

The Return of the Disaster-Class Hero

CHAPTER 51: THE LEGEND HAS RETURNED?

An audible creak reverberated in the air as Hugo turned his neck. The expression on his face was a sight to behold. First, the light in his eyes wasn't something you'd see in a human; his facial muscles were frozen. For a moment, he looked like he had turned into the terminator. His reaction was to be expected. "Marry?"

Lee Gun started sweating bullets when he felt Hugo look at him. It wasn't without reason. "Mmm. You shouldn't use your royal skill, Taeksoo."

That was right. A nightmarish flame was surging up in the Archer Saint's hand. It was starting to take shape into a bow.

Lee Gun knew the skill very well. It was the Archer Saint's Royal skill(SS rank). Hugo had developed this skill as Lee Gun had taught him how to fight. It was Hugo's ultimate move. However, the Archer Saint could do nothing with it.

"You realize that's useless against me, right?" Lee Gun said.

Hugo's skill ignorantly consumed the magical energy of the user. Moreover, this was the completely wrong situation to use it too. The skill wasn't a single-target skill. It was an AOE skill used for destruction. Such a skill shouldn't be used in this place. So, Hugo bringing out that skill showed that he was being an idiot.

"Hey, Taeksoo?"

"Marry?" Hugo ignored his words.

"Hey, Taeksoo. Put away that shitty bow."

"Marry?"

"You shouldn't aim it at me since you won't be able to hit me."

"Marrrrrrry?"

"Listen to m—"

Kwhang!

A large explosion erupted where Lee Gun was standing. It happened so fast that one barely became aware of it.

Was it because of the sound? Voices could be heard from a distance.

“What the hell! What’s going on!”

“Over there! I see Lee Gun. He’s the one who showed up at the press conference!”

“What? We need to interview him! Hurry up and bring the camera!”

The sound of nearby reporters rushing toward them rang out, but Hugo didn’t care. He continued his bombardment.

The Chun siblings screamed.

“Dad! No! He isn’t a monster! He’s Uncl...”

“That’s right. There’s no way you can win against uncle!”

“...?!”

They really were going to do him like that?

As he snorted, Lee Gun decided to do one better. “You really raised your kids well. They only speak facts.”

The enraged Hugo pulled back the string of his bow. “Go back into the tower again!” This time, he unleashed a five-hit combo.

Pah-ba-bahk!

“I had never even heard such words from my daughter!” Hugo didn’t delay even one second. As soon as he raised his hand, the ground in front of him exploded.

Kwahng!

The Chun siblings were surprised, but Lee Gun took the attack in stride. He landed after jumping into the air. His reaction speed was so fast that it gave one goosebump.

Hugo was a Saint who received his power straight from his god. The accuracy of his bullseye skill was mind-boggling. Moreover, the power contained in his arrows was strong enough to explode everything.

In other words, the Archer Saint was shooting legendary arrows. It was said that Hugo could hit a target halfway around the world with these arrows. And these arrows could blow apart their target, whatever it may be.

However, one person had been able to dodge Hugo’s arrows in the past.

Shweek! Sshweek!

“...!” Lee Gun dodged the arrows as if they weren’t a big deal. He just had to move his head.

This impressed Chun Yooha and Chun Sungjae. In the beginning, they were worried about their father and uncle. They had tried to stop the fight, but now, they no longer did so.

“As expected of Uncle!”

“Crazy! How can he move so fast?”

The siblings didn’t even think about the fact that their father was the one shooting the arrows.

Hugo became enraged at their reactions. ‘Can’t this b*****d just take a hit to save my face?’ In his anger, he brought out a skill he normally wouldn’t use.

[Grant Transparent Attribute (S)]

This made Lee Gun flinch. Normally, Hugo used this skill only when he was facing a Red zone monster. It was too cheap and dangerous a skill to use against humans.

Lee Gun heard a warning, a warning he had never heard before.

[Warning! You are facing an attack that can’t be detected.]

[It is a strike all of whose presence has been erased.]

[You have to unleash the Serpent Bearer’s holy ground to protect your body]

But why would Lee Gun do that?

Tuhk! Tuhk!! Tuhk!!

Lee Gun moved almost at the speed of light as he grabbed the invisible arrows with his hands. Three arrows appeared in his hands. ‘I’m sorry, but you telegraphed it.’

This meant Hugo’s attack had been too honest. The Archer Saint wasn’t crafty, so Lee Gun could tell the trajectory of his arrows. Of course, normal people couldn’t grab those arrows even if they knew the trajectory.

Why?

There was no way someone could s****h a bullet out of the air even if they knew the gun was aimed at their head.

Chun Sungjae let out a fierce cry as he shot this scene with his camera. The Crab Saint was the fastest man, yet he seemed like a snail in comparison to his uncle. Chun Sungjae realized that if he uploaded this to youtube, it would create an uproar.

Lee Gun sneered after dodging all the arrows. “As I said before, the Archer Saint got nothing on me.” As if dodging Hugo’s attack wasn’t enough, Lee Gun had derived benefits from the exchange. It was set up that way.

Why?

[You have humiliated the Sagittarius.]

[You have acquired a massive amount of Saint EXP]

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[You have gained attributes.]

[Provoke +3]

The attribute of the Serpent Bearer had increased due to Lee Gun dumping on the Saint. In other words, his attributes increased as he fought. Therefore, Lee Gun said, “Hey. You’ll never win against me no matter how hard you try. The fact that your kids like their uncle more than you won’t change. Just give up and go eat snickers...”

“Hey!!”

‘Did I miss the mark?’ Lee Gun was worried(?) in his own way, so he had spoken the truth. He wanted Hugo to give up, but his words made Hugo flip out.

Until now, it seemed the Archer Saint had kept his marbles. Now, he had lost his mind. In a blind fury, Hugo threw something.

Crash!

The item that had just broken was a sculpture shaped like a horse.

[You have paid the rental fee to the god.]

As soon as the notification rang from his phone, Hugo disappeared. Even Lee Gun was having a hard time locating him. Suddenly, an arrow flew toward him from an

unknown direction. The arrow had come down from the sky with other arrows following suit. Several thousand flaming arrows rained down on Lee Gun.

[Caution! The Sagittarius's anger has been unleashed.]

“If you're so good, why don't you dodge this!” Hugo shouted.

[The <Archer Saint> has released his holy ground]

[<Archer Saint>'s holy ground skill has been activated.]

[Caution! The holy ground is trying to wield its influence over you.]

As if it had been waiting for this, the god had joined the fight.

A vein popped out on Lee Gun's face. “You guys are really going there?”

They were pushing it. Hugo was using an attack he would use on Red Eye against Lee Gun. Of course, Hugo was well aware that Lee Gun wouldn't react unless hit with an attack of this caliber.

This development made the Chun siblings react in fright. They thought their father was taking things too far, and they planned on teleporting him away. However, before they could act...

[The Serpent Bearer's Five Senses have automatically activated to combat the god's power.]

Lee Gun's eyes turned into those of a snake.

[The Serpent Bearer's physical attributes were increased.]

He disappeared in an instant. The bombardment from the sky became useless against him.

[Your agility has increased]

[Your agility has increased]

[Your agility has increased]

[Your agility has increased]

By the time Hugo realized something was wrong, Lee Gun was already in front of him.

Lee Gun yelled, “That’s enough! B*****d! I was going easy because you’re my friend!”

Bah-gahk!

Lee Gun’s foot landed on Hugo’s face.

<“The Archer Saint, who’s an adult, was kicked in the face by a high schooler.”>

<“Is his opponent really Lee Gun?”>

<Kick to the Face! The photo has instantly risen in popularity to gain a place in the Picture Hall of Fame.>

<The footage of the press conference has garnered tens of millions of views!>

The group was at the holy ground of the Archer Saint. Hugo’s hand shook as he read the news on his handphone. The picture of him being sent flying by Lee Gun had made the front page of the news. It was an enormous picture.

“Really? How the hell did they take this picture!” He couldn’t believe it.

Of course, it was side news compared to the news about Lee Gun crashing the press conference.

“I had planned on calling in the reporters today for a press conference. I guess I don’t need to do that! They are doing well by themselves!”

Seo Yehrin, who had been rubbing medicine on the Archer Saint’s angry face, became concerned. “Phew! Why did you do it? You even rented an extremely expensive god skill.”

Hugo, who had been crushed by Lee Gun, became contrite. “That was my fault.”

“You know you can’t win against him, so why did you even try to fight him?”

“What the hell!”

“Still, you got tens of millions of views. Lee Gun-nim will benefit from that. That’s a given. However, we’ll also receive a good amount of money from this publicity. It’ll help us greatly in supplementing the cost of running the temple.”

Hugo had been pouting up until now. Now, his lips started to twitch a little as he tried not to smile. Of course, it wasn’t about the free money.

‘I can’t believe he left a present. It isn’t like him.’ Hugo looked at the present Lee Gun had left behind.

His subordinate showed interest in the present. “What is that, Saint-nim?”

<A Fake Horse That Somehow Looks Like It’ll Make Money> Rank A

The magical energy of the person who touches the item will flow into another. The name of the subject (Lee Gun) has to be written on the item.

Hugo didn’t know the identity of the item, but he was inwardly happy even as he grumbled. “Ah! Gun gave it to me. He said he went a little too hard on me, so he left this behind.”

“Oh my! Lee Gun-nim gave it to you himself?”

“Yup. He said it’s a holy item that brings in money.”

Lee Gun had said the horse was a rare item that he was going to use. However, he had then said his old friend should use it first. It was a peace offering.

‘Does he really think I’ll be happy if he gives me a present?’ Lee Gun had given Hugo this item with him specifically in mind. This was why Hugo decided to let go of the shenanigan with his daughter. Moreover, the words Yooha had spoken afterward played a big role in that too.

[Yes. I think I was a bit too hasty.]

[Yes, yes! Thank you for saying that at the very least!]

Hugo let out a sigh of relief. He was still worried about his daughter, but he could stop his daughter from following Lee Gun around.

‘Also, I told Gun about that symbol too.’ When the explosion had erupted inside Cheongwadae, Hugo had seen that symbol appear on the Gemini Saint’s blade. It was the symbol of the main culprit who had locked Lee Gun in the tower.

Putting that aside for now, Hugo asked, “Where the hell did Gun go?”

“Ah! Lee Gun-nim said he’s going to go see an old friend...”

Hugo was dumbfounded. “What? He has no friends! Also, I’m going to set up a press conference today. I told him to stay put!”

Besides this, another thing bothered Hugo. “What the hell? I don’t see Yooha. Did Yooha say she was going anywhere?”

“Ah! Yooha followed Lee Gun-nim.”

“What?”

“She said she realized something when she saw your fight with Lee Gun-nim. She wants to become a person worthy of proposing to... Ah! No! She said she needs to grow more so that she can get on his level.”

“What?”

“Ah! I’m sure it’s a joke! Also, I heard Lee Gun-nim set her straight...”

It didn’t matter if Lee Gun did that or not. Hugo fainted as he screamed.

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At that moment in time, the Korean Gemini general Choi Sunghyuk felt cold sweat run down his back. He was at Cheonwadae’s temporary command center, and his reaction was inevitable.

“My god! Is it really him?”

