE LIne..... If SoMETHiNg HAppENs, JuST SAy THat You'RE, DEceIvEd....."

If she say that in the worst case, even if my true nature is leaked out, Lenas' safety is secured.

Well, though she might be doubted in that case, with commonsense, the existance called undead talking in normal conversation is strange itself.

Because the talk is completely strange if they trusted the story saying that "My body became like this because I was injured".

Lena tilts her head slightly after hearing my words.

"I won't do that, despite you're feeling uneasy and saying it's okay..... When push comes to shove, I'll think about something"

She was smiling as she says that.



"..... Next!"

### Part 3

The voice of the gatekeeper soldier resounded in the west gate of Malt city.

Lena who hears that,

".....Let's go, Lent-san"

Walking with gait step as she says it.

hasn't this child somehow became reliable.....

I'm following after Lena while thinking of such things like an outsider

problem.

"..... A girl and..... a man, one each, is it? Well then, please take out your identification ID"

Though it took a while, it seems the soldier judged that I was a man.

This soldier didn't say it.

It seems the plan of choosing the gate where I have few acquaintances is a success.

Since it'll be a little troublesome if I meet a soldier who knows my name and face.

Though there was also the possibility that they'll take a completely opposite action..... It was a complicated point.

Anyway, after the soldier said that, Lena's taking out her dark grey card which is her adventurer ID from her bosom.

I also taking out my copper adventurer ID card from my tool bag and presented it to the soldier.

"..... Lena Le Page and..... Lent Fayna, huh. Both are normal adventurer ID card. There's no problem..... Eh, you are? "

It seems there's no problem, so I receive my adventurer ID card with a relieved expression and stopped my foot when I'm about to entering the city.

Damn it, in the end there's no need to be flustered if I think calmly about it.

"..... Yes. What about it? "

"..... He changed the way of his talking right? If possible, I want you to remove that mask but....."

When the soldier says that, Lena,

"I'm sorry. It seems there's a curse on the mask of this person, and it can't be taken off for some reason you know. As for the way he's talking, the condition of his throat is, uhm how should I say it, the area surrounding his face wounded by demons so ....."

So she explained it that way.

The soldier listens Lena's explanation with a dubious face, I,

"..... PleAsE, TRy, To PuLL It....."

As I'm nodding and presenting my face with a mask attached to it, he pulled it out with his hand at the rim of the mask.

"..... Ugugu..... I-It won't come off..... So it really is cursed huh"

"I won't lie using that reason you know..... In the first place, I've said it awhile ago, since the area around his face was wounded by demons, he wore the mask which he bought but, he's unlucky..... Though it seems that the curse won't be invoked when it's touched normally, it seems it will be invoked when you bring it close to your face and make you unable to take it off"

"Aah..... It seems it's also an item with special condition invocation. But, won't you be able to take it off if you go to the clergy ? "

## **Part 4**

"It seems it's quite powerful curse and too strong for normal clergy. If it comes to requesting for a high-ranking one....."

"It's taking more money huh. It certainly is too much for copper or iron rank adventurer. That's also why you also keep the wound as it is. I see....."

Lena's keep explaining fluently to the soldier.

In the end, the soldier lost his suspicion on us,

"Yosh, understood. You may pass ! "

Was saying so.

When Lena heard that, she was smiling and made a slight eye contact to me.

# Chapter 15: Friend of Malt City

## Part 1

"It'S, The CiTy....."

I muttered while looking at my surrounding.

In that place, there was the appearance of Malt city bursting with life.

It was only for a few days, but for me it's feel like an eternity, it was such a long time.

I've been thinking for a long time that I might not be able to return to this city.

I thought so.

But now, here I am.

In Malt, I'm in Malt city !

Though I'm so excited to the point that I want to jump in joy, but, it's definitely suspicious if I do that just after I enter the city.

Moreover, I also have some matter that I must do.

So I have no need to happily celebrate from the bottom of my heart. [TL : "Platoon" pose Movie for your reference]

"We finally entered the city, right. You're glad right, Lent-san ! "

Lena on my side is grinning as she says that.

She really is a kind girl.

Because she really means it when she said those words to the undead me.

Moreover, for her to cooperate this far.....

But, it might be just this far.

More than this is too troublesome.

That's why, I say to Lena.

"YEaH, EvEr..... ThiNg, IS, ThAnkS To Lena..... WitH ThiS, It SEems THE ResT Is TO Me AlONE....."

"EH? "

"..... Lena. ".....リナ。 YoU AlrEady UnderStANd..... SiNce THINGs wiLL BeCome TrOUblESomE If YOu'Re WiTH Me More THAN ThiS..... "

Lena makes a vexed face upon hearing my words.

"Lent-san..... I, for that kind of thing"

She's about to say something

But, I won't hear what she says till the end,

"Lena..... THaNk YoU FoR WhAt YoU Did UP TiLL NOw..... If I BeCoMe MoRe HUMan lIKE..... Let'S MeeT AgAiN..."

I started to run as fast as possible.

I'm a corpse eating demon《Ghoul》.

This body has physical abilities that are far more excellent than that of a human, and Lena's still nothing more than an Iron rank adventurer.

She know that she won't be able to overtake me who ran at full speed.

I heard a voice coming from behind.

It was the her voice telling me to stop.

## Part 2

But, I can't stop.

I've only known her for a short while but, I know that she has plenty enough talent as an adventurer.

I noticed that I have no choice but to feel guilty about this, there'll be even more dangerous situation than this in the future if she's together with an incomprehensible existence like me.

I'm completely relying on her till entering the city, now when I'm inside the city, "okay then, goodbye" though I noticed that I'm quite a terrible person for

doing that to her, it' can't be helped, that's my only choice.

If we don't separate at this point, i'll be putting her life in danger.

Moreover, the current me shouldn't get any closer to her but, soon, if my appearance looks better, I'm sure that I can go to meet her again.

At that time, I think I'll apologizing to her.

Till that time..... I'll just leave the situation as it is and watch over her from afar.

This is for her sake.

So I felt.



But, even if I say that, it's still not yet for me, It's no doubt that I need a human co-worker.

Anyhow, I'm too scared to enter the Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> with this kind of appearance.

