

BABY MAFIA 191

Chapter 191: "The Five Buds Display Of Power"

Going back to before Finley discovered a high-ranked monster attacking Ainsley.

Previously, Ainsley was just busy watching the dense forest on the left and the right side of their carriage. Occasionally, another vehicle or magic carriage would pass by her carriage from the opposite direction.

They should be returning from the capital.

However, there weren't many going to the capital during this period. Maybe because there were some unexplainable reasons...

Anyway, for Ainsley, who came from another world, this thick forest seemed interesting in her eyes because the plants were unique. They had many colours from red to purple.

The forest truly looked like something coming out of Wonderland from the story Alice In Wonderland. No wonder there would be monsters and wild beasts living inside the forest.

The carriage kept moving fast, but thankfully, it wasn't bumpy at all, thanks to the carriage's magical feature. Whoever created this carriage should have a formidable special ability.

The journey went smoothly even though Ainsley's carriage was rather cheap and could only ward off low-ranked monsters and, at most, middle-ranked monsters.

To deal with middle-ranked monsters, Alvaro, their coachman, had to summon some otherworldly beasts to help them guard the carriage while Jevon used his ability to insta-tame these middle-ranked monsters.

As for the wild beasts, they counted on Cellino because he's a beast even stronger than a high-rank beast.

Unfortunately, beasts and monsters were similar but different. The beasts still had intelligence, and they knew hierarchy among themselves, so it's easy to deal with the beasts.

But the monsters, they were all savages that only knew how to slaughter. They're the most talented at killing other races.

Although the fire wolves could easily burn the low-ranked monsters, it's hard to chase away the middle-ranked while continuing the journey.

Facing these middle-ranked monsters, Elliana and Kyuseli were up to work. Sometimes, the other five buds members, like Nouvan and Ethania, also joined.

All in all, it was why their journey had been smooth. It's also why Finley didn't bother to help them or reveal his presence because the problem was dealt with so quickly that he didn't need to worry.

However, just a few seconds ago, a gigantic monster similar to a t-rex suddenly came out of the forest, about to cross the road to the left side.

Unfortunately, Ainsley's carriage was right on the way, hindering the monster. Since only Ainsley's carriage was visible at the moment, the monster's attention was instantly drawn to their carriage.

In that instant, an ear-piercing roar resounded throughout the silver road.

"ROAAAAAR!"

Saliva drips from the t-rex monster's jaw, raining Ainsley's carriage. Its towering body on par with a two-story building blocked the white carriage's path, trapping them from moving.

At that moment, even Finley, who was usually calm, couldn't help but stand up.

"Ain is in danger!" The young man's face was grim as he hurriedly asked Zeon, the coachman, to speed up.

They were 20 meters behind Ainsley and should arrive in no time to help her.

When Finley asked Zeon, the other people inside his carriage didn't comment. Even they knew that for a cheap carriage like Ainsley's to encounter a high-ranked monster...would mean death.

One high-ranked monster wasn't a big deal for the Walter Family, but it was obviously a huge deal for the Sloan Family.

The five buds could each fight a high-ranked monster, but not something as big as this bastard.

Elliana and Kyuseli had to stay next to Ainsley to protect her, so they were out of question.

The only possible solution for this problem was for the five buds to join hands and attack the t-rex monster.

However, they had to protect the carriage! If the t-rex tore the carriage to pieces, even if no one would die, it's the same as getting naked in the middle of Antarctica.

And so, the moment Alvaro saw the t-rex, he hastily stopped the fire wolves and jumped out of his seat.

"Protect the carriage!" He shouted to the other buds inside the carriage. Before Ainsley and the others could speak, the five buds already rushed out of the carriage.

Each of them stood in the four directions, protecting the carriage with Ethania at the centre, floating in the air. She could fly, so she took the central position.

All five of them immediately released their abilities.

Jevon commanded his pet monsters that he kept inside his contracted space while thunder lingered above him.

Ethania flicked her fingers, ready to fire some explosions to the huge monster.

Nouvan, on the other hand, put up a barrier around the carriage first before he prepared his ice and fire ability, aiming it at the monster.

Marietta immediately created an earth dome, enveloping the entire carriage, overlapping the barrier.

Such protection was enough to withstand an attack from a high-ranked monster!

Not stopping at that, the woman also started to control the plants near the monster, trying to restrict its movement.

Alvaro, the quiet guy, already had four low-ranked otherworldly beasts circling the fire wolves, protecting them so that they could still pull the carriage later.

He also didn't forget to prepare a few deadly poisons to face the t-rex.

All of this happened in a blink of an eye that Finley, who was rushing toward Ainsley's carriage, couldn't help but calm down a bit.

'That's right. I forgot Ainsley brought the five buds with her. If it's like that, she would be fine.'

Finley immediately lifted his hand, signalling the people inside the carriage not to make a move. He also commanded Zeon to stop their carriage 10 meters away from the battlefield.

Coincidentally, there are no other carriages around them, leaving only Ainsley's carriage at the center of the battlefield!

Chapter 192: "The Amazing One"

"Let's see what they will do first." Finley told the others with a calm face. When he realized that Ainsley got the five buds with her, he didn't worry any longer.

The five buds were young, but they're still geniuses strong enough to rival his Bermuda Triangle.

And so, Finley decided not to reveal himself, since the Walter Family rarely helped other families.

At the same time, Ainsley, who was sitting inside the carriage, couldn't help but reveal a trace of reverence and awe toward the five buds' quick reaction.

'They are really geniuses!'

She couldn't help but view these youngsters in a new light. Their reaction was just so fast that Ainsley couldn't keep up with them. Before she could do anything or asked Cellino, the five buds were already engaged in a fight with the t-rex monster.

Ice, fire, thunder, vines, corrosive poison, and explosives, all sorts of things bombarded the huge monster, not giving it time to advance.

The five buds kept the t-rex monster at least 10 meters in front of the carriage, while not forgetting to protect the carriage with two layers of barrier and a solid earth dome.