“Is he for real?”

Looking imposing, Lee Gun sat in front of them.

All of Cheongwadae’s politicians were frightened by him. In truth, most of the politicians here had taken some form of bribes from the Gemini Saint. They had made Lee Gun into a hero, then diverted the tributes given in Lee Gun’s name for themselves.

That was why they were all trembling in fear. The truth regarding what had happened twenty years ago had been revealed in the previous day’s press conference. It seemed Lee Gun was really back, and the whole world was abuzz about it.

So, naturally, the politicians and their aides were agitated.

“Is he really the person who showed up at the press conference? He’s the one claiming to be Lee Gun?”

“Yes. There is no mistake.”

“No way! How can he be Lee Gun with that face?”

“Uh... There was the video of him kicking the Archer Saint in the face. How many people in the world are capable of sending a Saint flying like that!”

The mouths of the politicians fell open.

The Gemini general Choi Sunghyuk, who had been called to the Cheongwadae, was flustered. ‘Why the hell is he here?’

That was right. About an hour later, a meeting was scheduled at Cheongwadae’s facilities. It was a meeting with the representatives of the Japanese government. The topic was the Gemini Saint’s holy ground, which had been destroyed recently.

‘I heard the Gemini Saint might come to the meeting.’ That was why Choi Sunghyuk was here as an intermediary.

So why was Lee Gun here?

Choi Sunghyuk felt an ominous feeling, and his feelings were soon proven true.

Kwahng!

Lee Gun sat at the head of the table, then brought his feet up on the table. “I heard you guys are handling my assets?”

“...!”

The politicians started sweating at the same time. The current president of Korea was favorable toward Lee Gun, but everyone around him had sold out the hero of the country. Most of them had benefited from selling out Lee Gun. The place was filled with the guilty.

Lee Gun laughed as if he knew this. “I asked the Archer Saint to come here in my stead yesterday. I requested the government to return my assets, and today, I found out that the government suddenly doesn’t want to give it back to me?”

The politicians smiled as if they felt guilty.

“No way! You must be mistaken... Huhk!”

Every one of them felt a chill run up their back when they saw the light in Lee Gun’s eyes.

Lee Gun didn’t care. He laughed as he picked at his ear. “What else did you guys say? I heard different answers. Some said my assets were owned by the Japanese government and the Gemini Saint. I heard some bullshit like that from the politicians here at Cheongwadae.”

As soon as he said those words, most of the politicians turned pale.

Kwahng!

“I’ll make this short.”

“...!”

CHAPTER 52: THE LEGEND HAS RETURNED?

There was a reason Lee Gun had come to Cheongwadae in person.

Seven in the morning, the day after the incident at the press conference!

“What did you just say?” Hugo received a rage-inducing phone call early in the morning. After taking a beating from Lee Gun, he had been in a half-conscious state. However, the phone call had woken him right up. The content of the call was that bad.

“What did you say? Gun’s... You won’t be able to return Lee Gun’s bank account?”

– Yes. The bank account and the tributes being held by the government can’t be returned to Mr. Lee Gun.

Hugo was dumbfounded after receiving the call. The politicians had been sweet-talking him earlier about returning Lee Gun’s assets. They had said it was par for the course. “Why—”

How could they change so abruptly in one day? However, the person on the other side of the call cut Hugo off before he could ask the question.

– The Japanese government is overseeing Lee Gun’s bank account and the tributes. Please talk to them.

Hugo was so dumbfounded that he was having a hard time speaking. “Why would the Japanese government have his...”

The person on the phone let out a long sigh, expressing his annoyance.

– Do you want me to be honest?

“Of course.”

– The Korean government does not trust the Archer Saint. Weren't you originally a citizen of Australia?

“!”

– You might be taking orders from the Australian alliance. We have to be careful.

Hugo was dumbfounded. “Look here. I gave up my Australian citizenship fifteen years ago...”

– If not, is it because you need the money? Is that why you want to get your hands on Lee Gun's tributes?

“...!” Hugo was so taken aback that he was about to say something. However...

“Koohk!”

Lee Gun suddenly snatched the phone away from him.

– We know the Archer Saint is poor. Even if you're hard on money, you're putting us in a tough spot by doing this. Don't you have any dignity as a Saint?

Veins popped out on Lee Gun's face.

– Anyway, we....

“Hey, You wanna die?”

Hearing Lee Gun's words, the person on the other end became flustered.

– H-Hello?

“Where are you?”

The flustered man became indignant.

– Who are you?

“I'm the owner of the account. Why?”

– Huh. It seems he's roping in his young kid to do this. You shouldn't always take your father's side. You should study hard so that you don't have to do this.

Lee Gun laughed. Killing intent could be felt from his hand. “Shut the f**k up! Where are you calling from?”

It seemed the other person didn't like being cussed out. He sounded disgruntled.

– I'm calling from the executive affairs office in Cheongwadae. I'm talking with your father about Mr. Lee Gun's account.

“Ok. Challenge accepted.”

– What? What are you....

Click!

Lee Gun ended the call, and as soon as the call ended, Hugo shook in anger. Suddenly, Lee Gun shouted, “Hey!! You want to die!”

“...!” Hugo quickly got out of the way when he heard the loud voice explode forth from Lee Gun.

“You were naturalized as a Korean citizen. Why are you accepting such treatment? You want me to beat you?”

Hugo felt aggrieved when Lee Gun tried to throw the statue of the horse. ‘What did I do wrong!’

Lee Gun looked furious. “I could understand if the one being treated like that were me, but how dare they treat you like that!”

Hugo quietly pushed back on that idea. “Thank you for getting angry in my stead. However, don't you think something is terribly wrong here?”

Lee Gun completely ignored his words. His friend hadn't killed Red Eye, but he had a part in saving Korea and the world. Hugo was a hidden hero. “I always told everyone to treat my friend well. And instead of helping you out, they decided to harass you?”

“...?” Hugo had never heard Lee Gun say those words. In fact, the one to torment him the most was Lee Gun.

Hugo spoke as if he found everything to be understandable. “You made an appearance on TV, but how many people truly believe that you are Lee Gun?”

Lee Gun had changed too much for the better. A large ogre had turned into a young and handsome man.

Hugo continued, “Didn't he say he's from the executive affairs office in Cheongwadae? That office should be in charge of your assets, but it also serves as a

government facility for the Japanese government. I was already expecting them to make things difficult, but...”

Lee Gun had created a big scene at the press conference. Yet, there was no way the government would easily acknowledge his existence. It was to be expected.

“Most of the people in the office took bribes from the Gemini Saint.”

Anyone who used to be in Lee Gun’s corner had been purged a couple of years ago.

Hugo added, “All of the politicians readily agreed to build a facility for the Gemini Saint. They even modified your records.”

Lee Gun let out a savage laugh. Basically, the politicians had done too much wrong. They would fall into an awkward situation if Lee Gun had really returned alive.

“Ah! I told you to get my account because I knew it wouldn’t end with words if I met those bastards.”

That no longer mattered since things had turned out this way. Lee Gun got up from his seat, making Hugo flinch. The Archer Saint asked, “Gun? Where are you going?”

“I’m getting my stuff back.”

“...!”

Amongst his assets that the government had was an important item Lee Gun had to recover.

And that was why the government conference center was filled with shock and fear in the evening.

“I’ll make this short.”

“...!”

“You want to get beaten to a pulp, then give me my money? Or do you want to take a beating after you give me my money?”

“...!”

The bombardment from the Gemini Saint had already burned down Cheongwadae’s official building. So, the politicians had been busy getting ready for a meeting with the Japanese government. This development had shocked them.

They were surprised when the Lee Gun from the live broadcast had shown up in front of them, but his words were shocking as well.

‘What did he just say?’

‘Either we get beaten, then we relinquish his money, or we give him his money first, then take a beating....’

‘He’ll kill us either way!’

Cold sweat ran down the backs of the politicians. Of course, they knew what had happened at the Saintess’s press conference. That incident had already become a hot-button issue around the world. However, the politicians had inquired about the incident with the Japanese government, and the Japanese government had reassured them that the person they had seen was most likely not Lee Gun.

‘They said his data was different!’

‘They said there was no way he could turn back time on his body by that much!’

“I see you guys still haven’t changed the passcodes for the most part. The reference room too!”

Everyone became terrified when they saw the documents Lee Gun now held.

“...!”

There was no doubt now. The past government had set up this old reference room, setting a special open-door policy toward Lee Gun in the process. A regular person wouldn’t know the password.

That wasn’t all.

‘Several of the door locks contain Lee Gun’s biometric data.’

‘That means this person is indeed Lee Gun...’

Doom and gloom appeared in their gazes. However, some still shook their heads in denial.

‘Are you kidding me? There is no way he’s Lee Gun!’

Suddenly, they heard Lee Gun’s shout. “What the hell? Why aren’t you guys answering me?”

“...!”

“No. That is...”

“I’m sorry! This is all too sudden. I just can’t think right now...!”

Lee Gun didn’t bother with their words. “I want you to give me an answer using those slow brains of yours. When will you be able to give me my bank account and tributes, which were supposedly under your care?”

Unrest rose among the politicians as they looked at each other.

‘What the hell? I thought that subject was put to rest.’

‘I was told the executive affairs office took care of it today.’

In truth, most of the people gathered here weren’t residents of Korea. The protection from the gods held more power than the power the Korean president had. In reality, the bribes these politicians had received from the Gemini Saint had gone back to the gods for the protection skill. That was how these people were able to run away to safe countries.

The only reason they had rushed back to Korea was the destruction of Yin & Yang palace. They had come here for the Gemini Saint. Even if the Japanese government was angry, it was more important to calm the Gemini Saint. They hadn’t paid attention to anything else!

Kwahng!

Screams rang out as they heard the sound of the conference desk being broken.

Lee Gun let out a cold smile. “I won’t give you much time. Don’t use your small brains to come up with an excuse. Just give me an answer.”

“...!”

“When will you be able to give me my items and tributes?”

The politicians knew their comeuppance had come. They shook in fear, yet tried their best to disguise their fear.

“Aside from the items managed by the affairs office, the tributes are all gone.”

“Really?” Lee Gun asked.

“Yes. They were donations. We used it in Mr. Lee Gun’s name. It was used in damage recovery projects. We gave it to low-income families and underprivileged groups...”

Kwahng!

“Ahhhk!”

The politicians screamed. After receiving a hit, one of them lay stretched out on the ground.

Lee Gun let out a bright smile as he shook off the blood on his fist. “I’ll really kill every one of you if you continue to give me some bullshit answer.”

“...!”

A terrifying smile appeared on his face. “The figures don’t match. The ledger talks about it being given to someone’s wife or son-in-law. That’s helping the underprivileged? Do you want to die?”

The politicians shook, and this time, Lee Gun let out a menacing smile. “I don’t want to be in the news today for causing another mess. Let’s end this peacefully.”

‘It’s already far from a peaceful meeting!’

In the end, everyone realized that they would die if they lied. Someone immediately yelled, “I... I’m so sorry! However, we really don’t have the money! We’ve already spent all of it as tributes to the Gemini Saint a couple of years ago!”

“T-That’s right...”

Lee Gun let out a bright smile as if he had expected this. “It seems you guys are under a misconception.”