Even so, for me who put nothing but great effort to becoming an adventurer from a small age, I did nothing but to earn money as an adventurer.

Of course, it's because of this appearance.

Though the request I received is nothing better than collecting raw materials or monster subjugation, I'm still earning enough income to keep living a normal life.

But, no matter what, it's still to much to enter the Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> by myself.

Anyhow, the people of the Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> are fundamentally an expert when it comes to demons.

No matter how much I try to hide my body with a robe, glove or, mask, they'll notice it from the fact that it's strange, there's a possibility that they'll strip my entire clothes.

I couldn't completely brace my heart to face such danger.

Well, what should I do then.

With that, it's a human co-worker.

Moreover, that person is not a pure type like Lena, that person is even more underhanded and a better choice to hide someone.

Otherwise I'll feel indebted again. I'm feeling guilty for relying on the goodwill of others anymore than this.

But, there is such a human.

As a matter of fact, this kind of person happened to be my acquaintance.

It's someone who can be called my friend in Malt city. [TL : DUH(facepalm)]

Up till now, I was walking toward the direction where that person's house was.

And then, I finally arrived.



—Kon-Kon !

I knocked the eerie designed knocker fixed on the door.

But, it's followed by a silent, no one's answering.

### **Part 3**

Though I'm reluctant, I knock on the door again, as I thought, no answer.

Normally in this case, other people will go back.

But, I have my own circumstances where I can't do the normal way.

If I don't meet the owner of this house, living an everyday life would be severe.

So I must meet them no matter what.

That's why I'm giving up on knocking on the door and just turn the door knob.

Honestly speaking, that was my plan from the very beginning.

The dweller of this house won't even do something like greeting you normally

even if you earnestly call in front of the door.

Rather, even I basically do the so called "*enter by your own convenience*" since a long time ago.

Nevertheless, why did I knock on the door in nice manner today?, it's a consideration called "*As expected, that person might be bewildered when I suddenly come to visit with this kind of appearance*".

We might be able to talk calmly if I'm already inside.

It was due to that anxiety.

But, everything was come to naught due to the person at the other side of the door.

Well, seeing that there's no need for further patience, I decided to enter at my own convenience.

Rather, should I say "as expected", the door isn't locked, so the knob turned obediently.[ED:Always remember to lock your door people]

And then, I opened the door and walked freely inside of the house.



—Same as ever.

Was what I thought when I entered the house.

I can see mountains of books filling the inside of the room.

There's not even a place to walk due to the fallen documents, there's variety of tools which I don't understand it's use scattered around.

Though there's furniture inside, there's junk or book placed on top of them, It's not even used normally.

And then, on the only place without junk or books is the place where the owner sleeps.

The person with the long and unkempt hair inside the uncouth robe, is definitely the person who I'm looking for.

I'm approach her and then shake her body.

"..... OY..... OY, WAKE UP"

"N.....Uh~n..... Please let me sleep, a little longer....."

Even if she's letting out a long breath and drowsy voice, I didn't stop my hand.

In addition,

## Part 4

"..... If YOU DON'T WAKE UP WHEN I CALL YOU AGAIN, I, WILL SEND HAIL OF BOOK ON YOUR HEAD....."

"..... PLEASE pardon me from that..... Fuwa~a..... What, is that Lent? What are you doing here in such an hour? You, aren't you always entering the labyrinth around this time..... ! ? "

This woman answers with a clear voice, after that she rises from her sleeping place while stretching her body and slowly opening her eyes and then startled as she's confirming my face i.

And then,

"You,,,,,, Tell me, what's with that weird mask..... Are you trying to surprise me"

In front of the relieved her who's properly confirming my mask, I pulled off my gloves and show my right hand.

Naturally, it was the arm with withered meat.

Normal a person will be confused when they suddenly see this.

But,

"..... What was happened to you ? "

For her to ask with a serious expression, it seems it'll cut the story short and strangely made me relieved, I started to tell her about what happened to me during the last few days.

# Chapter 16: The Scholar of Malt City

## Part 1

"....."Dragon" you say. I really want to say *"A story that's too good to be true"* but....."

Here she stopped talking, looking at my body and then, slowly shaking her head.

"This appearance. Is unbelievable. But, never I thought since we meet a long time ago that you will..... Become an Undead<sup>(Undead)</sup>"

Saying that will looking at my fully exposed body after taking off my robe with serious look, the meeting between me and her, Lorraine Vivier, the scholar—From long time ago.

Her long hair that bundled irresponsibly under her uncouth robe, she's a woman who's fully surrounded by listless atmosphere but, even that become a mysterious charm of her.

I've been acquaintances with her for a long time, maybe it's already around 10 years, it's from the time I just come to Malt city.

Though it turned into an almost inseparable relationship lately, the result of her research always saved me, even for today consultation, I couldn't think of anyone but her who's the most suitable person.

In fact, even if she hears my story, and despite looking at my current condition, she didn't deny me after the surprise from the first meeting.

On the contrary, maybe she's pondering about various things.

"I CaN'T BELIEVe IT ToO BuT..... WHy Do YOu THInK I BECoME LIkE THIs....."

Lorraine's nodding when I said that.

"That might be true..... Who will think that you'll become undead when you're eaten by "dragon". But, "dragon" huh..... There's such creature in

that labyrinth. Is it still there now ? "

"N, O.....When I woke up, I..... DIdn'T SEe It AnyMOre.....  
WeLL, SincE It'S NoT TheRE, MAYBE IT's NO LonGER TheRE....."

Though we might have to reporting it immediately to the Adventurer Guild(Guild) if it's still in there, that just how powerful it is but, it's gone when I woke up.

As if it's just a haze or a dream, it's trace completely vanished.

How that dragon can appear in that place, and then dissapeared.

Though I don't know the reason, if it can appearing and then vanished as it's liking, just being cautious is futile.

Though it's better to do an investigation for the time being, I know that it'll be treated as a lie if I'm reporting without even giving an evidence.

Though it might become an evidence if they're looking at me who became like this because I met a dragon, I who become like this must made a resolution to face a danger to my own body, in the first place, even I won't be able to answer if being asked why I become an undead when I meet a dragon.