"Roaaaar!" The T-Rex monster let out another heaven-defying roar, but this time, it sounded aggrieved and agitated. It didn't feel as mighty as before and showed a tinge of fear and trepidation instead!

The five buds were truly good at their teamwork.

With the countless vines from the forest tying the T-Rex body, the corrosive poison challenging his tough skin, and repeated attack from the otherworldly beasts, the t-rex couldn't even launch an attack.

When the monster couldn't move, scalding-hot fire along with heavy explosions kept bombarding its head, quickly wounding it despite its tough skin.

Not to mention the chilly ice icicles that kept targeting its eyes, almost making it blind. As if it wasn't enough, numerous thunderbolts struck it silly, producing a pungent burnt smell until Finley and the others could also smell it from afar.

Under such attacks, the battle ended in a mere minute. The next moment, the monster's huge body swayed, and it fell to the road with a loud noise.

BOOM!

The surroundings' tree shook, the leaves fluttered in the air, and the dust instantly enveloped the monster's body.

If there were another carriage around Ainsley's carriage, they would have been flattened by this monster's carcass.

The moment the monster fell down, only then the five buds sighed in relief. They immediately retracted the earth dome and two-layered barrier around the carriage, before returning to their own positions.

"Young miss, it's alright now." Jevon entered the carriage as he smiled at Ainsley, trying to reassure her. The girl was still a baby, after all. It must be her first time seeing such a huge monster...

What if she got traumatised?

However, Ainsley only looked at Jevon and smiled sweetly.

"Twank ywou!"

And that's it. She didn't show even a sign of fear, not to mention traumatised...

It's as if what happened just now was just a 3D movie and the baby regretted not bringing along her popcorn.

Jevon's flattering smile froze on his face. His lips twitched as he nodded awkwardly.

"Hahaha. Y-yeah." The young man couldn't stand the awkwardness and immediately sat across Ainsley. The other five buds, except for Alvaro, the coachman, also entered the carriage.

After they got seated, Alvaro, who remained outside, immediately stored the monster' carcass into his special storage meant for an otherworldly summoner.

Even though a storage space tool was rare, every otherworldly summoner was born with one, and it would only get bigger the stronger they became.

Such a huge monster carcass actually filled the whole space Alvaro had, but he didn't mind it. After all, a high-ranked monster' carcass, especially the T-Rex type, could sell for a lot of money!

Although it's not sufficient to pay the family's debt, it would allow them to supply some weapons and food to their force guarding their territory.

After clearing the road, Alvaro jumped back to his coachman seat and dismissed his summoned beasts since to maintain them, it required a continuous supply of energy.

"Giddy up!" Alvaro immediately commanded the unscathed fire wolves to continue their journey.

The white carriage immediately moved, leaving their previous location.

Unknown to the people inside the white carriage, an invisible black carriage quietly followed them.

"Hmmm. Those youngsters are quite good." Evan, who was watching all the fighting from inside the carriage, couldn't help but praise the five buds' performance.

Those youngsters were indeed the reason why the Sloan Family only fell to a mid-rank mafia family. The Sloan Family was still one of the 7 greatest mafia families in the past, and only deteriorated in the past 10 years.

It's still not easy to make that family fall to a low-ranked family.

However, if this year the family couldn't go back to a high-ranked family range...

God knows when they would fall to a low-ranked level and then finally perished under other forces.

"Mmm. The five buds of this generation are not bad." Finley calmly responded to his dad's praise while silently snickered in his mind.

The five buds are indeed amazing but will they obediently follow a baby to the capital? Even if that baby is the family head, they can make lots of excuses not to accompany that baby.

The one who is amazing...can't be anyone other than that baby...

The boy was just praising Ainsley in his mind while occasionally chuckling when his dad's shocked voice startled him.

"Hey! What is that baby doing?!" Evan's jaw dropped to the floor. His eyes were full of disbelief as he pointed at the figure not far from their moving carriage.

Ainsley...Ainsley just went out of the carriage!

Chapter 193: "Bragging About Ainsley"

Seeing Ainsley going out of the carriage, Finley, Evan, and the other elites inside the carriage also sucked in the cold air.

What kind of toddler dared to go out in the wilderness?! There could be monsters at any time, suddenly attacking those passing by this road.

Even the guards without carriage outside also didn't dare to leave their mounts since they didn't have the confidence to stay unscathed.

"What is the Sloan Family doing? Isn't that girl their current family head?" The pink-haired girl from the Bermuda Triangle team, Clara, almost went out of the carriage to save the pitiful baby.

"Why are they so cruel to let her out?!"

Evan himself also had the same thoughts. He's about to get one of his Abyssal Trinity to go save Ainsley when these people saw a small white cat jumped out of the carriage, trotting behind Ainsley.

The baby and the cat duo didn't walk far from the carriage and just went to sit next to Alvaro, their coachman.

When these elites saw a baby and an innocent cat acting as if they're strolling their back garden, they broke in a cold sweat.

"Fin. What are they doing, letting a toddler and a cat sitting next to the coachman?" Evan couldn't help but ask his son since his son was that toddler's friend.

It couldn't be that the Sloan Family mistreated the pitiful toddler and planned to kill her by sending her out, right?

At first, Finley was also fidgeting, anxious for Ainsley's sake. He's about to go out of the carriage and rush to Ainsley's place when he saw a cat following behind Ainsley.

At that moment, he immediately sighed in relief.

"It's alright, dad. That cat you see...is no ordinary cat." Finley flashed a wide smile at his dad, ready to brag about Ainsley, but purposely kept things mysterious to attract these elites.

Indeed, the eerie young man sitting next to Finley immediately reacted.

"What kind of cat is not ordinary, young master?"

"Naturally, the sacred guardian of the Sloan Family, Thomas." Finley replied with a grin.

Once he said his piece, the others instantly looked at the boy with wide eyes.

"What? The sacred guardian of the Sloan Family? That cat?!" The middle-aged man who always disliked Finley couldn't help but question the boy, although he's more polite now.