“!”

“If the original fund is gone, you have to return it using your assets. Of course, there should be twenty years worth of interest along with it. Right?”

“...!!!”

“Choose! Do you want to get hit and give it up? Or do you want to give it up and get hit?”

‘This crazy b*****d!’

One of the politicians tried to run away.

With the bright smile still on his face, Lee Gun spoke, “Ok! You want to get hit first? I accept.”

“N-no—”

Bbah-gahk!

“Kuh-huhk!”

“Ahk!”

“Senator!”

Lee Gun kicked the people trying to run out the door. The aides and the guards rushed forward, but they were useless.

“Ahk!”

B****y screams rang out. Everyone was in disbelief as they watched this scene.

‘They received protection from the god, yet...’

Some became fed up and yelled, “The president won’t take this standing down!”

“Even if you’re the hero of Korea, you won’t...”

Splashed with blood, Lee Gun tilted his head. “Isn’t Hyunshik the current president? Yoon Hyunshik.”

“Uh... Yes?”

“He’s been a good friend of mine from when I was young. He won’t care at all,” Lee Gun replied.

“...?!!”

Lee Gun wasn’t someone who cared about the ire of the president in the first place.

Bbah-gahk!

“Ahhhk!”

Tables were destroyed, and loose teeth fell to the ground. It was a ridiculous sight to behold.

“Gasp...! Help...!”

Then...

“Ah! Whatever! Do you guys know whose signature this is?” Lee Gun shook the documents he had brought from the old reference room.

The document surprised the politicians.

‘It’s the document that ceased the support to the Archer Saint!’

The Archer Saint was one of the heroes who had participated in the raid to take down Red Eye. However, any support and reward that was supposed to be given to the Archer Saint had been ordered to a halt around ten years ago.

The document basically said the government didn’t care if the Archer Saint starved or died. It said to ignore the Archer Saint.

This was the piece of information that made Lee Gun the angriest. ‘I’m sure the other Zodiac Saints gave out money to make this happen.’

Lee Gun let out a bright smile. “Whatever! I’ll give you guys ten seconds to come up with the people who signed this.”

“!”

“Ten!”

Everyone shook in fear. All of them knew who had signed it.

“Five!”

Even the bloodied politicians tried to take the temperature of the room. They did so because someone very important had signed it.

In the end, Lee Gun laughed as if he had no choice. “Ah! I was going to spare the life of the one who gave up the people who signed this.”

Suddenly, a man shaking near the door yelled, “I...I know it!”

“...!”

“Kwon...”

“Ah! It’s fine. I won’t know who they are even if you give me a name. Put checkmarks next to their performance report.”

Lee Gun held the performance report, which included the photos of each person. After receiving the report, the man quickly put a checkmark next to the names.

“I put a check on all of them!”

“Ok!”

“Thank you! I will be heading out now!” The man said. He slowly tried to inch his way out of the conference room.

Kwahng!

“!”

However, Lee Gun slammed the door shut with his foot. “Where are you going?”

“You said you’ll let me live if I snitch.”

“I said I’d spare you, but I didn’t say I wouldn’t kill you?”

“...?!”

Everyone’s face turned pale.

“Please let us live! We didn’t want to do it!”

“We didn’t have a god!”

“That’s why we asked for help from a neighboring country... Kuh-huhk!”

Lee Gun scoffed as he stepped on the politicians. “What? You have a naturalized citizen in the Archer Saint, so why were you looking toward the neighboring countries? How much did you receive from the Gemini Saint to say such nonsense?”

“...!”

“What? Let’s see if you can ask for help from your neighbor right now!”

Screams filled the conference room.

“Huh-uhk...!”

Suddenly, someone barged through the entrance, yelling. It was Choi Sunghyuk. He knew something bad was about to happen, so he had left to minimize the damage. The general had been trying to delay the meeting with the Japanese government.

‘What happened while I was gone? I’ve heard of his temper, but...’ This was beyond imagination. However, that wasn’t important right now. ‘It is impossible to have a meeting in this state...!’

Choi Sunghyuk knew he had to hurry up and cancel the meeting.

“Do you realize what time it is right now?” Another person entered the conference room with excellent timing. “Why did no one come out to greet us? We saw no one until we stepped into the main building.

“Also, what is all this ruckus about...!”

CHAPTER 53: I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON

A gorgeous woman entered the conference room, causing a commotion inside the room. It wasn't an exaggeration to say that she was a knockout. She had worn an off-shoulder dress that revealed her shoulder. The dress fit her like a glove, highlighting her sleek curves.

The dress had a slit on the side, which showed her elegant legs. Those legs looked as strong as steel, however. If someone approached her for her appearance, she could send them flying with a kick.

She was laughing, but her eyes contained a coldness. Her eyes would go well with the glamorous night, but at the same time, she looked like she would enjoy the b****y battlefield more. She was a tiger-like magician.

She was called the master of the East. She was the most powerful authority in East Asia. She was the Gemini Saint. The Gemini Saint could withstand other Zodiac Saints surrounding her in three directions.

As with most of the Zodiac Saints, she was like an empress. She radiated an overwhelming aura.

When the politicians saw her, their mouths fell open. They only regained their senses when the official from the Japanese government coughed. “Are you listening to me right now?”

“H-Heiji-nim!”

Everyone sank to the ground. Then, all of them looked in a particular direction as they sweated. Their gazes were focused on Lee Gun. The whole world knew that Lee Gun and the Gemini Saint didn't possess a good relationship.

They hated each other so much that the other Zodiac Saints had to actively stop the two of them from killing each other. In other words, the Gemini Saint and Lee Gun hated each other's guts.

Therefore, bloodshed was inevitable, especially if one thought about the short-temper Lee Gun had earlier displayed.

‘At the very least, they’ll try to stab each other.’

It had been a long time since the Japanese government had taken Lee Gun’s assets. The Aquarius Saintess, Sophie, had been able to take Lee Gun’s items by saying she was his healer; on the other hand, the Gemini Saint claimed Lee Gun’s assets for national defense reasons. The Gemini Saint also said it was compensation for the damage caused to her.

Of course, her reasoning made no sense, but the Korean politicians acknowledged it anyway. They diverted Lee Gun’s wealth toward her. Today was another date of the scheduled payment. The Korean politicians were supposed to hand over more of Lee Gun’s assets.

That was why Lee Gun had appeared at the worst time for the politicians. However, the Gemini Saint seemed unsympathetic. She laughed as he took her seat, the best seat in the office.

The politicians gulped as they felt Lee Gun’s gaze.

‘We have to send back the delegation from Japan.’

‘Please! Don’t say anything stupid.’

Suddenly, the officials from the Japanese government laughed.

“Ah! That’s right. Do you have Lee Gun’s tributes which the Archer Saint tried to reclaim?”

“It would be great if you transfer it to us immediately.”

“?!” The faces of the Korean politicians spasmed.

The Japanese officials sighed in a patronizing manner.

“Our Saint’s holy ground was ruined, and the damage is extensive.”

“You told us to come quickly because the Archer Saint might take the tribute.”

“We don’t have much time, so let’s skip the formality. Let’s sign the contract.”

The Korean politicians started profusely sweating. Was this how it felt when one’s body temperature dropped from fear? The officials from the Japanese government were oblivious to their plight.

One of the Japanese officials asked, "I have been curious about something since earlier."

"Yes?"

"Why is the interior of the conference room in this state?"

"!"

A portion of the conference table was broken. The door also lay in pieces. Several politicians were unconscious on the floor with foam coming out of their mouths.

"Did you guys fight each other before we arrived?"

'It would have been great if that was true.' The Korean politicians continued to sweat.

"That is..."

At that moment...

"Ah! I see! You planned on giving away my tribute?" A cold voice rang out. "You said you used it all. Looks like you guys were lying."

The politicians were close to crying. They quickly clung to the Japanese side. If they wanted to live, this was the only way

"Lee Gun is here! Lee Gun is here!"

"Please save us!"

The Japanese officials burst out laughing.

"Lee Gun?"

'What nonsense are they talking about?'

"We saw the mess that happened at that press conference."

"It's questionable itself as to whether that man is the real Lee Gun. Also, why would he be here?"

"He's really here! He's behind—"

“Haha! This building is basically a holy item. It was built with the blessing of the Gemini. Lee Gun wouldn’t be able to enter it in the first place. Moreover, the building would automatically attack Lee Gun if—

“Huh?”

At that moment, a dark shadow appeared in front of the Japanese minister. It was Lee Gun. The minister let out a smile of delight when he saw the young man. ‘It seems they hired a temp worker since the Gemini Saint was visiting them.’ He said, “He’s handsome— Uh?”

The minister suddenly stopped. Sweat appeared on his face. Why was he reacting this way? “I’ve seen him somewhere....”

As if to confirm his suspicion, a commotion rose around him.

“That person...”

“TV!”

“Yesterday!”

Several delegates stood up as they became silent. The Gemini Saint looked surprised too. Her eyes turned round.

The minister got up in surprise. “Why is he here— Kuhk!”

Lee Gun’s fist met the minister’s face.

Kwahng!

A scream rang out within the conference room.

Lee Gun cracked his knuckles and laughed. “It has been a while, Nakamura. It seems you’ve gotten far in life. You have a belly now.”

“You... you!”

“I remember telling you guys this a long time ago,” Lee Gun calmly said.

“!”

“Don’t you dare encroach on Korean land!”

Bbah-gahk!

The conference room turned into pandemonium. As if they had expected this, the Korean politicians massaged their brows.

In the end, the Gemini Saint stood up. The light in her eyes changed.

The politicians reacted as if they had been waiting for this moment.

“Yes. That’s him!”

“He did this to us!”

“Please help!”

“Save us!”

They acted as if they had gained a reliable ally. ‘This is a completely different ball game since the Gemini Saint is here.’

Even if Lee Gun had returned, what could he do?

‘At the end of the day, he’s inferior to the Zodiac Saints!’

‘He’s only a B rank!’

Lee Gun was one of the first awakened beings to appear alongside the Zodiac Saints. However, there existed a steep power difference between the Zodiac Saints and him.

All of these politicians remembered Lee Gun’s status in the past. It was said that Lee Gun had barely survived when he fought the Gemini Saint. ‘He’s alive only because the Gemini Saint went easy on him.’

Of course, a rumor was going around right now that Lee Gun had defeated the Sheep Saint, the Aquarius Saintess, and the Leo Saint.

‘The Sheep Saint and the Aquarius Saintess aren’t battle-type Saints.’

‘The Leo Saint lost because he made some stupid moves.’

On the other hand, the Gemini Saint was the monster of the East. Aside from the Leo Saint, she was on a different level compared to the saints mentioned in the rumors.

At that moment, Heiji and Lee Gun met each other’s eyes. As her gaze fell on Lee Gun, the beautiful woman laughed. She was also dumbfounded. “How did you get in here?”

It looked like she would pounce at him any moment. “You should’ve never been able to enter this palace.”

Yes. Lee Gun shouldn’t be able to enter this place. However...

“Your general was really friendly to me.” Lee Gun replied.

When Lee Gun pointed at Choi Sunghyuk, the Korean Gemini general became flustered. ‘That guy really...’