In short, there's very high possibilities that it can't be helped since there's no strong basis for that story, I can't even think what should I do if my body exposed to danger.

Therefore, now I feel that I have no choice but to leave it as it is.

She also nodding when I say that to Lorraine.

"That might be the right resolution. No one will believe if you say that a dragon suddenly appearing. Though I know that you're not someone who will spout that kind of lie since I've been acquainted with you since long time ago..... As for the other person. Though I think they want to believe it, as expected, no one will believe it when it turned into that kind of story. In the first place, you'll become a subjugation target immediately if you're exposed with such appearance. SO give it up on that"

Lorraine's laughing while waving her hand.

Nevertheless, the action of Lorraine is truly bold in front of me who's nothing

but undead and yet, if you were to ask why she's like this, in the first place, maybe because Lorraine is bold, her most prominent characteristic is not minding about petty details.

And the other reason is, it can be said that it's truly suitable since main topic of her research is about magic and demon.

It seems she's really interested with the reason and the theory for a human to turned this way, so her thinking about various things since some time ago also not entirely for my sake.

## Part 2

"But, the undead the more I see it closely the more it look like Lent. Though I want to ask this..... Are you still the same Lent as previous one? I don't know whether you was a counterfeit or something closely resembling him? "

I'm also have a really hard time to answering this question.

Anyhow, it's not something that I know.

Though I'm fully aware the fact that I'm Lent, maybe I have no doubt about it since I'm dead as the food of a demon.

Anyhow, at first I was only made of bones.

In spite of that, I have similiar memories and consciousness with the me when I'm still alive.

I really want to say that my memories and consciousness is the proof when asked whether current me and, the previous me really is an identical existance but, with me being such kind of undead, I get this feeling that I might be called as different existance.

That's why nothing I can say but *"I don't know"*.

When I'm telling that to Lorraine, she who also showing understanding face,

"Certainly, we might neot be able to know the truth just by pondering about it. Though from my own view, I can feel that this kind of reply is definitely something that will come out of Lent, since you have similiar memories and

personality, if you say something like *"same kind of existence"*..... Then it'll be a different story. Yup, I don't know. Let's leave this problem for the time being. Let's think about it later. That aside, Lent. What are you going to do after this? That's the most important matter for now right? "

Before I know, the talk advanced immediately, not even concerning about the other party.

And then. the matter she say is, exactly the reason why I visited her.

So I say.

"I think, I want to continue living as an adventurer..... But, I can't go to the adventurer guild....." [TL : Deciphering his speech is kinda hard for me since it's hiragana even the kanji for adventurer guild is using hiragana]

"As for the matter of being subjugated..... In that case, will you okay if you're receiving a commission for me and supplying raw material? You can come for that reason right? "

As a result of being acquainted with me for a long time, know what I want to say with just that much.

But, I feel slightly guilty when she easily accepting it.

"..... Is that alright? "

So I ask her.

Lorraine reply for this is,

"I'm not really mind about this. It won't take great amount of labour time. But, if I say this in a straight way..... You, will be cooperating in my research"

"Why? "

"What, it's an easy story. You also know what I'm researching about right? "

### **Part 3**

"DeMon And MaGiC, Right? "

"That's right. Naturally evolution of demon also included amongst this. In reality, it's not just me, the study regarding evolution existence of demon isn't advancing that much. But, I'll be able to understand various things if you're here, Lent"

"..... NoThINg, Is It Safe, SomETHING Like InsuRGEmenT is A NO ? "

"For you to say something like that, just how much do you take me as mad scientist ? Well, I'll ask for your flesh or skin though"

"....."

Aren't that already mad scientist enough, I missed my chance to say that.

But, I'll be troubled if I'm disagree with this negotiation.

But, the evolution existence of demon are unknown due to the lack of study on that field.

Though it doesn't mean that I'm well informed in it too and there's things that I know by myself too, I think that I'll know even more in the place of a specialist.

After saying so, Lorraine,

"Actually, though it's limited I also gained understanding on something after cooperating with Lesser Demon Specialist (Monster Tamer). But, in the first place Lesser Demon Specialist (Monster Tamer) is special skill, it's also few in number. Moreover, for some reason, most of the demon subdued by them have lost their evolution existence. That's why the degree of the commission to capture a small demon with as little wound as they can by making the use of the specialist ability. The post processing is the territory of a scholar, it have various degree of difficulties, that kind of feeling"

It seems that it's more difficult than what I thought.

Though when I think that I might be able to do something about that situation, Lorraine is,

"In the first place, things such as gaining cooperation of the demon is impossible. Moreover, Aren't you already going through evolution existence once before. In short, you might be able to gain evolution existence again in the future. You need to give a report to me when you're experiencing such things, I

think you'll be okay with that. Well..... Though it might be difficult announcing it in some respect since circumstance are circumstance, it might become a clue to understanding the theory behind it since you're personally experiencing it"

"BEcAUSe oF Me ? "

"That's right. How you'll be evolving after this, I'll also thinking about that matter. Even you, in regard to demons are more knowledgeable than normal adventurer as you read the book in this place but, I eat that three times in a day. Don't you think that I'll be able to give you many advice\* ? [TL\* : Mad scientist join the team]

ロレーヌ・ヴィヴィエ

魔術師

普段の格好  
家の中などの服装  
髪を結った状態  
1つ結びのポニーテール



Lorraine Vivier



# Chapter 17: The Scholar, Lorraine Vivier (Part 1)

## Part 1

When she earned her university doctorate in the imperial capital at the age of 14, Lorraine Vivier felt the dullness of this world from the bottom of her heart.

Lorraine was hailed as prodigy since a young age, this assessment is unchanged even as she grows, as a certain point when she's 10 years old, she entered the highest education institute in the country, gaining the title of doctorate when she's 12 years old, and then earning the title of senior doctorate at 15.

As for the person herself, there's not that much thing she doesn't understand left in this world, though even the thing that she doesn't understand is a dull world in which she can gain deeper understanding than the specialist, it was that kind of world.

That's why, maybe.

In a certain day, Lorraine abandons everything, you might even say there's in the extreme end of the continent of the border country of Yalan kingdom, moreover, she goes without telling anyone even in Malt city located at the frontier.