Even though he disliked the boy's attitude, it didn't mean he would be impolite to the boy.

"Yes, Uncle Savvy. I'm sure it's one of the sacred guardians!" Finley puffed his chest out and replied with a voice full of confidence. The way he looked at Uncle Savvy was a bit provocative, but he just wanted to display his pride.

Hmph. This young master's friend is definitely not an ordinary baby!

When Uncle Savvy confirmed Finley's words, he couldn't help but shudder.

"This...did the young family head of the Sloan Family tame one of the sacred guardians?" He asked once more, but this time, his voice was trembling a bit.

Who didn't know that the Sloan Family declined not only because of the lousy management but also because for the past 10 years, none of the family had managed to tame the sacred guardians.

It's too hard to get the other two's recognition but to awaken the last guardian's bloodline was even more challenging!

But now...a white cat suspected to be one of the sacred guardians obediently followed behind the toddler from the Sloan Family, their new family head.

What does this mean?

Surely it's not a three-year-old brat taming the sacred guardian, right?

Right?!

The elites in the carriage hoped that one of the five buds was the real owner of that sacred guardian. However, Finley looked at Uncle Savvy and nodded.

"Yes, uncle. The new family head tamed the third sacred guardian, Code-C and also awakened his bloodline."

Finley put on a smug smile as he glanced at Ainsley, who continued the journey while sitting next to the coachman.

"I was lucky to witness the scene where Ain awakened and tamed the sacred guardian." The boy added.

His words immediately threw the elites into disarray. Evan, the strongest existence in the carriage, also couldn't help but gasp.

"I didn't know your best friend is so strong, Fin." Evan sincerely praised Ainsley, whom he never met.

Of course, if he asked Chronos, who was sleeping inside Finley's pocket, that fairy would immediately bring him to see Ainsley.

"Mmm. Ain is definitely a genius of the century. Not only she tamed a sacred beast, but she also awakened multiple abilities when she's only 3!"

Finley cast a proud gaze toward the five elites in the carriage, excluding his father. His eyes were telling these proud elites that they're not the only geniuses in the country.

Ainsley is also undoubtedly a genius among geniuses!

The elites saw Finley's provocative gaze and couldn't help but lower their head, hiding their embarrassment.

Especially Uncle Savvy, who's the older among the six elites excluding Evan.

Damn it. So...the weak best friend that the young master wants to protect until he follows her all the way to the capital is actually a genius!

And here I thought he's wasting his time befriending someone from a fallen family.

The reason why these elites' faces flushed red in embarrassment because deep down when they knew their young master wanted to follow someone to the capital to protect this someone, they were enraged.

Why would this brat dragged elites like them just to protect another brat from a fallen family that almost fell to a low-rank family level?!

They're the best forces in the Walter Family, a number one elite in the whole country that even the government feared.

But they suddenly became a nanny...

Chapter 194: "Her Ambiguous Plan"

The 6 elites disliked this baby named Ainsley since they degraded them to be her secret nanny, thanks to the young master insisting on protecting her in secret.

However, the ladies immediately liked Ainsley when they saw her pictures from Finley and Chronos, while the other men slightly dismissed their hatred by a bit.

After all, they couldn't hate a toddler...and someone as cute as Ainsley.

Still, it didn't mean they had a favourable impression of this baby who 'seduced' their young master.

But then, when they knew how the girl actually tamed a sacred guardian and was also a multi-ability user when she's just 3, none of them dared to despise the seemingly weak baby.

Are you joking? The best friend of the Walter Family's heir can't be a simple person! And indeed, she's too monstrous even when she's still so young!

She could be said as the youngest ability user ever existed.

None of them had heard of someone awakening their abilities when they're only three years old.

This kind of brat might still pee their pants at night and wear a diaper if they needed it...awakening an ability? That's a dream!

"Hhh...your best friend is really monstrous. Just like you, Finnie." The woman sitting next to Clara, the pink-haired youth, couldn't help but grumble.

She had tolerated Finley's monstrous talent and thought that he would be one in a million. But then...there's another one who's more monstrous than this kiddo...

"Are all youngsters these days so powerful?" The middle-aged woman murmured, but then Finley looked at her with a smile that didn't look like a smile.

"Auntie Sharon, don't call me Finnie..." The young boy appeared to be kind, but deep inside, he's cursing this unlucky old lady.

If you call me Finnie in front of Ain, won't she discover my lie?!

Hearing Finley's words, Auntie Sharon, who had been with Finley ever since he's a baby, couldn't help but look at Finley with a frown.

"What's wrong? I have always called you Finnie..."

"Uh...it is too childish. I'm already 8! Please just call me Lil Fin or Lil Ley." Finley laughed awkwardly yet didn't want to tell the woman why he didn't want that nickname.

Of course, Percival, who was hiding inside Evan's pocket, snorted at Finley's words.

Hmph. I know from Chronos that you actually impersonated a fairy...and even Evan, your dad knows it.

So, Finnie is the name you used to pretend to be a royal fairy? So shameless!

Evan, who knew Finley's secret, also had the same thought as Percival. He looked at his son while chuckling in silence.

Heheheh. My son is quite cute...

While the elites were talking about Ainsley's talent and Finley's nickname, one of the men nearest to the carriage's door suddenly raised a question, breaking the lively atmosphere in the carriage.

"Mmm, young master, I know that Miss Ain is already an ability user, but it's still dangerous for her to go out..." The silent middle-aged man wearing a maroon robe didn't stop his words at this.

"I wonder why she went out?"

This one question made the others shut their mouth. They immediately looked at Finley with eyes full of questions.

Indeed, even if the sacred guardian is strong, surely there's no need for them to go out of the carriage just to seek death?

All in all, Ainsley is still too young and weak! Her abilities are also not offensive abilities...

These people knew from Evan about Ainsley's charm ability along with her keen hearing ability and couldn't help but lament.