The general had thought about this matter and recalled that this man had swindled him out of his badge and had yet to return it. After finding out about Lee Gun’s identity, Choi Sunghyuk had wondered why Lee Gun had specifically gone after his badge.

‘The general rank badge contains a tissue of the Gemini Saint.’

It was a strand of hair. An S-rank badge contained a piece of the Saint. In other words, it was a free pass to use the Gemini Saint’s items.

‘He purposefully swindled it out of me. This damned guy!’

Of course, that item wasn’t something a normal person could use. However, Lee Gun had been the closest to the twelve Zodiac Saints in terms of ability; it might be possible that he could use the item.

Anyway, Choi Sunghyuk knew that if the Gemini Saint were to know of this, he would be a hundred percent on the chopping block. If a foe angered the Gemini Saint, the Saint would become a scary person who ripped away a body part as a price.

However, Lee Gun didn’t care. He burst out laughing. “What? You want to fight? Really?”

The fierce killing intent was the cherry on top. It made Choi Sunghyuk flinch. Previously, he hadn’t cared what happened to the politicians, but this was a completely different situation. He quickly got in Lee Gun’s way. “Wait a moment—”

“Get out of the way if you don’t want a beating.”

“...!” Choi Sunghyuk felt fear. As soon as he had spoken those words, a wave of powerful and terrifying magical energy had hit him.

[Caution! The owner of the Two Faces has opened its holy ground.]

[The heroic souls scream.]

Lee Gun laughed as if the warning was of no consequence.

The woman in front of him was using Soul Invocation. She basically called forth spirits. As the dual magic Saint, the Gemini Saint had a special skill. It was a terrifying skill that separated her from the other Zodiac Saints.

Every disciple of the Gemini possessed a second personality. They could summon a soul from an unknown land called Albhein and host the summoned soul in their body. The souls became the source of magical energy for the disciples of the Gemini.

The souls differed in features and power. The higher the rank of a disciple, the higher their chances of summoning a higher rank spirit. The problem for the opponents of the Gemini was the fact that a Saint-rank User could summon a transcendent spirit.

The politicians became ecstatic at the sight.

‘The Gemini Saint is capable of summoning a Fairy King-rank spirit at the very least.’

That was almost demi-god status. Lee Gun was nothing compared to that spirit.

Contrary to what they had expected, however, the politicians soon screamed. Something strange was happening in front of them.

At that moment, Chun Yoocha was on the roof of Cheongwadae’s temporary official residence. She had followed her uncle to here. The roof had an unobstructed view of the surroundings, so it was a great place to observe her enemies.

While she was doing this, she received a torrent of messages from her father. A staggering 1,493 messages reached her phone, but she easily blocked them. Then, there were the other messages.

[Vice-general! We’ve located the Leo Saint!]

[The government is having a meeting about conducting a search. Why aren’t you participating in it!]

She received many messages in a similar vein, but she ignored those too. Above all else, she hated the Leo Saint.

Suddenly...

“Oh my! It has been a while.”

“!”

Someone approached Chun Yoocha on top of the roof. This newcomer was quite pretty, and she had once been Chun Yoocha’s comrade. Of course, Chun Yoocha was affiliated with the Korean Leo temple, and Fujioka Rei was affiliated with the Japanese Leo temple. Their nationalities differed.

“Are you here to guard the conference because you’re a general?” Fujioka Rei said this, but then let out a trilling laugh as if she had made a mistake. “Ah! I’m sorry! You aren’t a general. You’re a vice-general, right! I forgot. I got elevated to general status recently.”

Chun Yoocha tilted her head in puzzlement. “I haven’t heard any news regarding any changes to the rank structure of the Japanese Leo temple.”

“Ah! I signed up with the Gemini temple. I’m sure the Leo temple lost a lot of power for losing me.” Fujioka Rei replied.

“I heard it went up.”

“?!” Fujioka was baffled. “The Magic Association recognized me. I’ll soon be an SS-rank disciple. I won’t be like someone who used a trick as an S-rank disciple to get recognized as one of the Ten Stars.”

She looked over Chun Yoocha with a wicked expression in her eyes, then continued, “I feel sorry for the Leo general who was pushed aside by an S-rank disciple. He’s an SS-rank User, yet he was unable to join the Ten Stars.”

Chun Yoocha pretended as if she hadn’t heard her. This made Fujioka Rei’s face crunch up. She would have preferred if Chun Yoocha had reacted by crying or being bummed out. At the very least, Fujioka would have found that reaction cute.

“Oh right! I saw the footage of the press conference. I’m sure you went nuts after seeing it. It was a masked version, but...”

As soon as the story about her uncle was mentioned, Chun Yoocha whipped her head around at frightening speed. Shock appeared in her eyes. It was to be expected. “I haven’t seen it.”

“What?” Fujioka Rei was baffled.

“I thought all the footage was deleted from the internet.

“Where?” Chun Yoocha hurriedly asked.

“What?” Fujioka was still baffled.

“Where did you get it?”

“What?”

“Do you have it?”

“H-hey! Why are you being like this! You’re scaring me!”

Chun Yoocha hadn’t even reacted this way when she was being insulted! When Chun Yoocha terrifyingly approached her, Fujioka Rei yelled, dumbfounded at Chun Yoocha’s reaction, “This is why you never get a promotion! It’s because you like Lee Gun!”

Fujioka scoffed. She knew Chun Yoocha was a little bit strange when they trained together. Despite possessing great beauty, Chun Yoocha was a weirdo who focused only on getting stronger. Moreover, she liked Lee Gun of all people. It had all been revealed when Chun Yoocha had conversed with the people of her temple.

[His face is too much! I truly want to throw up just by looking at his face.]

[Ah! I hate it! How did he have the will to live with such a face?]

Everyone derided Lee Gun, but Chun Yoocha was different.

[I think he’s cool. Those scars are like badges of honor.]

[What?]

[His face became like that in the process of saving people. It was the cost extracted for his ability.]

[...!]

[How many people in the world would continue to use their ability to save people when the ability makes them ugly? He helped people unrelated to him.]

[Huh... Look at him! He’s a monster!]

[You are right!]

Thinking about that exchange, Fujioka snorted as she looked at Chun Yoocha’s arms. ‘Well, she’ll never become an SS-rank disciple because of her arms.’

Fujioka Rei triumphantly laughed. “Anyway, there is no way it was Lee Gun who showed up at the press conference.”

“!”

“Even if it’s him, that won’t be a problem. The generals from other countries won’t accept that.”

“What?”

“Tell me the truth. You caught the Flame Monarch, right? Anyway, the great Gemini Saint is below our feet. She’ll test his skill with the other generals. You can continue to fangirl over Lee Gun-nim—”

Fujioka Rei had yet to complete her sentence when...

Kahng!

The roof was ripped away as something flew out from below.

“!?” The object that exited the building hit Fujioka Rei as well, sending her flying.

“Kyahhhhk!”

The surprised Chun Yoocha looked toward the hole in the roof. A cloud of dust rose from within. When Chun Yoocha looked through the hole, the sight surprised her.

“Uncle!”

“Ah, Yoocha! You were there?” Lee Gun was around a hundred meters below her.

At the same time, Chun Yoocha looked toward the direction where Fujioka Rei had been sent flying. However, Fujioka Rei wasn’t important right now.

What had come flying out from below?

CHAPTER 54: I DON’T KNOW WHAT’S GOING ON

What had come flying out from below?

The surprised Chun Yoocha looked up toward the direction where the object had gone, but she couldn’t see the object at all. The only thing she was certain of was that Lee Gun had sent that object flying into the air. He had also sent the roof flying from so far below. This shocked Chun Yoocha.

On the other hand, Lee Gun just calmly yelled toward her, “Was that your friend who was with you?”

“!”

Lee Gun looked embarrassed. It seemed he felt sorry about sending a friend of his niece flying. At the very least, it seemed he had some conscience(?). “I couldn’t hear much because of the barrier. I thought you guys were conversing with each other.”

These words again shocked Chun Yoocha. It was to be expected considering where Lee Gun was standing.

‘He could hear us from so far below the roof? How developed are his senses?’

While the girl was still stunned, Lee Gun continued, “Did I send your friend flying? If so, I’m sorry.”

Chun Yoocha looked unbothered as she blinked. “Ah! She isn’t a friend. It’s fine!”

“Is that so? That’s great! However, Yoocha...” Lee Gun spoke.

“Yes?”

“Why are you here?”

“!” Chun Yoocha flinched in surprise

Lee Gun’s reaction was expected since he was supposed to come to Cheongwadae alone. However, Chun Yoocha had followed him in secret.

Of course, Sungjae had asked Lee Gun if he could also go to the conference room, but Lee Gun had turned both of them down. Lee Gun had told them to stay home. He couldn’t take his niece and nephew to a place with the Gemini Saint’s magic.

Right now, Lee Gun was strong enough to protect only himself from the Gemini Saint’s magic. He didn’t want even a small spark to damage his cute niece and nephew. Of course, that wasn’t the biggest reason he had left the two of them back there.

‘I’m not going there to have a conversation.’

What kind of uncle wanted to take their niece and nephew to a place where he was going to f**k s**t up? Lee Gun didn’t want them to witness him beating up people. It wasn’t good from an educational(?) point of view.

This was why he was surprised. ‘How is she able to hide her presence so well? She’s almost like a wild beast.’

If the woman who he had sent flying wasn’t having a conversation with Yooha, Lee Gun wouldn’t even have known Chun Yooha was there.

Yooha rolled her eyes and turned slightly to the side. She was slowly moving in the other direction as if she were about to run away.

Lee Gun laughed at her foolishness. “Don’t think of running away. Hurry up and come down.”

Chun Yooha, who had been sweating, jumped into the hole as if she had no choice.

Shweek!

She landed perfectly. The sound of her descent was almost nonexistent. She showed off the physical ability of a battle-type Saint.

The conference room’s desk and door had been destroyed a long time ago. About a third of the politicians were unconscious and foaming on the ground. The officials from the Japanese government were shaking in fear on the ground, their gazes fixed on the newly-created hole in the room. It seemed like they were reacting to Lee Gun sending the object flying through the roof.

Therefore, Chun Yooha asked, “Uncle, just what did you just send flying...”

“H-Heiji-nim!”

“Did you send the Saint flying?”

Lee Gun clicked his tongue at the question. He massaged one of his shoulders as he answered, “That b***h tried to take out a soul. That would have been annoying.”

Chun Yooha found his actions understandable. The Gemini Saint could gain access to a soul using Soul Invocation on top of the power her god had given to her. This Saint was a troublesome foe because her magical energy rarely bottomed out as she possessed two personalities.

The reason for this was simple.

Gemini!

When the disciples of the Gemini called forth the power of the souls, they opened their eyes to more magic. However, they didn’t usually use the power of souls. In

normal situations, they mainly used the power of their god. However, during the awakened period of <Soul Invocation>, they used a hundred percent of the souls' power.

‘Moreover, the Gemini Saint possesses the soul of a Fairy King.’

Amongst the souls that could be called forth through Soul Invocation, the Fairy Kings were the most powerful beings. In terms of rank, they were equivalent to gods. So, basically, the Gemini Saint carried around two gods. That was why Lee Gun's annoyance when facing the Gemini Saint was understandable.