Certainly, she has her own reason to betting her status.

The so called reason was that she wants the plants that couldn't picked except in the vicinity of Malt city, so she came by herself to pick that.

Naturally, she can commission adventurers or ask someone to pick it for her but, Lorraine was really bored.

She wanted a stimulus.

That's why she did a reckless action ny going to pick it herself.

Yes, that was a reckless action.

Now, ten years has passed after that, the current her understand just how

arrogant and childish her action was at that time.

Though she might be able to study, in the end, The Lorraine of those time was just a kid, she didn't understand anything at all.

And the person who taught her that was there.

At those point, the boy was working as an adventurer in Malt city, his name is Lent Fayna.

Due to a strange coincident, Lorraine decided to look for the plant deep into the forest in the vicinity of Malt city along with him.



Lorraine of those time was a great scholar about to gain the title of senior doctorate at the age of 14 but, for the sake of gaining this title, she must have a deeper understanding regarding magic.

And for that reason, she has to be involved in magic to some extent, in accordance to the evaluation in the Adventurer Guild(Guild), she has to be recognized as magician of silver rank.

But, in the end it means that she must become a magician who can use magic appropriate for silver rank, while in reality she has no need to have the ability of a silver rank adventurer\*. [TL\* : Silver rank adventurer just in magic and don't need real ability]

Moreover, if it's the usual way, they'll be experiencing actual combat themselves but, since Lorraine was doing nothing but pushing her way through the path of learning, she never experienced suffering in real combat as a magician.

If it's a normal situation, though they won't learn that much skill as a magician, Lorraine was blessed by rich talent as a magician even in her misfortune.

Certainly she has no real combat experience, she has too much sense to master magic, and learnt magic of silver rank as if swallowing it.

At that time, since Lorraine is in the situation where she can't enter the area where she wants to pick the plant without permit from the Adventurer

Guild(Guild), she decided to come to Adventurer Guild(Guild) to register as an adventurer but, she who holds the title of senior doctorate was registered as a silver rank adventurer.

And then, Lorraine who is holding the proof of being an adventurer which shines in a silver color decided to head towards her destination with a pleasant mood.

Incidentally, she picks the commission to pick the medicinal plants which is growing in the vicinity of her destination as a way to earn extra money.

## Part 2

But, a voice suddenly called out to her from behind when she's about to leave

When she turns around while thinking of something, on that place is a swordsman with stout build.

"Little miss, have you just received the commission to go to forest of Azul a while ago ? In that case, please take this guy along to carry your baggage"

Saying so as he pushed the back of a boy.

It's not some kind of big incident but, when she thinks about it now, she noticed that the turning point for Lorraine was right there.

In short, this boy was Lent Fayna.

Of course Lorraine thought was "*What the hell is this old man saying so suddenly*".

She completely couldn't understand the reason for him to suddenly say something like that.

Maybe because he knows what she's thinking right now, the old man said.

"This guy is still a novice so I want him to gain various experience, though we're usually collecting raw material together in the forest of Azul, my schedule is rather packed today. So I'm looking for someone to take him along instead. Thus, if it's you, I felt that it'll just be alright, how's that ? "

It's quite an absurd negotiation.

Without any hint to suddenly taking along someone, perhaps even the subject of the negotiation, the boy's rank might even be below copper rank.

In short, when it comes to Lorraine's judgement who has the ability of a silver rank, he's a hindrance.

That's why, though she inclined to refuse that request, the old man,

"What, it's not like I'm saying to share half of the commission fee. You just have to take this guy. You received the picking commission just a while ago right? If it's picking, even to this guy, the remuneration will increase you know. It'll be fine even if you take all of the commission fee. In addition to this one, you just need to take the baggage. That's why. Please take him along"

His pressure is quite powerful, it doesn't seem that she can pull back.

At last, Lorraine is helpless, by saying "Uhn", she decided to take the commission along with Lent but, henceforth, it was unexpected but she was glad from the bottom of her heart that it's him.



Forest of Azul is spreading wide and vast, it was a place that serves like a natural stronghold for many wild animals.

Though Lorraine knows about that from the knowledge she gained from the book, when she practically sees it, she was astonished that it's so much different from reading it.

The first reason for that is, Lorraine couldn't walk for so long inside of the forest.

It doesn't mean that she has no stamina.

Rather, she even has body strengthening magic for someone at the age of 14.

But, there's a trick in how to walk in the forest, just walking will gradually snatch your stamina, in the end, for the first time in her life, she understood the so called total exhaustion.

And yet, Lent who's an adventurer of far lower rank than her isn't showing

any sign of exhaustion, he suddenly hands over the supply of drinking water to Lorraine who sits-down due to exhaustion.

And, when she's looking at the bag hanging on his hips, many types of medicinal plants are already in his bag.

Moreover, when she asks him to show it to her one by one, every herb was flawlessly picked and treated perfectly even to the eyes of the scholar Lorraine.

When Lorraine asked a person to procure medical herbs only a few were able to perfectly treat it.

### **Part 3**

There's even the time when they met a demon.

Till the time Lorraine has been entering this forest, she never fought with a demon from the front.

Of course, as a senior doctorate, she knows a lot of magic which has plenty of combat power to defeat a demon but, when moving to somewhere, Lorraine is always following someone, someone else beats the demon without her having the chance to use magic.

That's why when she's truly facing a demon for the first time, Lorraine couldn't do anything but hold her breath.

*"——Is this thing actually that much terrible."*

She frankly said that but, she only thought that much.

She thought nothing after that—— Whether to fight or if she can't use magic, that kind of thinking didn't go up to her head.

And then, she couldn't even move her body.

To Lorraine who became that way,

"..... Lorraine ! Use Fire Ball(Fortier Borivas) ! "

If Lent didn't say that, Lorraine definitely won't move from that place forever and ended like that.

But, since someone gave instructions, with only moving that way, the Lorraine of that time was nothing but good-for-nothing.

To Lorraine who become dumbfounded in front of the demon who became charcoal due to a powerful magic, Lent who she knew almost has no combat experience is drilling the combat against demon in detail to her or when it comes to real combat, he ended up teaching how the demon will move to her.

Lorraine is a wise person.