Those abilities aren't bad, but they can't be used in a battle, ah!

The elites had a face full of lamentation, wanting to curse the five buds in the other carriage for not taking care of their precious talented family head.

If it were them, they would absolutely protect her until she awakened another powerful ability!

It's common sense that most multiple-ability users could easily awaken another ability as they grew stronger. There would be no limit as long as they kept getting stronger and their talent wasn't depleted yet.

Technically, the younger the ability user's age, the higher their potential and the more abilities they would get in the future.

A 3-year-old baby that already got at least 2 abilities could easily get another 2 before she hit 10 years old!

Such a baby was absolutely a precious talent even more precious than their young master.

Of course, these people still didn't know Finley's strength wasn't that shallow. At the age of 10 later, he would have acquired at least 4 abilities in total and might get 5.

Penta ability users would be sufficient to replace the Walter family head already. After all, the current Walter Family head only became a penta ability user when he's already around 40...

Imagine, a 10-year-old penta ability user. That's almost on-par with the Godfather!

That's why the elites from the Walter Family immediately became anxious for Ainsley, who sat outside of the carriage and chose the most dangerous seat next to Alvaro.

If she died young, a good seedling would be gone like that!

If this genius were another person, they would be glad to reduce a potential threat.

But the baby was their young master's best friend and would become their strongest ally in the future even if her family was weak right now!

Damn it, the five buds. What are they thinking, letting a baby out of the carriage?!

Only Finley didn't react as violently as these elites.

The boy quietly looked out of the window and gazed at Ainsley's figure. He could only see the tip of her head because of her small figure, but that's enough for him.

Really...what are you thinking, Ain?

Chapter 195: "Cellino Display Of Ability"

While the Walter family's people were questioning the Sloan Family's decision, the Sloan Family people were actually on a high guard.

Each of them didn't leave their eyes from a certain baby's figure, ready to save her if anything happened.

Actually, they didn't want to let her go out...but who knew that the 'Godfather' spirit descended once more, possessing Ainsley and forcing them to comply with his request.

"This lil lass needs training. Let her go out with that lil cat!"

Those two sentences sealed everyone's mouths, and they could only reluctantly see Ainsley trotting out of the carriage.

Even Alvaro, the calmest guy in the group, also couldn't help but break in a cold sweat.

What is the Godfather thinking, pushing Ainsley in the face of danger?

She's only 3, for God sake!

These people cursed the Godfather in their heart while the real Godfather floated around Ainsley with a helpless look.

I'm framed, okay? I never asked this psycho to throw herself to the gate of death! I also don't know why she wants to court death, ah!

Only Ainsley and Cellino knew why they did something as stupid as this.

While sitting next to Alvaro, the baby cautiously scanned their surroundings as the carriage moved fast.

[Cellino, if you spot a low-ranked beast or monster attacking us, tell me. I'll try something on them.]

The baby's gaze was unwavering as she gave her command.

Cellino, who already knew what Ainsley planned to do, obediently nodded.

[Roger, master. I wish you success. I'll also find a few middle-ranked monsters for fighting with...]

If someone asked what these two were doing, there would be only one answer.

They're using the monsters to experience an actual battle! In other words, they used the monsters as their training dummy.

Indeed, once a low-ranked monster approached the carriage to attack it before Alvaro could react, Cellino already jumped to the sky and enlarged his body by a tiny bit.

However, in the next second, the cat that was now as big as a medium-sized dog suddenly moved his paw.

Air cutter!

A sudden burst of wind appeared from his paw, and in a blink of an eye, a thick wind blade rushed to the low-levelled monster.

Before the monster could react, the wind blade was so condensed that people could see it with naked eyes already sliced the monsters' body into two.

Let's not mention how the monster's carcass fell to the road with its blood splattering everywhere.

Such a gruesome scene was actually quite normal in dealing with monsters, but what made others shocked until their jaws dropped...was because of the time the cat took to take down the monster.

That...with just one move....a low-level monster that needed at least 3 single-ability users to kill...died in a mere second.

Alvaro's eyes widened at the gore sight. He hadn't even stopped the carriage to deal with the monster when the monster already died. The fire wolves pulling the carriage still moved fast, seemingly unaware of the trouble.

This...

Alvaro was stunned. It was the first time he saw a sacred guardian using their power.

He knew that a sacred guardian would be powerful, but he didn't know that it would be so easy for them, even for the weakest of the bunch, to kill a low-levelled monster.

Don't look down on these low-level monsters. In fact, monsters have a better physique than most wild beasts, and even guns can't harm them.

Only specially made bullets distributed in elite armies could harm them but not kill them.

That's why only ability users with a strong offensive could fight them and kill them. But it took 3 normal ability users to fight even one low-level monster...

Yet this cat only enlarged his body into the size of a dog, lifted his paw, and...

And that's it! The monster died! It didn't even struggle or unleash an attack toward the cat...

The shock that Alvaro had wasn't any less compared to his friends inside the carriage. Even Elliana and Kyuseli were also silent when they saw this scene.

Only the Godfather spirit said nothing and nodded in satisfaction.

Indeed, that's the true strength of a sacred guardian! It seems that this one is rather strong, though...he might even transform into a human soon and gain special abilities...

The Sloan Family's people were dead silent while the journey continued. However, the people from the Walter Family who saw this couldn't help but look at Evan.

"Master, is a sacred guardian that powerful? This is a bit over the top.." Vino, one of the Abyssal Trinity members, nudged Evan politely. His eyes flashed with uncertainty.

After all, he had seen a few sacred guardians in action before, but none of them was as brutal as this one.

Each of the 7 great families would at least have a unique creature to be their protector.

As someone important in the Walter Family, he had the privilege to see these protectors in action.

But...they certainly wouldn't be as powerful as that cat.

Evan knew what his subordinate thought about, and he only slanted his lips.

"Is it that abnormal? Remember, in the past, the Sloan Family is one of the powers on par with the 7 great families, and their rank is around the third or the fourth!"