Lee Gun suddenly said, “That Fairy King b*****d always tries to feed inedible stuff to people. It also gives useless stuff. It drove me insane.”

Chun Yooha flinched in surprise. ‘What the hell? Isn't that really interesting?’

“Anyway, I gave it some mental education afterward, but...” Lee Gun tilted his head in puzzlement. “Yooha? Why are you suddenly looking up information about the Fairy King?”

“I think I should know this information.” Chun Yooha's eyes were oddly fierce.

After Lee Gun had sent the Gemini Saint flying away, the politicians had fallen into a state of panic. They couldn't look away from the hole in the roof.

“H-he sent a Saint flying!”

“R-really? Lee Gun did?”

It was as if everything they used to believe had been shattered. However, that wasn't all.

“Heiji-nim!”

A young man who came in late looked thunderstruck as he gazed at the roof. He was a government employee of Korea. The man swayed on his feet as he tried to take in how all of this had unfolded. However, he soon remembered his duty. As if to prove it, he glared at Lee Gun. “What the hell did you do to the Saint!”

Lee Gun let out a bright smile when he saw the man. “It's you.”

“What?”

Lee Gun's eyes turned fierce as he looked at the man. “You're the a*****e who talked to me over the phone in the morning, right?”

“What? What are you talking about...” The man reacted as if Lee Gun’s assertion was preposterous.

However, Lee Gun laughed as if he was sure. “I can tell by your voice. You’re the a*****e who told me in the morning that you can’t return my stuff.”

“...?!” The man finally realized it. When he had called Hugo, he had told someone that Lee Gun’s items couldn’t be returned. He had heard the voice of this man in front of him during the call! The man looked at his surroundings trying to find out what was going on.

The government officials mouthed “Lee Gun! Lee Gun!”, trying to clue him in. The man’s face turned pale.

Lee Gun didn’t care if the man was surprised or not. He let out a savage smile. “What did you say? Didn’t you say the Japanese government owned all my assets?”

“What? I meant—”

“Then, you accused the Archer Saint of being so broke that he was trying to get his hands on Lee Gun’s assets?”

“That’s not—”

“You seemed to say anything you wanted because you could. You’re dead.”

“Ahhk! I’m sorry— Get away from— Ahhkh!”

Before the man could finish his sentence, Lee Gun’s fist flew toward him. “You better apologize to my friend. Also, give me back my stuff! B***h!”

“Huh-uhk! I’ll apologize! I’ll give you the items! I’ll give— Ahhk!” Blood erupted from the man’s nose, and his teeth were sent flying.

The other officials shook as they watched the spectacle. The Korean government of twenty years ago had made a policy for whenever Lee Gun appeared. The policy was to ask no questions and not suggest anything; everyone had to evacuate first. That policy made sense now.

‘They said you can’t reason with Lee Gun!’

“Ahhhk!”

In the end, Lee Gun beat up the government officials, then extracted various items from them.

“Let’s do this.” Lee Gun looked at the Gemini Saint, who fell back into the conference room.

When he let out a savage laugh, Choi Sunghyuk became frightened. “Lee Gun-nim! Wait a moment! That person is—”

At the same time, the eyes of the fallen Gemini Saint flashed open. She ran toward Lee Gun as if she wanted to kill him.

“!”

It seemed she planned on decapitating Lee Gun.

‘Yes. As expected of a Saint...’ The officials finally smiled as hope re-entered their faces. However...

“I’ve committed a grave sin! Lee Gun-nim!” The Gemini Saint was on her knees. She even slammed her head to the floor.

This sight shocked everyone.

“Heiji-nim?!”

The shock lasted for only a moment as something surprising happened. The Gemini Saint’s appearance changed into that of someone else. It was a young woman, who desperately yelled, “Lee Gun-nim! Please spare me! I’m not the Saint-nim! We couldn’t find her. I’m just a substitute!”

“...!” Choi Sunghyuk massaged his brows as if he was watching a moron.

That was right. This woman was the cousin of the Gemini Saint, Heiji. The young woman had been put in as a substitute for the missing Gemini Saint.

“After Lee Gun-nim’s return, our Saint-nim has been missing! In fact, I’m starting to think you had something to do with her disappearance!”

“The Gemini Saint is missing?”

Choi Sunghyuk clicked his tongue when he saw the reaction from the politicians. It was true. The Gemini Saint’s disappearance had coincided with Lee Gun’s appearance. Of course, the Saint had left behind the soul of the Fairy King to her substitutes before she had gone missing.

This was why the general had assumed she was traveling around the world using her Possession spell as she usually did. However, that was just his speculation. ‘She didn’t even show up even when her holy ground was razed to the ground.’

Therefore, the temple had brought out a fill-in, yet the general never expected this to happen! The woman revealed her identity without being prompted!

‘The only thing this does is reveal the Gemini Saint’s current status.’ It was the worst possible outcome for the Gemini Temple. It was advertising to the outside forces that their castle was not being defended.

The reporters, who had gathered at the news of Lee Gun’s appearance, started to talk amongst themselves. Lee Gun’s rampage was a mess, but this news was bigger than that.

“T-the Gemini Saint is a fake?”

“A fake entered the meeting with the government officials? They tricked the government?”

Choi Sunghyuk glared at Heiji’s cousin. Of course, the woman hadn’t planned on revealing her identity. There was no way she wanted to leak the Gemini temple’s weakness. However...

‘Who said Lee Gun is weak!’ She had felt that if she didn’t reveal her identity, Lee Gun would kill her. She said, “Anyway, I’m not Heiji-nim! The Saint went missing after leaving me her spirit. Fortunately, I can mimic her skills, so I was called in as a substitute!”

“Yeah, I know,” Lee Gun replied.

“What?”

Lee Gun laughed as if he couldn’t understand why this woman had to ramble on about this nonsense. “From the first time I saw you, I knew you weren’t that crazy b***h.”

“...!”

Choi Sunghyuk and Heiji’s cousin were dumbfounded. They looked as if their soul had left their body.

‘He knew it despite her possessing the spirit of the Fairy King?’

“I’m using a transformation spell that can deceive a Construct!” the woman said. The Gemini temple had rented the skill from the fish. They had paid an exorbitant amount of money to the Pisces Saint.

However, Lee Gun just sneered as if they were talking nonsense. He was a master craftsman who noticed the smallest of details when making his items. “To my eyes, your face and bone structure are completely different.”

“Uh? Then....”

“So what?”

“What? I’m not the Saint....”

“You aren’t her, so just die.” Lee Gun proclaimed.

“What?!”

“You’re her cousin. Your crime is having the wrong relative.” As soon as Lee Gun spoke, a scream rang out.

[You have acquired Saint EXP]

[You have acquired Data.]

[You captured the Fairy King.]

[The Fairy King is screaming as it tries to run away.]

At this point, the faces of the politicians had frozen and turned pale. They finally grasped the situation. The Gemini Saint, who was supposed to protect them, was nonexistent. That wasn’t all.

‘She is an awakened being, but that’s not the problem.’

‘He sent her cousin flying as if she were nothing!’

The Saint’s cousin wasn’t a Saint-rank User, but she probably was General rank!

When Lee Gun turned his gaze, the faces of the politicians became overwhelmed with fear. They could only think about doing one thing.

“We’ll return it all!”

“We’ll gather all our assets to return your money— No, we’ll return it with interest!”

Lee Gun replied to them, “What? Do you think I’ll trust your forked tongues? I want you to give me compensation for damages!”

“Kuh-huh-uhk!”

Lee Gun ruthlessly let his fists fly. The politicians who had sold him out turned into dust under his fists.

“P-please forgive— Kuhk!!”

Choi Sunghyuk froze in place when he witnessed Lee Gun acting without hesitation. ‘He’s completely nuts.’

It was clear that Lee Gun didn’t care about reporters, who had shown up in droves.

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<Lee Gun intruded into a meeting in Cheongwadae?>

<Guards were useless.>

<Goal was to recover his items.>

<“My country tricked me” Lee Gun’s assets and tributes misappropriated by the government?>

< High-ranking officers of the Gemini temple embezzled Lee Gun’s tribute. “We apologize! We will return it as soon as possible.”>

The world was shocked for various reasons. As for the person who had put the world into a state of shock, he was calm. “Alright! I found the item I had to find.”

Lee Gun was at a brunch cafe nearby. He happily looked at the box he had taken from the official in charge of his assets. The storage box contained some old comic books, his ID, and a key to a safebox. ‘The important items should still be in my safe.’

Chun Yooha absent-mindedly looked at her uncle.

Lee Gun was amazing. He was able to recover the entirety of his wealth, and on top of that, he had received compensation for damages from Japan. However, Lee Gun acted as if it was no big deal.

Lee Gun just opened the menu. “Your uncle is buying dinner. What do you like, Sungjae?”

“Ah! I like everything except hamburgers.”

‘A high schooler hates hamburgers?’ Lee Gun wanted to say something, but he just dropped the subject. “Alright. I’ll order a pepperoni pizza for Sungjae. What do you want to eat, Yoocha?”

“You, Uncle.”

“Kuhk! Cough!” Lee Gun, who was drinking water, almost died as the water went down the wrong pipe. “Yoocha. You...”

“Ah, ah! That’s not what I meant! I mean Uncle should order what you like!”

It was very rare for Lee Gun to be flustered. He inwardly let out a deep sigh of relief.

Soon, Chun Yoocha asked him a question in a worried tone. It was about the item Lee Gun had to find. “The Gemini Saint is missing. What should we do? They said the item you’re looking for is with the Gemini Saint.”

Hearing that, Lee Gun turned to look at Chun Sungjae. He had given a task to Sungjae.

“Ah! I worked with Noona to find the location of the Gemini Saint. However, something is weird.”

“Weird?” Lee Gun asked.

“Yes! Her body is in Japan, but her soul was located in Korea.” Chun Sungjae gulped. “Uncle, this might be really dangerous. She might be secretly gunning for you in Korea....”

“No. I don’t think so.”

“!”

Lee Gun was quite intrigued by this development. The Gemini Saint not showing up even now meant a high probability of her being stuck somewhere. He was more sure of his conjecture when he saw how the Gemini Saint’s subordinates had acted at Cheongwadae.

On the other hand, Chun Sungjae was taken aback by his uncle’s words. “She’s stuck? Where would she—”

Suddenly, Lee Gun stood up from his seat as if he had an idea. “Sungjae!”

“Yes?”

“Let’s go to your house for a bit.”

“What?”

CHAPTER 55: WHAT IN THE WORLD?

The Chun siblings’ eyes turned round. Both of them were shocked, of course for different reasons.

“Our house? You visited that place first?”

“You’ve been there, Uncle?”

Lee Gun answered the two different questions. “Yes! That was the first place I slept at after coming out of the tower.”

Chun Yooha discreetly looked at her dongsaeng. She was asking him why he hadn’t told her about this. In fact, she was emanating magical energy.

Chun Sungjae could sense an odd(?) sense of anger in her gaze. He felt aggrieved. “I didn’t know he was Uncle at the time!” In fact, his uncle had pulled out the head of his figurine!

“I didn’t stay there long. I slept for a day,” Lee Gun added.