She's wise because no one can rival her.

That's why, like a dry soil, the thing Lent taught to her was absorbed with terrifying speed, deep in her heart, she knew that she could survive is thanks to Lent in her first combat.

As for the medicinal plant—— It seems she received the plant which should be gathered for the commission.

According to the content that she read in the book, the place where it's growing is quite restricted, there's no worry as it's easy to be found.

But, the truth is, she completely can't find it.

When she thought that she finally found it, she can't find nothing but one plant after spending lots of hours looking for it.

As a result, she even thought that she'll sack the author of the book when she meets him later.

And yet.

Despite of that, there he is.

The number of medicinal plants on Lent's hip, who was walking behind her in the forest while smiling keeps increasing at a staggering rate whenever she's turning around to look at him.

Moreover, there's a lot of medicinal plants which she's looking for on his hip.

In short, it's definitely is growing on the place she passed by, but she's failed to notice them.

By the time she noticed that, she understands just how narrow the world she

was looking at.

And then, she earnestly requested Lent to somehow teach her things like the fundamental of combat, or basics for an adventurer, or the way to picking plants, or the place where the medicinal plants are growing.

Lent's happily teaches her that, Lorraine was somehow able to complete the commission by dusk of the same day.

# Chapter 18: The Scholar, Lorraine Vivier (Part 2)

## Part 1

When she asking that middle aged adventurer later, it really not just to become a baggage holder for Lorraine, since he know by looking at the way she move her body and her action when she's leaving for the commission the fact that she have no experience, so he added Lent as her guide, and that was the truth of the situation.

For this even Lorraine is perplexed since it doesn't seems like that Adventurer Guild(Guild) will go that far for a mere novice adventurer.

But, maybe Lent and the middle-aged adventurer is suddenly catching the sight of Lorraine when looking at the situation of the adventurer from the bar-room which is annexed with the Adventurer Guild(Guild) , if she gows just like that, it seems that it'll come to something that can't be undone.

That's why, in order to not hurting Lorraine pride, they decided to accompany her with following scenario called "*Making use of Lent as a baggage carrier*", It seems that Lorraine is skillfully appreoched by those two.

*"It was complicated matter"*, Lorraine felt that way while feeling gratitude for their concern.

*"As expected, the world I was looking at was narrow"*.

After all, she couldn't see anything but what she held at hand. Lorraine is.

Despite she thought that there's things that she know and a lot of things that she doesn't know, she used to think that though she doesn't know, it's just few in number.

She didn't even know the reality.

It seems that way.

And then, when it comes to Lent, it was because he's the one who taught that middle-aged adventurer.

Lorraine was in Malt city for a short while after that.

That is, she's enjoying the everyday life which she think as grey life up till now, it was the first time in her life that she felt a difficulties to leave this city.

But, Lorraine was originally coming to this city of this country by abandoning the duties that she should accomplish in her original place.

How many days and weeks have elapsed, the pestering from the people who get into a contact with Lorraine is accumulating, so she made a decision.

To go back for the last time.

And then, returning to this place again.

She already have no attachment to that place in the first place.

Though she love to life a live as a scholar herself, there's nothing special she can do in that place.

That's why she's going to tidying everything, and then she must go back to this place, Lorraine departed to Malt city on a certain day.

But, when she actually returned, it seems that place is not dull like she previously expected.

When she's trying to have a better look with open eyes, her friends and coworker is unexpectedly worrying about her, she understood that the place she was up till now wasn't an empty position.

She might be not even see this scene again if she didn't meet Lent.

Lorrain inner eyes is opened because she meet him.

That was what she feel.

But, even with that.

She wanted to go back to Malt city.

Though she feel bad for her coworkers, she want to go back by all means, a new friend, even if he's old.

When she tell them about that, though they showed a desperate expression, they eventually accepting it.

Maybe because they feel it in their own ways that something has changed inside of Lorraine.

But, they attached few conditions instead.

Though they don't mind her leaving the inner citadel to Malt city, they wish her to return at least once a year.

To deepening her friendship with them and, to announcing the result of her research in that one year.

And then, of course to not cut her contact with them.

## Part 2

She is easily accepting it if it's just that much, and practically started that kind of action.

But, after she buy a house and starting to live alone, she understood just how much of a lazy person she is with that process.

Though she is diligently did her research since it's her hobby, though at first she was regularly contacting the friend of her own country, she become sloppy as time goes on.

Wrong, though the other side is sending letter periodically, Lorraine reply is just when she feel like to replying it.

As for the matter of coming back once a year, this was her line of thought, *"It's almost the time, I wonder if I should be back this year"*.

But, when she noticed, whether it's replying the letter or going back, she making sure to do so after being pestered by Lent.

Why you ask that Lent know about such things, it's because one of her friend send a letter to Lent and asking him to taking care for Lorraine.

It seems that her friend know very well that Lorraine won't move unless someone told her to do so by someone else.

Practically, starting from when she begin to live alone, she's ended up being taken care by Lent.

Maybe because Lorraine didn't understand almost all of how and what she should do.

She receiving a teaching in everything and can do the common things, but even since she's neglecting it, Lent is often coming for supervising Lorraine, it reaching the point which he comes so many times while saying "*it can't be helped*".

Though he said that, it doesn't mean just like that.

In exchange for him to do various things for her, Lorraine teach various things to Lent.

Even is she's degenerating, Lorraine is a scholar.

Moreover, quite excellent one at that. In short, the research she did usually paid with quite handsome amount of money, thus, she could make a request for Lent to taking over her chores.

Of course, she don't have that kind of intention to Lent.

Or to be exact, Lent don't even care about Lorraine past or personal career.

but, he came to believe that she's a worthless scholar who left the capital, Lorraine also explained that way to him.

It's not a lie either.

It's just that she's quite restrained when it's the matter about herself, she still have influence left in her own country, and, she just not mentioning that she's at the extreme top as a scholar.

Well, as for Lent.

Though she don't know how much he understand with that explanation, for ten years he certainly didn't notice about various things.

Lorraine thought that it was okay okay to continue with this kind of relationship.

Right, till she died.

Lent might be keep becoming adventurer till the end, she's fine as long as she can look at him that way by his side.