Evan let out a long sigh when he mentioned the Sloan Family's past glory.

"Even if that family already deteriorated to this point, that's because none of the family heads can tame their sacred guardians..."

"Ah, that's why when now the family head can tame one of them..." Vino's voice trembled slightly, and Evan immediately cut in.

"Yeah. Their family will raise to at least the level of a high-ranked family!"

Chapter 196: "Charming A Monster"

"If this kiddo can tame more sacred guardians...she can bring the family back to the 7 great families level." Evan nodded as he slightly tugged the corner of his lips.

In the past, the Sloan Family was really respected. However, as time passed by, they weren't blessed with a talented heir.

The younger generations that took over the Sloan Family couldn't even get the sacred guardians' recognition, leading their family to decline day by day due to other forces.

The mafia world was never a calm one, and once someone at the top showed a sign of weakness, their enemies would immediately crowd just like moths attracted to flames.

If only the Sloan Family could get the sacred guardians protection, they would still retain their power as one on par with the 7 great families.

Unfortunately, they fell in just 10 years from a great family level to a mid-rank one.

Even their current rank was still there on account of the sacred guardians. Their real power and influence were no better than a low-rank mafia family!

The Sloan Family only had one territory now, and it was their core territory, the village that Ainsley passed by before using the silver road heading to the capital.

Even their businesses in the capital were so bad that some of them fell to others' hands.

Evan recalled the glorious era of the Sloan Family and couldn't help but sigh.

Thank God my Walter Family still has an heir recognised by a strong royal fairy...else, we might also end up like the Sloan Family.

Evan secretly glanced at Finley, and his heart was instantly filled with pride.

This son of his is really talented. Many royal fairies like him when it's time to make a contract...and he's not even 10 yet!

Usually, the Walter Family members will contract a fairy when they're 10. Only the heir could contract a royal fairy, though. Still, it's unheard of that someone below the age of 10 could contract a fairy...

And a strong one on top of that.

How could Evan know Finley's secret? He basically went back in time together with Chronos. Both of them retained their past memories, allowing the fairy to find Finley and quickly made a contract.

These two were already like brothers, unseparated even by death.

"Ah, right, Fin. Speaking of the sacred guardian..." Evan suddenly snapped out of his thoughts and looked at his son with slight confusion in his eyes.

"I know that the sacred guardian is strong, but why would he come out to deal with the small fries?" Evan rubbed his chin as he sought his son's opinion.

"They also didn't need to let the family head out of the carriage to face dangers alone, right?"

Hearing this, Finley also fell into deep thought. He couldn't guess Ainsley and Cellino's plan, but somehow, his intuition told him that it was all the Godfather spirit's idea.

Maybe the Godfather wanted to train Ainsley to strengthen her shaman power?

Little did he know that Ainsley wasn't a shaman at all. If she were a shaman, she would have borrowed the Godfather's strength even if she had to lend him her tiny body.

C'mon, I only have your usual baby charm, keen hearing, and freakish luck ability!

Of course, while Ainsley knew she's somewhat useless in a battle and couldn't always rely on her charm or luck ability, she had her reasons to want to face a low-ranked monster.

She...wanted to see whether she could tame the monster using her baby charm!

Finley once said that when her charm ability could efficiently use luck, she could even charm non-human beings such as this low-levelled monster.

Thus, while letting Cellino guard her, Ainsley experimented with her charm ability.

She fused her charm ability with her luck ability and calculated the limit she shouldn't surpass before directing it to a low-ranked monster that came to attack them!

"Roaaar!" The huge lizard-like monster let out an eerie roar as it dashed in front of the carriage, wanting to attack Alvaro and Ainsley.

At that time, Ainsley didn't hesitate to let her charm ability unleash its full potential. A pinkish-gold wave immediately rippled out from Ainsley's body, attacking the low-levelled monster.

It was Ainsley's first time trying to charm a monster...and she didn't know whether it would work or not.

The baby's face contorted a bit.

[Uncle Godfather...can I really charm this monster?]

Ainsley asked the Godfather spirit using telepathy borrowed from the spirit, feeling unsure.

She just asked when she saw the monster pausing, trapped inside the pinkish-gold? electromagnetic wave.

[Hmph. Believe in this lord. If this lord told you that you can do it, then you can!] The Godfather, one of the pioneers of Ainsley's monster-taming training, harrumphed arrogantly.

If this was before Ainsley absorbed the 7-colored energy crystal, he wouldn't be so confident about his words. But now...he was sure of the baby's ability.

Previously, when the baby affected a large number of people, her energy source had only been the size of a marble. However, now, she had an energy source as big as a ping-pong ball.

That was already God knows how many times bigger!

With that, to charm a few low-levelled monsters and make them follow the baby's orders wouldn't be difficult.

Indeed, just when the Godfather gave his words, the low-levelled monster underwent a huge change.

That previously ferocious 3-meter-long lizard suddenly turned as meek as a lamb. It let out an affectionate growl before dashing to Ainsley's place with its tail wagging like a dog.

The monster's bloody red eyes turned pink, like a girl in love. Ah, no, it's not romantic love but parental love.

The lizard looked at Ainsley as if she's its dear child!

Chapter 197: "Ain's Strength"

Alvaro, who witnessed this scene, almost fell from his seat. The grip on the fire wolves' rein already loosened, about to fall from his hands.

Is this really a troublesome, savage monster that always threatens lots of ability users? Since when it suddenly looks so loving? It is staring at Ainsley as if she's its most precious jewel!

Alvaro knew Ainsley's charm ability but didn't know it was this formidable. Even among the same ability type, there were weaker ones and stronger ones.

Ainsley's charm ability seemed to belong to the latter!

Alvaro's eyes already popped out while his mouth refused to close on its own. The young man with the same hair as the baby looked at the tiny creature next to him as if she's the real monster.

How come a 3 years old baby has such a terrifying ability? Even if she can only charm a low-levelled monster, it already means she can fight 3 ordinary ability users that have the combat-focused ability!