‘One night, two days!’ Chun Yooha looked at her dongsaeng with an angry expression. In the end, she made bubbles in her drink with her straw, lamenting at the loss of the opportunity. Anyway, that wasn’t important right now.

“Why do you want to go there?”

“I think the crazy b***h is at that house.”

The brother and sister became flabbergasted; Chun Sungjae was especially taken aback. His noona had a living place provided by her temple. So, she treated their house like her workroom. It was different for Chun Sungjae. He ate and slept there daily; he went to school from there. So why was the Gemini Saint there?

“That makes no sense. Why would she be at my house?” he asked.

“I don’t know. We’ll have to ask the question to the culprit,” Lee Gun replied.

“Culprit?”

Lee Gun quickly took out a pendant, surprising Chun Sungjae.

“Ah! That is!”

It was the item Lee Gun had won in the auction by backstabbing General Choi. Chun Sungjae clearly remembered it. ‘All the generals turned their noses up on that item.’

The item was assessed to be a D-rank item. So, the generals had been lukewarm in their reactions, compared to how it was with the bone.

“Everyone was questioning why they were auctioning such an item...”

Lee Gun snorted at those words. “That’s why all of them are useless.” He took out the storage box that he had brought from Cheongwadae and continued, “That is why the government put the S-rank item in storage.”

“What? S rank? Which one....”

The Chun siblings became surprised by the item Lee Gun took out.

“That comic book is S rank?”

“What is it....”

Lee Gun laughed as he placed the pendant on top of the comic book. Then, something amazing happened.

Flash!

The old comic book changed into a different book.

[Book That Holds Everything] S rank

- It looks like a cooking book, but it is a small bag.
- Once an item is put within the page, the item’s ingredients will be listed in words.
- The book has a total of 100 pages.

Chun Sungjae screamed when he saw the book. “Ah! I know this! There is a picture of Uncle with this item in a textbook! People made a big deal about it saying uncle was reading a weird cookbook!” Sungjae had gotten to see this legendary item for real. He turned toward his uncle.

Lee Gun explained, “The pendant is a concealment holy item. This book is like an inventory. It’s used to store all types of ingredients and weapons.”

“?!” Chun Sungjae had thought the book was filled with recipes and ingredients. However, it was filled with information about items. It was a bag-type inventory item, making it a very valuable item. All the generals wanted to get their hands on this item. However, that wasn’t important right now.

I have to go ask the culprit... What did that have to do with this inventory?

Lee Gun laughed as he took out a glass box the size of a ring box.

[Sheep Saint’s Sturdy Display Case]

– It can store anything precious. Any items put within it cannot escape for the most part.

The content of the box surprised both siblings, especially Chun Sungjae. It was to be expected.

[The soul is screaming]

[The Fairy King is begging for mercy]

[The Fairy King is emanating powerful energy]

“Uncle, this is ...!”

Yes, inside the box was the soul captured within Cheongwadae. It was the Gemini Saint’s summoned soul.

The fairy cried and screamed when it exchanged glances with Lee Gun. Then, it tried to run away as if it had lost its mind. This surprised Chun Sungjae even more. ‘It’s a Lord rank soul...!’

That was right. This soul was the Fairy King Raeriqueen. It was the ultimate soul the Gemini Saint possessed. Souls were divided into slave rank, normal rank, knight rank, high rank, and lord rank. The Lord rank was the highest rank.

The Fairy King had the destructive capability to instantly wipe out several countries. It had been nicknamed the Queen of Destruction.

‘The Fairy King is... It cried and made a fuss when it saw Uncle?’

Lee Gun didn’t pay attention to the soul’s histrionics as he laughed. “The Fairy King’s magic is quite useful. With it, I can face off against other Zodiacs Saints with special abilities.” Some of the Zodiac Saints were hard to deal with using only his fists.

Of course, the Fairy King wasn't fully whole yet.

[Fairy King Raeriqueen] Soul 70%

(The summoner has used a rental skill to split the soul.)

'The remaining thirty percent is probably with the Gemini Saint.'

The Gemini Saint had left seventy percent of the Fairy King with the substitute before leaving. This move had resulted in an unfavorable consequence for her.

'I'll just find the other thirty percent, then I can make use of it.' Lee Gun grinned as he opened the book. Something amazing happened.

[The Fairy King will be stored on page 15.]

[The Devil(Librarian)-type magic contained within the book has been used.]

[The Fairy King and the display case have been changed into letters within the book.]

Flash!

The Fairy King screamed as it was trapped inside the book. Until a moment ago, the trapped Fairy King had been close to breaking the Sheep Saint's holy item. Now, however, the book didn't budge at all.

This was why the two siblings were stunned. Even if it had been split, that was the Fairy King's soul.

"That's amazing. Who made that item?"

"Who else could have made it, Noona? Probably the Manufacturer Saint! An item of this caliber was made with the heart and soul of the Manufacturer Saint!"

Lee Gun scoffed. "What? I made it."

The siblings were surprised.

"What? You made this?" Chun Sungjae was close to fainting.

Chun Yooha's eyes twinkled as if she found this fascinating. 'Uncle is like a god.'

The gods could create holy items. For some reason, a vast difference lay between items made by the gods and the Manufacturers.

Chun Sungjae looked down at his phone, which kept buzzing. It was his dad. Was it because his daughter had turned off her phone? In the end, Hugo had started sending text bombs.

Chun Sungjae finally answered, yelling into his phone, “Jeez! Noona and Uncle eloped to a different country! Don’t call me!”

Click!

Chun Sungjae ruthlessly blocked his number. He then looked at Lee Gun. “Anyway, I’ll take you to our house. You said the Gemini Saint is there, right?”

Chun Yooha immediately stopped them. “Wait a moment! The Gemini Saint might have set up a trap. We have to scope out our house. Her disciples might try to ambush you”

Chun Sungjae realized his mistake when he heard the word ambush. “That’s right! If we walk into a disarmament skill, we’ll be screwed. At the very least, we might need Uncle’s weapon!”

“Uncle’s weapon? Are you talking about Heaven’s Punishment?”

<Heaven’s Punishment> was the weapon that symbolized Lee Gun. If the weapon had been left behind in the Devil’s tower with Lee Gun and the corpses, that would have been fine. However, the weapon had come out of the tower. The Zodiac Saints had been barely able to recover Lee Gun’s weapon. However, the item had disappeared afterward like a mirage.

‘It’s one of the items that all the temples are looking for with desperation!’

In truth, the conquest of the monsters hinged on the idea that these temples could find the weapon.

“Should we prepare clothes that’d resist the disarmament spell? If we order them now, the delivery will take a couple of months. However, I can ask the Appraiser for a favor, and it might take a week... If Uncle asks, it might take three days...”

“No! We have to go meet the Gemini Saint right now,” Lee Gun firmly said. He had to take away the Soul Directory, then he would have to bring the Gemini Saint’s Constructs to his side. Therefore, he made a call.

The person on the other end immediately picked up.

“Hey, Taeksoo...” Lee Gun could hear angry cuss words through the phone. It almost sounded like an alien language. In the end, he frowned as he moved the phone away

from his ears. “Yes, yes. I’m in Korea. You are so naive. I can’t believe you fell for that. Do you want to die?”

After Lee Gun said that, Hugo’s alien-sounding words turned into the growls of a beast. At the very least, it would be great if he sounded like a mammal.

‘Why did my image fall so much?’ Lee Gun wasn’t bad enough to mess with the daughter of his friend. “Anyway, I have a task for you.”

Finally, Hugo calmed down enough to sound like a primitive man. He earnestly listened.

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The world was changing. It was the start of turbulent times.

[hk989: Who said Lee Gun was ugly? Show yourself.]

[pasan: 22222222Show yourself]

[ㄷ ㄷ :33333333333333Come out3333]

[fai: What was his username?]

[o o : <-This b*****d]

[stuki: Show yourself]

[kon: You said you’ll eat your hat]

[gg: Hit your head on the floor]

The world was abuzz. Every TV program was talking about the same thing.

[Welcome, Professor. A lot of commotion has risen regarding the young man who showed up at the press conference. This video clip already has over a hundred million views. I heard it was the fastest video to reach that number.]

[That is correct. However, it would have gained much more views if it was clearer.]

[Ah! We wanted to get our hands on it, but...]

They were in a world surrounded by the unknown civilization. TV, radio, internet, phones, etc, around eighty percent of the communication network was being

distributed by a network set up by the Pisces Saint. The Pisces Saint used a skill that utilized certain ultrasonic waves.

[It must have been the appearance of Flame Monarch. The Pisces Saint's communication network became unstable. All the phones present at the press conference were bricked. Few lucky people were able to recover some footage, and those videos are making rounds around the internet.]

[Anyway, that's not the important part.]

[That's right. The person who claimed to be Lee Gun defeated Flame Monarch. Even the S-rank generals ran away from that monster four years ago.]

[He might really be the one who killed Red Eye twenty years ago.]

[If we compare Lee Gun to the current crop of awakened beings, how would he measure up? Who's better....]

[In my opinion....]

"He said Lee Gun wins by a landslide." The disciples gathered around the TV scoffed.

The generals watching TV had expressions that were a sight to behold. "Have they lost their minds?"

After the press conference, special programs regarding Lee Gun had started hitting the media. These people had seen the blurry footage and short gifs to see if what the media said was true. However, they were still doubtful.

The generals were surprised by this nonsense.

"This is not it."

"I know he's one of the first awakened beings, but how can they compare him to the generals?"

Someone spoke up as he carefully trod. "The reporters gave testimonies. They said Lee Gun was the one who killed Red Eye..."

"Do you really believe that? They can say whatever they want."

"That's right. We have no idea if it's true or not!"

"Lee Gun was only able to operate with the buffs of the Zodiac Saints..."

Suddenly...

“An unknown monster appeared in the Atlantic Ocean! It’s the first of its kind!”

“What rank is it!”

“It’s a dangerous one that could potentially evolve into a Red-zone monster! However, it looks similar to the monster that appeared in the <Thousand Legs> operation...”

“What? Thousand Legs? Do you mean the monster from one of the most-watched youtube videos?”

“Yes! The one from that video of Lee Gun! Anyway, it was a monster Lee Gun killed. We should follow Lee Gun’s manual to—”

Everyone in the temple started to laugh.

“We don’t need that old manual.”

“!”

This was an opportunity, an opportunity to show everyone that they were better than Lee Gun! Everyone in the temple got busy as they got ready to move. It was time to show off their skills.

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At that moment somewhere else...

“Leeee Guuun-nim!” A keening cry erupted from the house of the Chun siblings. To be precise, it was a cry of joy. It was as if the young man was overwhelmed by emotions.

“You really were Lee Gun-nim!” The person overcome with emotions in front of Lee Gun was none other than Chun Sungjae’s roommate, Hahn Jimin.

When Lee Gun had exited the Devil’s Tower, he had saved this high schooler from wolves.

Lee Gun was taken aback by the keening cry as Hahn Jimin tried to hide his tears. “Sungjae said there is no way you were Lee Gun, so I was on the fence. You did come out of the tower...”

Chun Sungjae flinched. “Hey! W-when did I say he wasn’t Lee Gun!”

“You said it when the house almost burnt down. Did you forget that?”