While doing research which she love by his side, have a meal together once in a while, chatting about trivial matters, she didn't doubt that kind of days will keep going on.

But.

One day, Lent Fayna disappeared.

It's rare for him to not coming to supervising Lorraine for several days, maybe something has happened to him, she felt anxious.

Or maybe, he's killed by demon.

### **Part 3**

If that was happen.....

She felt that her heart is shaken like she never felt before.

*"It feel as if I want to going around in the down town looking for him while shouting his name even now",* it was that kind of feeling.

But, maybe deep inside, she's clear just how meaningless her action is.

It's by this means, she should just looking for him with another means.

It should be okay to submit a commission to the adventurers.

She will spend money as much as she want for it\*. [TL\*: an idiom -金に糸目はつけない/kaneniitometsukenai= she will spare no money for that. or the likes along those lines]

She have that much saving.

*"Well then, now is writing the applica....."*

When she thought about that, she heard a rythmical knocking sound of her house door knocker.

This is.

After spending more than 10 years, even Lorraine have many acquaintance in Malt city.

There's possibility that some of them was coming to visit her.

But, she was familiar with this sound.

Lorraine who love to researching about every single things was remembering, and then finding the law-of-habit to the one who's knocking.

And then, this way of knocking is— —

Was that of Lent Fayna.

By the time she convinced about it, despite wanting to leave her bed and leaped out to the door, doing that might feel strange to him.

In the first place, he's alive.

Just knowing that was enough for her.

But, as for why he didn't even knocking the door this few years, maybe he have been rarely knocking is a rare things but, she expected that he'll directly entering the house which he become familiar with if she just left him alone\*. That's why, she decided to meet him as if nothing happened.

If it's the usual case, Lorraine is sleeping on the sofa during this time.

That's why to make sure of that.

She's disarranging her hair and throw herself on the suitable position on sofa.  
[TL : Background chapter is scary]

She hear the sound of the door being opened.

He's walking steadily— — And said.

".....Oi ..... Oi. Wake Up"

# Chapter 19: Blacksmith of Malt City

## Part 1

After I handed over large number of magic stone and all kind of raw materials which I got from Labyrinth to Lorraine, I received the liquidation in the Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>, since it's quite large amount of money, my chest feels warm right now.

As for the body fluid of the pure slime, it's personally bought by Lorraine at quite high price.

It's an item which will be bought at quite high price even in Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup> but, it's not like I'm bound by contract so that I can't sell it to another place either.

Regarding the selling of it is up to the adventurer.

Since Lorraine is the kind of jack of trade master of none who will put her hand on various kind of alchemy, she will use it for making various kind of medicine for herself, The raw material she need is high in number, she will take the raw material which I brought back with handsome price when I brought the item she which fulfilled this demand.

There's no need for middleman like when purchasing it from the Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>, when thinking about that case the price become rather cheap. Adventurer Guild<sup>(Guild)</sup>.

By the way, if you ask what I'm doing right now, I'm currently wandering aimlessly in the middle of the city.

Of course it doesn't mean that I'm doing this just for basking in the atmosphere of the city which feel like long time ago, I definitely has something to do.

That is to buy an armor.

Since the time I'm just a Bone Man<sup>«Skeleton»</sup>, or should I say since I became a

Corpse Eating Demon《Ghoul》, I always using the armor which I used when I'm still alive but, armor aside, I'm quite difficult when it comes to the shape of weapon.

I've been using it since few years ago when I'm still alive, for this reason, maybe because receiving the influence of my Qi, magical power and the likes or, simple physical power which is rising further, it become easily damaged.

Even so, that's natural, in the first place, I felt it that maybe it's still okay if I use it once in a month for things like the power of Qi, since I couldn't, or should I say that I didn't have any experience in loading things like reiki or magical power into armor, since I can't making use of this kind of function it came to me using cheap armor.

And that armor is suffering from powerful burden because frequent use of reiki, qi or, magical power during this few days, it become considerably damaged.

This is already, helpless case.

Though I originally planned to use it till the next year, it already damaged beyond repair after receiving an impact which made a complete restoration is impossible due to it being exposed in the labyrinth for several days.

But, thanks to the rising in my power, my hunting efficiency is going up, as a result my bosom pocket also become warm, since Lena even returning the change money after she brought the robe and other necessities, I have handsome amount of money when it's combined together.

Around this time, I felt that it's about the time to buy replacement armor.

Well, even if I have the money, for the side or the armor is still unreachable.

If you ask why, it's because purchasing that means that I must do the adjustment by measuring my size properly, and because of that I need to taking off this robe.

It really is not that I detested the idea of undressing.

I'm not an innocent young girl.

But, I have a more important reason which made me impossible to expose my

body than those young girl.

Called showing to anyone in the world this kind of Corpse Eating Demon《Ghoul》withered body of mine.

It's impossible.

If it's not to the people I trust the most.

The person to whom I have that much trust is only Lorraine.

Regarding Lorraine, she's broadminded people who won't mind about such trivial matter, even so, calling her broad is.....

In the first place, I have no doubt on her.

When I bounded to this kind of matter, it will cause a problem just by saying that she's related to me.

## Part 2

That's why I'm currently extremely severe when it comes to showing my body except to Lorraine.

Therefore, I came today just to buy a sword.

I'm finally arrived while looking at the signboard of the shop, I resolving myself and then opening the door of the store.



"WELCOME ! ..... ? "

A woman came to greet me at the same time I'm entering the store.

She is Luca, the wife of Clove and the shopkeeper of this store, the smithy《Trident Lance》

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A woman with lady-like appearance and the owner of golden hair and blue eyes, it's incomprehensible how she become Clove wife. 金

Though her line of sight stopped for a moment when she saw me.

Maybe because my body covered with robe and I hide my face with ominous looking skeleton mask.

I'm steadily approaching Luca while thinking of those things, and,

"..... ExcUSE Me..... I WanT To LookIng FoR WEaPon"

But, Luca's shaking her head in panic.

"No ! It must be wrong. There's no way it true..... He's just slightly similiar to the person that I know. Since someone who wear a mask is not that rare amongst the adventurer. My apologize for looking at you in the strange way"

So she came and apologizing.