But she's not even 5 yet! She's only 3!

One would wonder how much stronger she would be when she grows up? Usually, it only took 2 years for a multi-ability user to improve two folds or even more.

So, by the age of 5, Ainsley could possibly charm a bunch of low-levelled monsters at the same time or charm a mid-rank monster!

Isn't that insane? A mid-rank monster needed at least 5-7 ordinary ability users to kill. Even dual-ability user wouldn't dare to be careless in front of them.

Unless one had more than two abilities, they would always need to be careful around a mid-rank monster. The abilities owned also had to be offensive ones!

The five buds could easily kill a mid-rank monster, but that's because they had more than two offensive abilities.

Others would definitely need to team up to ensure their safety.

Now imagine a 5 years old baby having a mid-rank monster to protect her....and also had a sacred guardian, which is at least on par with a gigantic high-rank monster...

Isn't she basically invincible?

The discovery made Alvaro couldn't breathe. It was the first time he finally saw Ainsley in a different light.

Just by relying on the girl's charm ability and her sacred guardian, she could already roam the capital unhindered.

Once she got the Godfather spirit to help her...

Alvaro couldn't imagine what would happen. He quickly erased his thoughts and pretended never to see Ainsley's deeds.

However, he's not the only one who saw this scene. Elliana and the other buds inside the carriage also saw what happened.

One could guess their reactions.

"Boss..." Elliana looked up at the baby occupying the coachman seat outside through the window between the passenger seat and the coachman seat with eyes full of reverence.

It's as if she's going to kneel in front of the baby directly.

Well, Jevon got it worse. His face already flushed red, and he's about to jump out of the carriage to get the baby.

Oh, my! So strong! As expected, Ain's charm is universal. She's destined to be loved by all creatures in this world!

All hail Ain-sama!

Jevon already brought Ainsley's image on par with a Mary Sue character from a munchkin novel.

If you wanted to ask what's a munchkin...well, it's a novel where the leads grew so strong and OP that basically it was like snacking.

Ainsley was actually not that overpowered, but in Jevon's eyes, she's already a goddess.

Let the baby supremacy era begin!

As for Marietta, Ethania, Kyuseli and Nouvan, these mature people chose to remain silent, but deep inside...they couldn't help but tremble.

Their new family head has so much potential...

Surely she would be the one to regain the Sloan Family's past glory!

While the people inside the white carriage were celebrating over Ainsley's little training, Ainsley herself wasn't celebrating yet.

Currently, a certain spirit was nagging at her.

[You fool! How long did it take for that bastard to fall for your charm? A minute? More than that?] The Godfather spirit crossed his arms and glared at Ainsley.

[That's too slow! If that lizard is an agility-type monster, you would have been dead in a single blow.]

[I...I know, but it's hard to fasten the process...] Ainsley bit her lips as she lowered her head. Currently, she behaved like an obedient student in front of a teacher.

[Hmph. You can't fasten the process because you didn't train enough! You're still not used to your new power level, and that's why it's awkward!]

The handsome Godfather kept his cold face, but he secretly snickered.

Heheh, it's so satisfying to scold this baby!

[Anyway, go and train more. Don't stop until you almost exhaust your energy. Make sure that in these three days, you can already charm a low-levelled monster with a single gaze!]

With the strict Godfather acting as a mentor, Ainsley swallowed her grievances and obediently trained diligently.

She knew that she needed this power to protect her since she hadn't acquired any offensive ability yet!

While Ainsley was training, behind her, the elites inside the black carriage secretly sucked in the cold air.

"Did you see that, young master?" Clara was the first to mention Ainsley's deeds charming a monster.

"Mmm. I saw it through this crystal ball." Finley nodded as he looked at the black ball in his palm.

The ball transmitted what the guards outside the carriage saw throughout the journey...and it coincidentally saw what Ainsley had done!

"What...do you think of that baby's action?" Clara asked once more as she glanced around the people inside the carriage.

Hearing this, Finley stayed silent. He just toyed with the black crystal ball.

What do I think of Ain's shocking talent?

Chapter 198: "Future Sworn Ally"

When someone asked Finley about his opinion toward Ainsley, the boy didn't speak up at first. He just stared at the image projected on the black crystal ball, showing a cute toddler trying to tame a monster.

Finley's eyes were slowly filled with complex emotions.

"She...is definitely talented." Finley muttered up a compliment, but his eyes didn't move away from Ainsley's image on the crystal ball.

Whenever he saw the girl, he would feel a bit complicated inside.

After all, he's someone who went back from the future. He knew very well how Ainsley was supposed to be. She's really someone without a talent, only had one special ability which was useless to the max.

The Sloan Family fell under her leadership, and they were swallowed by other forces.

And here is why he felt a bit complicated.

Even though the Walter family didn't take part to plunder the fallen Sloan family, back then, Finley still coveted a few things related to this family.

It was mainly the three sacred guardians.

When the family fell, Ainsley was around 17-18 years old while Finley was 22. He was young and ambitious, so when he saw the chance, he tried to get the sacred beasts to be his family's new protectors.

In the end, he did acquire the sacred guardians but never succeeded to get their recognition. The beasts ended up becoming a mere pretty vase with no function.

Maybe it was retribution because two to three years later, the Walter Family fell under Aretha's family attack.

Such a gruesome war killed many people, including the Abyssal trinity and his father!

After all, the Aretha family became so strong that they also groomed several strong people.

The Aretha also fully owned their two sacred guardians, and it was enough to wipe out the Walter Family lower members.

What about the fairies? They didn't protect the Walter family? They did, but they're not royal fairies and just ordinary ones. Their numbers were also not a lot.

In the end, the 5 peasant fairies of the Walter Family chose to return to their world, leaving the family behind!

They only had an equal contract with the Walter Family members, so dying with them isn't worth it.

Only Percival and Chronos kept staying. Percival didn't go back to the fairy world even when his contracted partner passed away. Instead, he went on a rampage and killed the enemies....shortly, he was captured and became a war prisoner.