“...!” Chun Sungjae wanted to kill his friend. However, he just slammed his own head against the wall, suddenly recalling what he had done to his idol. “I’ve committed a sin worthy of death. I’ll just jump off a bridge.”

“It’s fine. I’m at fault too. I should have spoken more seriously,” Lee Gun said. At the time, he hadn’t felt the need to speak in earnest. That was understandable. Sungjae was a disciple of the Gemini temple, after all.

Lee Gun didn’t want to give away too much information to a subordinate of his enemy. ‘If I knew he was Taeksoo’s son, that would have turned out differently.’ However, it didn’t matter then or now. Lee Gun was still under a penalty, so his senses had been dulled.

‘I didn’t even realize the Gemini Saint was here in this house.’ Of course, his dulled senses weren’t the only reason he was unable to sense her.

Lee Gun grinned. He looked like a cat gazing at a mouse trapped in a jar.

Hahn Jimin trembled as he looked at his surroundings, “Is the Gemini Saint really here?”

“Yup!”

Chun Yooha pushed her senses to the limit. Their opponent was a Zodiac Saint and also a mortal enemy of Lee Gun. In other words, the Gemini Saint was a monster capable of going toe-to-toe with Lee Gun. Chun Yooha had to be on her guard.

However, Lee Gun looked unconcerned as he headed somewhere. This surprised everyone for two reasons. The first was the identity of the item Lee Gun went on to pick up. The second was the scream that erupted from the item after that.

[Kyahhhh!]

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The scream came from an item in Lee Gun’s possession. To be precise, it originated from the book inside Lee Gun’s bag.

[Kyahhhhhhhk!]

The scream sounded as if the world would end right now, as if something that shouldn’t be revealed had been revealed. It seemed the Fairy Monarch[1] could sense

what was happening. Although it was imprisoned, it was powerful enough to sense the energy outside.

Lee Gun grinned when he heard the Fairy Monarch's despair-filled scream. "Bingo!"

Everyone's eyes turned round at Lee Gun's words. It was to be expected. The man had picked up a normal sculpture.

"That is..."

The beautiful white sculpture depicted an angel with large wings and a spear pointed at the sky in its hands. This was the same sculpture that Lee Gun had destroyed when he first came to this house.

'Hey. Hurry up and throw it away. In fact, these items make it more likely for a monster to emerge.'

'What? This is a high-rank charm against evil influence. Moreover, a famous and beautiful Saint even kissed it!'

'Jeez! That's foul.'

Crash!

'Ahhhhhk!'

The young man's face turned pale when he thought about that incident. Lee Gun had acted as if the sculpture was dirty. He had broken it, then tried to find some Lysol. Hahn Jimin clearly remembered this.

'Could the Gemini Saint really be in there?' Chun Sungjae looked at the angel sculpture with a shocked expression. "Didn't you say you received it from the Gemini Saint?"

"I...I did." Of course, Hahn Jimin was only a lowly C-rank User. He wasn't even able to enter a temple as a disciple. The prospect of him meeting a Saint was almost unimaginable. Yet, he had gotten the opportunity to greet the Gemini Saint. It was the benefit of being Chun Sungjae's friend.

[Really? You are roommates with Sungjae?]

It had happened two years ago when his parents had suddenly passed away. Hahn Jimin's primary residence had been destroyed too. At the time, his friend Chun Sungjae had offered him a room to stay in. Chun Sungjae hadn't asked for rent; he

just wanted Hahn Jimin to contribute a little to the grocery fees. This was why the Gemini Saint became interested in Hahn Jimin.

Why?

‘Sungjae refused to live at the facility provided by the Gemini Saint.’

Normally, a high-rank disciple like Chun Sungjae would receive a residence from the temple. The residence would be located in a city where the upper class lived. However, Chun Sungjae never used the Gemini Saint’s resident facilities. The reason was simple.

‘Are you nuts? I can’t geek out about Lee Gun-nim over there!’

The Gemini Saint was a Lee Gun hater(?). Chun Sungjae was told that if she found out about his love for Lee Gun, he might be kicked out. Chun Sungjae hadn’t wanted to enter a temple that had a bad relationship with Lee Gun. So, he had wondered if he was crazy for doing it.

Despite his quirks, Chun Sungjae was one of the disciples the Gemini Saint treasured. This was why she had come to meet Hahn Jimin. There had to be a reason Chun Sungjae absolutely refused to reside in her facilities. Pondering this, the Gemini Saint had thought Chun Sungjae’s roommate might know the reason.

‘I didn’t tell her anything.’ Hahn Jimin explained, “The Gemini Saint kissed it before giving it to me as a present...”

Of course, Sungjae didn’t want that sculpture in his living room or his personal room. Therefore, Hahn Jimin had decided to place it in his room...

‘How did the Gemini Saint get inside the sculpture?’ It didn’t take long for Lee Gun to answer his own question. “It was that kiss.”

“What?”

“The kiss probably stamped a coordinate. It would allow her to enter the sculpture when she used her possession magic.”

This revelation surprised everyone. However, Lee Gun just laughed at the Gemini Saint’s foolishness. He looked at the angel sculpture. ‘She probably wanted to use it to monitor him.’ There was a high probability that the Gemini Saint had done it because Chun Sungjae was the son of Hugo.

In the end, Chun Sungjae berated his friend for not throwing the sculpture away. Lee Gun intervened in that though. “No. You did well by not throwing the sculpture away.”

“What?”

Lee Gun grinned. Since the Gemini Saint couldn't be found out surveilling Chun Sungjae, she probably had to dispel all kinds of spells placed on her. She had to enter the sculpture stripped of everything.

‘That was your mistake.’ Lee Gun let out an evil laugh as he let out a powerful green light.

[The Serpent Bearer's ability has been activated.]

Lee Gun focused his magical energy on his eyes.

[13th Sense]

[The Serpent Bearer's senses have been activated for the owner of the 13th seat.]

[Activated: See the 2nd Door to the Underworld]

Like what had happened Lee Gun had discovered Yang Wei's soul, the world became devoid of color.

Shweek!

A colorful display appeared. The colorless world got divided into blue and red.

[The owner of the Two-faces has become became vigilant.]

[The other half of the Fairy Monarch has felt the Snake's presence. It is terrified.]

Lee Gun saw flames within the sculpture. They were souls. One of them had her hackles up as if she was glaring at something; she looked wild. The other soul was shaking in terror.

Heiji

– The Gemini(Two-faced) Saint

– Awakened Name (Baptized Name): (One Who Punishes)

– Punishes evil that escapes justice.

Effect: Deals critical blow or gives paralysis status to everyone that has evil tendencies.

Raeriqueen

– 8th Fairy Monarch

– Soul Status (30%)

At the same time, Lee Gun heard a familiar voice.

“Please save me! Please save me! I’m sorry! Please save me!”

“Will you be quiet for a moment?” he shouted.

“Please, great Lee Gun-nim!”

“Hey!” Lee Gun laughed like a villain more than ever before.

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The Gemini Saint Heiji was Lee Gun’s enemy. In truth, she was the first one amongst the twelve Zodiac Saints to realize that Lee Gun had returned alive. She knew it right before the Devil’s Tower was destroyed.

It was the evening. Heiji was in the Yin & Yang palace when she detected an energy so terrifying that shivers ran up her spine. She even spilled her coffee.

Crash!

“Saint-nim! What’s wrong!”

The broken teacup was worth tens of millions of yen. However, it wasn’t important.

“Saint-nim?”

Heiji looked toward the Devil’s Tower. She was sure of it. The spell she had placed around the Devil’s Tower had given a reaction. Moreover, she felt an energy that she had never felt before. It was as if a supernova was detonating. This feeling seemed holy, but at the same time, resembled a brutal energy that would swallow up the universe.

‘Is it a god?’ Heiji reflexively narrowed her brows. ‘That’s not possible.’

Only twelve gods existed. Moreover, their energy was clearly different than this energy. That was why Heiji thought a new breed of monster had shown up. However...

‘...?!’ The Devil’s Tower fell, and Heiji felt fear. Then she felt something very familiar within that tyrannical energy. ‘Lee Gun!’

Heiji hadn’t felt Lee Gun’s exact energy signature to be precise. However, she had fought Lee Gun the most. She couldn’t forget that sensation. Her suspicions were soon confirmed.

[You sons of bitches escaped while you guys trapped me in the tower?]

The sound magic spell she had placed near the Devil’s Tower relayed to her a familiar voice.

[You bastards are dead.]

‘The growling voice and the speech pattern...’ Suddenly, the Gemini Saint became unsteady on her feet.

“S...Saint-nim!”

“What’s wrong!”

“No. It’s nothing,” she said. The interesting thing she had discovered was that Lee Gun had met Chun Sungjae’s roommate. Moreover, they were heading toward Chun Sungjae’s house. Lee Gun was heading toward the house owned by his friend’s son.

Heiji feigned a smile. This was a good development for her. ‘That place is under my influence.’ In that house, she had placed a fixed coordinate possession spell on a sculpture. She had done so to monitor Chun Sungjae. Of course, the main reason was that Chun Sungjae was Hugo’s son.

Everyone knew why Chun Yoocha had joined the Leo temple, but no one knew why the Archer Saint’s son had joined the Gemini temple.

‘Did Hugo send him here as a spy?’ Heiji had conducted an investigation, but it had concluded that her spy conjecture was nonsense. Hugo wanted his son to stop operating as an awakened being. In fact, he was ignoring his son, who had run away from home. That was why Heiji felt relieved toward Chun Sungjae.

‘I have to hurry.’ Anyway, Lee Gun was heading toward Chun Sungjae’s home. Therefore, the Gemini Saint immediately used her ability.

[Soul Possession(S)] This skill was used to make sure her soul reached its destination safely. Of course, she had to consider her opponent. Even a scent being slightly off could alert Lee Gun. So, Heiji minimized the spells placed on her. She had successfully hidden in the sculpture, but the problem came in some other form.

‘Jeez! That’s foul!’

Lee Gun had broken the sculpture. That a*****e had destroyed the holy item because she had kissed it! ‘This b*****d!’

The Gemini Saint was angry, but she was also losing her mind. When Lee Gun had broken the sculpture, she had become trapped within the sculpture.

Why?

‘I can’t escape if the body I possess becomes damaged.’ That was the condition and risk that came along with possession magic.

In layman’s terms, this situation was like the car one was riding being crushed in an accident. One would be trapped within the car as if one’s legs or body were pinned inside the car.

Of course, Heiji had been willing to take the risk of losing a portion of her soul to forcefully escape the sculpture, but it didn’t work. ‘S**t! I can’t leave because of this weird magical energy!’

Was it because Lee Gun had touched the sculpture?

The Gemini Saint had never felt the Serpent’s magical energy before, and this energy kept interfering with her magic. Of course, she had another way to get out of this sculpture: repair the sculpture to its original state. However, that couldn’t be done with a rental skill.

‘If fixed incorrectly, it’ll cause more trouble!’

The type of skills a mere C-rank awakened being could rent was very poor in quality. There was a chance that her soul could be permanently fixed to this item. She was thinking about it when...

“Ah! Still, it’s an item given to us by Sungjae’s boss. I’ll use the Maker Saint’s[2] ability to piece it back together,” the young man said.