Well, she might have experience with this kind of suspicious customer.

After that, Luca,

"..... By the way, may I ask your business today ? What kind of weapon you're looking for in 《Trident Lance》 ? Or do you need a maintenance ? "

"A-Yes. IF YOu've, I WANt A PoWerFul SwoRD, Uhn..... LiKe tHis"

Saying so, I put the sword which still inside it's scabbard on top of the desk.

Even witout needing particular explanation, It seems my intention known by Luca.

"Well then, excuse me"

Saying so, she pulled out the sword from it's scabbard and examined it.

She's the wife of Clove, the master smith of this store but, that eyes is certainly have something to do with accompanying the customer in the shop front like this.

The type of weapon is goes witout saying, she can even identifying the degree of damage weapon to a certain extent.

If I must say it, the sword that I brought is being examined by this woman.

"..... This is, it seems you have no choice but to buy a replacement huh. Anything you wish for weapon ? Though looking from the damage of the

sword, it seems caused by the user of qi or something like magic..... ? "

Though it can't be found so easily like this, it seems the cause of the damage is just obvious when examined by her.

Since there's nothing special to hide, I just obediently tell her.

### Part 3

"YeAh..... I'M UsINg MAglCAI PoWEr, Qi and..... ReiKI ToO. THAT'S WHY THIS SWoRd WHiCH WITHSTAndING ALL OF ThAt is....."

"..... You can use all of those. This is also unusual. You're the second person you know"

"If POsSibLE, CaN YoU KeeP It SecREt..... ? "

"That's natural. Since we're not qualified to be a blacksmith store if we can't even protecting the secret of t=our customer. But, you need to give some fee..... If you want us to keep that secret. Moreover, it's covering for few days..... ? "

Well, I thought that's just natural.

At any rate, it's rare for there's a person who can use all of reiki, magical power and, qi.

Though it's not like two is none, someone who can use all three of them was truly rare.

The weapon of these kind of people can't be made with mass produced method.

Moreover, normally, the blacksmith who's making weapon for those kind of people is fussing about factors like magical power.

In the matter concerning the rarity of reiki user, since most of them are clergy, they're placing order directly to their own favourite store when they need weapon.

In short, my order was of that kind of rarity.

That's why I understand that even if my money is piling up.

"I DON'T MIND. BUT..... SINCE THIS IS MY ENTIRE FORTUNE....."

I placed my very small fortune which filled leather pouch which amounted to nothing on top of the desk while saying so.

The gold coin and the silver coin is quite amount of fortune when judged from my situation.

Of course, maybe this amount to nothing when it's coming from high-ranking adventurer.....

Luca's confirming the inside of the pouch, and then,

"..... It's plenty enough to make your weapon if it's this much. But, we don't mind if you're paying the first-half by deposit for the time being. And then, the rest of it when the weapon have completed"

"Is THAT OKAY ? "

They have to made a considerable unique item.

Though I was thinking of "*the money itself is used for procuring the material*", Luca is,

"Yes. But, instead of that..... Maste-..... please meet with Clove, the blacksmith master and the shopkeeper of this store. Since Clove is a fastidious person..... He might have to call you few times during the process of weapon forging"

Said that words.

Clove, he's the master blacksmith who I've known for a long times since I becoming an adventurer.

That's why I also understand his personality.

His personality isn't so bad when it comes to a normal sword but, when it comes to the item like my order-made sword, he'll be completely fussing about the weapon by repeating trial and errors.

That's why you can say that I've been expecting this word from Luca to some extent.

So I nodded to her.

"I DOnT MinD..... At ThAt TimE, PleaSE ConTAct Me AT ThE PLaCe of LOrrAine, The SChoLAr"

## **Part 4**

It's decided this way since she say that I can use her own house when I'm in the city instead of using inn.

Though Luca eyes is opened wide as she seemingly extremely surprised, it returned back to her business smile right away.

"Certainly. Well then, first, let me return this"

Saying so, she returned the pouch which half of the content already taken to me, and then,

"Well then, please come to this way. Since I think you'll be asked about various things regarding your order made weapon after this by Clove"

She guided me toward the inside of the store while saying so.

# Chapter 20: Married Couple of Malt City

## Part 1

The inside of the blacksmith workshop I'm guided to is filled with heat.

Standing in there is a slender but muscular man earnestly swinging his hammer at a sword.

Seeing that, I thought *"aah, this won't be quick at all, huh"*.

Just as I thought of that, even Luca who guided me is saying,

"..... My deepest apology. This will take a while..... Since I think it'll take around one hour once he's like this, so if it's acceptable, please kill some time in the city during that....."

She said that while apologizing.

But, I'm used to seeing Clove like this.

He's always like this when he's hammering a weapon.

And when he's like this, even addressing him is futile.

Depending on the situation, a hammer might go flying at me, so when he's like this, there's no choice but to leave him alone till his work is finished.

That was what I understand about him,

"..... N-No, I Don'T MinD To WaitIng. Can I waiting in this place? "

Thus Luca is,

"Yeah, I don't mind but..... Could it be that you're really okay with it? There's really nothing interesting in this place. It's so boring....."

Since she was asking like that, I,

"I want To See HiM WoRKINg..... It'S Not BORIng AT ALL....."

Answered like that.

Despite Luca showing a slightly surprised expression, it returned to normal

immediately, and then while smiling, she, "In that case, since there's a chair over there, please feel free to look around. I'll be back with beverages"

Left as she said that.

The truth is, I just love looking at someone doing their job.

No matter what kind of job, the job done by first class people feel like they are transmitting something great, I can feel that I'll understand the job if I keep watching.

Clove is undoubtedly a first rate master blacksmith, I can feel some kind of beauty in his work.

I couldn't even feel bored looking that.



A while later, the intermittenly sound of the smithing which can be heard as it's resounding has stopped, the tension which enveloped the blacksmith is dispersing.

Clove was laughing while looking at the sword he was hammering up till now.

Maybe he's satisfied with the result.

That's good. And then, at the same time as I think of that, Clove's turning towards me,

"My apologizes. It seems I had you waiting"

## Part 2

And then addressed me.