Long short story, the Walter Family fell after several months of war because their enemy wasn't only the Aretha Family. Other strong forces also fought them.

The Walter Family officially fell when the young master, Finley Walter, died in Blair's hand. The rest of the members went their separate ways, escaping from the enemies.

By then, maybe the sacred guardians of the Sloan Family kept at the Walter Family also became the war spoil for these forces, including the Aretha Family.

As for Ainsley...Finley remembered that she also died...died as a useless being.

Recalling the past, which was strangely different from the present, Finley held his breath.

He continued to watch Ainsley's performance, and was sure that Ainsley really changed her future.

The five buds now became loyal to her. She got one of the sacred guardians' protection. She even contracted the Godfather spirit as a shaman and charmed a monster using her charm ability.

And she's only 3!

Finley suddenly felt slightly jealous of this baby. She's definitely a genius...and she would surpass him soon.

But strangely, Finley didn't dislike this thought. He slowly looked at his dad and flashed a smile.

"It's good that our future sworn ally has such a strong heir."

"Future sworn ally?" Evan tilted his head at his son's words.

Making a sworn ally in a mafia world was akin to make a sworn sibling that would never betray you. The process was quite sacred...and that's why one wouldn't easily make an ally.

"You mean...you want to be a permanent ally of the Sloan Family in the future?"

"Mmm. They have good potential. They will certainly be a good sworn ally." Finley nodded decisively.

"Ain is also my best friend. Even if she doesn't know my real identity, after she knows it, she will still remain as my good friend."

Evan, with his high insights, already saw the bright future on his son and that girl's shoulders if they became a sworn ally. He immediately agreed.

"Well, I will not object to allying with such a talented family head, but when do you think we should approach them?" Evan didn't belittle his son's idea and seriously considered it.

Up to now, the Sloan Family was just an ordinary ally but they could be more than that.

Evan had seen Ainsley's potential, and even a strong expert like himself was impressed. If that baby had a good tutor, she would progress even faster!

"....let's approach them when Ain holds her debut party." Finley chuckled as he imagined the 10-year-old Ainsley. Well, at that time, he would have been 15 years old, a young teenager.

"Or we can invite them to attend my debut party...anything is ok."

"I believe Ainsley will already show a lot of improvement even when she's only 5 years old in 2 years. Let's approach her when we celebrate your debut."

Evan decided not to wait for too long to establish cooperation.

If those two joined hands, the two families would really worry over nothing.

'It would be nice if they can be betrothed first...'

Evan even considered a chance of marriage if these two harboured feelings and were willing to be together for eternity.

However, he definitely wouldn't do anything, not even betrothed them until Ainsley reached at least, 10 years old!

Chapter 199: "How To Be A Shaman"

It's not uncommon to have a fiance since young.

Mafia children usually get a fiance when they awaken their abilities and celebrate their debut, which is around the age of 10.

Of course, Finley was an exception.

In the past, Finley didn't have a fiance until he's 13 years old because at that time, only then Blair became 10 years old and held her debut. It was only at that time a lot of people knew of her brilliance.

Only someone like Blair could match a big shot like Finley.

But now...Evan, who hadn't really paid attention to the rumour around the Aretha family, chose Ainsley instead.

In his mind, after witnessing the baby's miraculous action, he didn't hesitate to place her on a high pedestal.

Of course, if the girl didn't want to be with Finley when she's older, it's fine just to remain as their ally. He definitely would consider both parties' interest.

While Evan was thinking about the two families' future alliance, Ainsley, the core of the miraculous plan itself, was diligently training with the Godfather.

Under the spirit's guidance, she improved by a lot and could now control her baby charm even more efficiently. With a slight wink or a cute smile, she could subdue a low-level monster's cub.

That's a huge improvement when the baby had only trained for several hours!

Following the 3-days journey was Ainsley's continuous training. However, when they were about to leave the silver road to enter the capital, Ainsley suddenly had a question in her heart.

Sitting inside the carriage wearing a sleeveless sky blue one-piece, the baby with two buns hair on her head silently asked the floating spirit near her seat.

[Uncle, Ain wonder how dwo we geth a new abiwity? (Ain wonder how do we get a new ability?)]

The baby had been thinking about this since all her abilities just came like that. She didn't even know she could acquire them so easily...

Hearing this, the Godfather paused for a second before rubbing his chin, looking deep in thought.

[Usually, ability users gained abilities related to their everyday life and what they encounter often.]

The Godfather started to explain the mysterious phenomenon of acquiring special abilities.

Take the example of Finley. He acquired 3 elemental abilities because he's surrounded by fairies ever since birth, and fairies were the most sensitive to the 7 primary natures.

One could guess that the other abilities Finley might get should be elemental abilities too. Of course, if he got a non-elemental ability, it should be an exclusive ability unique to himself.

This was why the better the environment, the stronger the ability that one would acquire.

Several mafia families even specifically made an artificial environment for their children to target specific abilities.

If they wanted their children to have sword-related special skills, they would place them inside a room full of swords for years.

If one wanted to acquire a healing ability, they would place their children among doctors, pharmacists, and dying patients ever since they're a toddler!

Of course, it would be hard to get a rare ability like the healing ability, but at least, they would get abilities close to that.

Some malicious and overly ambitious families even wanted their children to have an extreme killing ability, so they made them kill others from a tender age.

The children would live where people died every second, allowing them to awaken such a malicious ability.

Ainsley got her keen hearing ability because ever since birth, no one cared for her, and she was lonely. To cope with that, she often eavesdrops on others, resulting in her keen hearing ability.

Her charm ability only awakened after Ainsworth crossed over and took Ainsley's body. The new Ainsley tried hard to make others love her, thus reviving her charm ability.

Not to mention that those foreign souls would have it easier to gain new abilities, and that's why Ain got the charm ability so fast.

The luck ability was actually an exclusive ability as a transmigrator, and she got that because she's lucky enough to cross over using a fake magic scroll!

Indeed, she's lucky, right?

Listening to the Godfather's explanation, Ainsley slowly comprehended the mystery behind abilities awakening.

No wonder other mafia families would do lots of sinful things just to make their children awaken the desired ability.

[Hwum...wif Ain wanth a swaman abiwity...wat to dwo? (If Ain wants a shaman ability, what to do?)] Ainsley finally asked the thing that she truly wanted to ask the Godfather.

The shaman ability! She knew that it was one of the top-ranked abilities because it's just too hard to acquire.

If she could have that ability...she could get the Godfather to help her for real and wouldn't need to lie forever...

When the Godfather heard this, he froze for a second. How could he not know Ainsley's thoughts? But if the girl truly became a shaman, wouldn't she try to kidnap him?

He shuddered at the thought.

[It's too hard to be a shaman, kiddo. First, you need to be exposed to a strong dead spirit or a lot of dead spirits. If your family doesn't have any dealings with dead spirits, just forget it.]

The Godfather tried to dismiss Ainsley's dream by crushing her hope, but who would have thought Ainsley showed an opposite reaction instead?

The girl's eyes instantly lit up as she looked at the Godfather with a greedy look.

[Swo wif Ain stayh with ywou, uncwle, Ain wilh bwe a swaman? (So if Ain stay with you, uncle, Ain will be a shaman?)]

The Godfather almost bit his tongue.

The heck?! How could he didn't think that far?

That thought wasn't wrong. It's actually true!

Chapter 200: "Right Ahead"

If the Godfather kept staying near Ainsley, she would be used to a strong dead spirit and might even awaken her shaman ability.

Won't that be the end of him, then?

The Godfather's face instantly darkened.

[You....you!] The spirit couldn't continue his words and just say 'you' twice, yet still didn't say anything else. It was as if he turned into an idiot...

Seeing how flustered the Godfather was, Ainsley nodded in satisfaction.

Hehehe, so...I should get a shaman ability sooner or later as long as this legend stays near me. I don't know why he wants to linger around me, but since he decides to follow me, he should pay the rent fee!

Seeing Ainsley's wicked smile made the Godfather even more desperate.

Damn it, this kid! Should I just leave her so that she won't be a shaman? But I still need to do something...and I need her help...

The Godfather gritted his teeth, contemplating things. He truly didn't want to let Ainsley become a shaman because that way, he might be worked to death by this cunning fox.

However, the thing he needed help with also required the baby to be strong. If by being a shaman would make her stronger, that would be good for him too.

Aish...

The Godfather let out a long sigh as he quietly resigned to his fate.

So be it. Even if this brat becomes a shaman, she might be a low-level one that can only contract a low-level dead spirit...

Unlike other ability users, a shaman potential would be determined from the moment they acquired that ability. It was why their first contracted dead spirit would reflect their prospects.

There were so many unique shamans with unique conditions too. One might be an otherworldly shaman that could borrow another world dead spirit's ability. Others might be your ordinary shaman...

Or even a rare shaman that could only receive a specific type of dead spirit...but they could last for days with the dead spirit inside their body.

Or even more incredible, some shamans live with the dead spirit occupying their body all day.

These shamans coexisted with the dead spirit, granting them much more power than those who could only borrow the dead spirit's abilities.

The Godfather believed that not all shamans could make a contract with a legendary spirit like him.

Even when a common type of shaman had a monstrous ability to contract more than two spirits, they might not be able to make a contract with him!

Thinking like this, the Godfather sighed in relief.

The type of shaman that one could acquire also depended on their circumstances.

Since Ainsley was only exposed to one dead spirit, which was the Godfather, she might be a shaman that could contract 3 or more spirits, but that's it.

The Godfather wouldn't make a contract with ordinary shamans no matter how talented they were!

The Godfather imagined Ainsley would only be an ordinary powerful shaman and couldn't help but grin from ear to ear.

Heheheh, just see you, brat. You won't ever be able to borrow or use my abilities!

At least not until you found that item and gained its recognition.

The Godfather's mood recovered, and he didn't pay attention to Ainsley anymore. The spirit chose to whistle happily while roaming around the carriage.

What he didn't know is that...a certain baby had been able to fool a lot of people when she's not even a shaman yet. Surely...when she got a shaman ability...she wouldn't be an ordinary one, right?

Who knows if she would become a type of shaman that never existed in this world before?

Maybe Ainsley's title as a miraculous baby would take effect soon.

The matter with acquiring the shaman ability ended there, and Ainsley focused on her existing abilities instead. This time, she tried to make her keen hearing ability listen to others' inner mind.

At first, she couldn't hear anything, but then, she could listen to fragment whispers coming from Elliana's mind. Maybe since Elliana was someone close to Ainsley, it's easier to listen to her thoughts using this ability.

Though what Ainsley could listen to is just fragments, she's already content.

With this, the baby became a tad bit stronger!

Time passed by, and the group finally arrived at the gate leading to the capital. On their left and their right side was a wide plain with nothing but the patrol group trying to kill monsters.

The capital was never that peaceful, and even before the group entered, they could already see the plain across the capital's entrance turning into a bloody war between monsters and humans.

The humans tamed wild beasts to fight the monsters, and some monster tamers took the chance to pick strong monsters on the battlefield to be theirs.

The smell of blood was thick in the air, and the vast plain was always dyed in black and red blood. One was the monsters' blood, and the other was humans' blood.

Ainsley peeked at the scenery outside through the window. Their group was still 100 meters away from the big gate leading to the capital, but she could already see a towering wall spreading across the horizon.

The wall was so tall and wide that one couldn't see the end of it. The black-silver wall itself was at least 20 meters tall!

With that, the capital looked like a giant fortress instead of a capital. One wondered by the nation would build their capital at such a dangerous place...

But when there's a danger, there's a fortune. As long as someone is strong enough, why would they reject fortunes that came with dangers?

Just like that, Ainsley and the group slowly crept to the gate.

The capital is just right ahead!