It didn't mean that it seems he somehow didn't notice me, him concentrating so hard during smithing is the reason why he was ignoring me.

Maybe that's just natural since it's impossible to stop his hand which is still in the middle of working, so it's not a problem.

That's why I replied.

"..... It'S NOthINg, I DON'T MinD..... It WaS INTereSTiNG....."

To that answer, the man in front of me, Clove, started laughing merrily,

"Hou, and here I thought it was rare for Luca to bring someone in this place..... Aren't you quite an interesting guy ? "

And said those words.

Rather than that of master blacksmith, Clove's expression is something a soldier, who just met their opponent, would have. This expression matches him very well.

From his not so young face, you might feel that he's in just before his forties.

Though it seems quite older than Luca, actually, it seems that their age isn't that much different.

Seemingly, since no one has ever heard about Luca's true age, the only factor to measuring her true age was words once said by Clove that went like "She's my childhood friend".

By the way, though it doesn't mean that the means to directly asking her real age is..... unknown or I don't know, it just that I'm unable to ask the question due to her coercive pressure.

In short, she never told her age.

"ThoUgH I Don'T UnDeRSTanD WHEthER You'LL Be INtEReSTING AbOUt It..... I CAme To ASk YOu To MADe Me A SWOrd....."

"Ah, so it's an order made one huh ? An yet, despite the lined up of allkindsword in the store front..... All of them are my best creation. Even if you're not specially requesting for an order made, which has quite a price, you'll find the one which matches your style if you're looking for it in the store front"

What Clove just said could be thought of as a refusal by some people since his wording is a bit too blunt. But in actuality he just said "*There's no need to waste your money*"

Just a glare from this kind of man, with a sharp look, would be enough to make people weep. Thus all of his words are perceived as nothing else but threats and intimidations. But I have known for a long time that the true

content of his words is unexpectedly kind one.

That's why I'm calmly replying to him.

"It'S BeCause I Can'T FInD The WEaPOn I wANt AMONGst ThE OneS IN There "

"Se-i-ki..... I see, Seiki huh. Just what kind of person are you, are you a clergy with that kind of appearance ? If it was that, a superior master blacksmith must've it" [ED: Cnine didn't know how to translate the name until now. The first part is in hiragana while the second is in kanji ]

"I'M NOt EVEn A CLERgy..... Well, I caN USE QI and MagICAL PowER too THOUGH"

"NO WAY, YOU CAN USE EVERYTHING ! ? ..... So that's the reason, I see. In that case, the goods in the storefront are no good..... So Luca passed you on to me\*. Do you have the money ? " [\*ED: basically "So that's why Luca let you in"]

"The ShOpKeePEr Sald That The AMouNt IS JusT ENouGh"

"If Luca says so..... Well, understood. I'll start at once but, I've few questions. It's also including your estimated budget"

### Part 3

Saying so, Clove is bringing a chair from somewhere including a small table and then started the conversation.



"..... Well, so it's like that. Next, since I would need to do small adjustments, is it okay for you if I'm contacting you each time I need to do that ? "

"I DOn'T MinD"

"Yosh. Well then, that's the end of our discussion. I'll do my best for your request"

Clove was coming to me outstretching his hand while saying so.

He might be asking for a handshake.

I wavered for a moment in what I must do.

This hand of mine was the hand of an undead.

He might noticed various problem when he touches it.

But, even this hesitation of mine was only last for a moment.

I can't told Clove the fact that I'm an undead.

But.....

I'm grasping Clove hand.

"I'LL LEAVE It To You"

I said so.



### **\*\*\*Luca's POV\*\*\***

Our customer was just leaving from the door of the store.

He was an unusual customer.

Wearing mask and wrapped in a robe.

But, there was a trace of the youth who came to this store few days ago in his retreating figure.

But.....

"Ow, Luca. What's matter. You have unusual look on your face"

From my back, my husband, Clove, who's also the owner of this store was calling my name while letting out a bitter smile.

I'm turning around and then answering him.

"..... You should know the reason right ? That is....."

To me who's stopped in the middle of my sentence, Clove is, "..... Well, I guess. Since I didn't see his appearance in the bar or city lately, I thought that he might be going to somewhere but..... It seems he's caught in quite a troublesome situation"

## Part 4

"I wonder why isn't he relying on us? Why isn't he trusting us like that\*? "

[\*ED: "Are we that untrustworthy?"]

In hearing my unintentional words which turned into sorrowful ones, Clove is answering while stroking his chin.

"He might be so..... Uhm, I'm joking, it's just a joke you know"

Clove is waving his hand in panic and making an excuse when he notices that I'm crying.

Well, when I'm asking with my line of sight about "*what's the cause*", Clove is,

"..... Maybe he doesn't want to bring trouble upon us? Though I don't know why he's wearing a robe and that mask, maybe it's something like a curse. If that guy is cursed, the guy who will come to find a fault in our weapon will also coming out, in the first place, it's because there's this kind of customer who's coming in a group to this store. Maybe to not bringing trouble to us later so we can say, "*We don't know who is he, nor we know what kind of curse it is, and he never come again*", is what he think"

"Something like that ! Honey, you won't say something like that right? "

To me who's steadily approaching while releasing oppressing aura, Clove is telling,

"..... That's just natural right. It's not like they'll care about what said by trivial guy like me.. But him, he's taking some distance like this. Well, that might be okay. I know that he's alive. It's been a long time, I'll make sure to made it to his liking. You can say your problem to us you know..... You should at least say things that will let us know of your identity. Though he couldn't say it, that area might be the limit of his compromise..... Moreover, it seems that you've no plan of coming to us without masquerading"

I was thinking that way while saying those words.

It's quite rare for someone to have all of magical power, qi and, reiki, and yet can freely coming in and out from Lorraine-chan house.

Even that much was already quite a hint in itself.

There was no doubt about it, he was making sure to give a hint about that to us.

But, we definitely won't understand what has happened to him with only that much hint.

Maybe it was something that he can't say to the people.

And yet, he was coming to us saying that he wanted to buy a weapon.....  
Even I feel like forgiving him if he give us that much of his trust.

I, to my husband who understand,

"Yup..... That must be so right"

Said those words while wiping off my tears that are spilling from my eyes.