‘What!’

“I’m sure a rental skill should be enough.”

‘No! Please don’t do that! If I’m unlucky, my soul will never be able to leave this item!’

“Alright. I’ll use the Goat Saint’s repair skill. This is perfect..”

‘Noooooo!’ If Heiji had to make a comparison, this was like fixing a crushed car by pouring concrete into it.

Was it the fault of the low-rank rental skill? Whatever it was, her soul was pressed into the item, and she was stuck.

And thus, the Gemini Saint Heiji got trapped within the sculpture on the day the Devil’s Tower fell and remained like that ever since. Afterward, she had heard about her Yin & Yang palace being razed to the ground, but she could truly do nothing about it. She was close to losing her mind.

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Back to the present.

“I got you.”

Heiji despaired. She had been found out and that too by the person she least wanted to be captured by.

Yet, Heiji smiled the next moment. She sensed that Lee Gun had brought along the other half of the Fairy Monarch. It was the one she had left behind in Yin & Yang palace. She had no idea how he came into possession of it, but this was the opportunity that she had been waiting for. So, she shouted, “What are you doing! You should be able to break through your confinement!”

“Kyahhhhk! I can’t! Please save me! I’m sorry! Please spare me this one time, O’ Legendary Lee Gun-nim!”

“You can still ask for forgiveness! Lee Gun-nim might spare us if you do!”

Both pieces of the Fairy Monarch cried out.

Heiji almost spat out a curse. In the past, Lee Gun had given the Fairy Monarch a mental education. After that, the Fairy Monarch acted like this whenever it encountered Lee Gun. ‘What the hell did he do to it!’

At that moment, Heiji heard another voice.

“Who are you talking to, uncle?”

That almost made her do a double-take. ‘Sungjae!’

Lee Gun laughed as he tied something to the sculpture.

<Ribbon containing the power of the Serpent Bearer>

– Ribbon containing the ‘13th Sense’ skill. The one possessing the item will receive a temporary blessing from the Serpent Bearer. The skill effect disappears if one is far away from the holy item.

– 13 Sense Skill Application: Hear the Soul’s Voice

Suddenly, everyone heard the voices of the two souls.

“Sungjae!” A familiar voice then startled everyone.

“Gemini Saint!”

“Saint-nim!”

This buoyed Heiji’s spirit. It was good news. ‘Sungjae is a disciple of the Gemini temple.’ As the Gemini Saint, Heiji had greatly favored him. Chun Sungjae’s faith was a bit low, but his level of contribution and ability made up for it.

Therefore, the Gemini Saint yelled, “Sungjae! Hurry up and attack that person!”

“What?”

“That b*****d is the enemy of the Gemini! Stop dawdling! Attack him!”

Sungjae answered, “Why would I?”

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1. Term change: Fairy King is now Fairy Monarch! <i class=”far fa-hand-point-left”>

2. The term Manufacturer is now Maker! <i class=”far fa-hand-point-left”>

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The gods put great importance on their followers. This should be obvious. No king could exist without subjects. There was no god without believers.

From the beginning, manpower symbolized infinite possibilities for the military and religion. If the quantity and quality of the people increased, an organization's influence would also increase. This was a common truth.

The system applied to the gods too in an equitable manner. This was why the Saints cultivated disciples. They also stole each other's disciples.

The Gemini Saint had grown her power like that. Heiji had scouted Constructs and human subordinates and fiercely fought to grow her power base. However, at a time, all that was proving to be useless.

'The Gemini temple has no SS rank disciples.' Of course, Heiji had many excellent generals with whose power she rivaled the other Zodiac Saints. However, the presence of an SS rank disciple made a great difference to a Saint and their temple.

[Black Thorn]

"Gemini Saint, we lost our contribution to the Virgo Saint!"

[Golden Rule]

"This is not good! We can't defend against the bombardment from the Libra Saint!"

[White Lion]

"We can't win against the Leo Saint! We have to entertain his demands for now!"

The Ten Stars(SS rank Users) were Users worthy of being the next Zodiac Saints. Any Zodiac Saint with one or more of the Ten Stars in their ranks boasted incredible power. The temples with a member of the Ten Stars always seized victory; they took all the wealth and fame.

No matter how crafty the Gemini Saint tried to be in leading her temple to victory, the other Zodiac Saints always snatched the rewards for meritorious deeds from under her. However, things had changed when she was close to losing the east region of her territory after barely acquiring it.

"What? A monster appeared in Korea?"

That monster was Chun Sungjae.

"Yes! He's just past the minimum age. He's an immature kid."

The current international laws said that an awakened being had to be at least thirteen years old and in the seventh grade to join a temple. Those below the age limit couldn't participate in raids against F-rank monsters even if they had potential.

The special thing about Chun Sungjae hadn't been his age, however. It was his abilities.

"No one that young has passed the main temple's entrance test. Moreover, the result from the assessment said he has the potential to become an SS rank..."

"Moreover, he has zero percent faith toward the gods?"

"Cough! How can that be.... Cough!"

In truth, Chun Sungjae's faith had been in the negative, but Choi Sunghyuk had been unable to bring himself to tell this to the Gemini Saint.

"Anyway, he has the potential of an SS rank. Even if the assessment was an error..."

"No. It isn't an error."

Heiji's expression changed when she saw Chun Sungjae's awakened name. It was as she had expected.

After that...

"We've recovered our contribution from the Virgo Saint!"

"We were successful in our defense!"

"What the hell is up with that stupidly strong kid? Is he a general?"

"No. They said he is a C-rank."

"What?!"

Something was even more amazing than this.

"Why is he the only one not to go into battle mode? Has he lost his mind?"

The Gemini Saint's battle mode meant "Soul Invocation." When one entered the Soul Invocation state, one experienced mental elevation and rage. The other temples also called this the <Berserker Mode>.

“I don’t know. He doesn’t use Soul Invocation. According to rumors, he can’t use it. I’m not sure if he’s choosing to not use it or that he’s unable to. Anyway, I’ve never seen him use that skill.”

“What? How the hell did he learn magic without Soul Invocation? We learn it by using the Fairy’s senses.”

“I have no idea. He has pretty much read all the books related to magic in the Gemini temple’s library. He has read them over ten thousand times. I guess it’s possible to learn magic through theories.”

“Is he out of his mind? I get he’s putting in the effort, but how could anyone understand those alien mathematical formulas!”

“If he were capable of Soul Invocation, I wonder whether he’d be on Heiji-nim’s level.”

“...!”

Of course, Chun Sungjae’s faith toward the Gemini god was still at rock bottom, but that didn’t matter.

“He’s going through puberty. He’s still developing his values, so his lack of faith is understandable.”

If Chun Sungjae became a Saint, his faith would probably skyrocket.

‘This child is a prospect who’ll one day become the leader of the Gemini temple.’

It had been determined that Sungjae had pretty high loyalty toward the Gemini temple. Of course, the Gemini god and Heiji had full trust in this prospect. This was why the words Chun Sungjae said were like a knife in the Saint’s back.

“Why would I?”

Everyone became shocked when Sungjae, a disciple of the Gemini temple, calmly said that.

“S...Sungjae!!” Hahn Jimin looked like he was about to faint. “D-do you realize who is in front of you right now!”

“The Gemini Saint. What about it?” the young man replied.

“What...!”

Heiji was so shocked that she couldn't formulate words. However, she soon came around due to the words Chun Sungjae spoke to his roommate in rebuke. "What? Do you really think I can attack my uncle?"

"Uh! That's true, but..!"

Heiji realized her mistake. 'That's right! Sungjae's father is Hugo.' She could see it now. Hugo was probably a Lee Gun fanboy and had probably bragged about his friend when he was drunk. So, of course, Sungjae had probably heard about Lee Gun's skill too.

Therefore, the Gemini Saint said, "Yes, Sungjae. I did teach you not to attack a foe clearly stronger than you."

"!"

Heiji coolly accepted that. Sungjae had probably grown up listening to Hugo's drunken stories and became afraid of Lee Gun. If she had to be honest, in that case, Lee Gun might be a god in Chun Sungjae's eyes.

She continued, "Don't worry! It's fine. Lee Gun won't be able to win if I use my ninth skill! Hurry up and help me out of here...."

Chun Sungjae furrowed his brows as if he couldn't understand what the Gemini Saint wanted from him. "That has nothing to do with it. Why would I attack him?"

Heiji was further at a loss for words. "You're a disciple of the Gemini temple! Lee Gun is our enemy..."

"No, I mean..." Chun Sungjae looked at the sculpture with a sour expression. "If he's the Gemini temple's enemy, you're saying Uncle is my enemy."

"What?"

"In that case, I'd rather have the Gemini temple as my enemy." Chun Sungjae finished his sentence.

Heiji was completely frozen. She finally realized the meaning behind his words.

At that moment, someone burst out laughing. "Ha ha ha ha."

Lee Gun laughed as if he had heard the funniest thing ever. "You've never entered Sungjae's room, right?"

"...!"

“Idiot! Sungjae is a superfan of mine.”

“...!?”

“He doesn’t even listen to his father regarding me, so why would he listen to you?”

At this point, there was no way her god would take this slight. Heiji felt humiliated at Lee Gun’s laughter. She was hearing the meanest and nastiest laughter in the world, and of all the people, the one laughing at her was Lee Gun.

“Whatever! It’s time for me to take the other soul of the Fairy King,” Lee Gun suddenly said.

“!”

“I have use for it right now.” He immediately swung his fist at the sculpture.

Crash!

“!”

[The Goat Saint’s rental skill has been destroyed.]

[The special attribute of ‘The Man Who Pounds on All Creations’ has been activated.]

Lee Gun immediately picked up the two souls.

As soon as she was picked up by Lee Gun’s hand, Heiji felt something. ‘Yang Wei!’ Through her outstanding senses, she could feel Yang Wei’s presence in Lee Gun’s hand. Lee Gun had used this method to extract and make use of Yang Wei’s soul. This made her desperate

“Sungjae!” Heiji decided to change her plan. “Sungjae! Look! Lee Gun is more of a bully than you think. It was revealed to the world, but the innumerable things he did—”

“What are you talking about?” Chun Sungjae cut her off.

[He is no longer listening to your appeasement.]

[The faith of the high-rank Gemini disciple has descended into negative territory.]

Boom!

[A crack has appeared in the power of the Two-faced god]

[The owner of the Two-faces is taken aback.]

[All its faith is headed toward the Serpent Bearer.]

As expected, the Gemini god raved with anger.

Boom!

An incredible power circulated within the house.

[Warning! The Two-faced god's magical energy is trying to cease your bodily functions.]

[The Two-faced god's punishment is headed toward its human disciple.]

[Target: Chun Sungjae]

Lee Gun laughed at the foolishness. Well, he had been prepared to fight the god from the start. It had just happened sooner than he had expected. However...

“Wait a moment!” Heiji stopped her god from doing anything. She looked desperate. “He didn't do enough to deserve a punishment!”

In truth, her action was a bit unexpected. With her personality, it wouldn't have been strange to see her abandon Chun Sungjae. This meant she had a reason she wanted her god to leave Chun Sungjae alone. Moreover, Lee Gun had a guess as to why.

Heiji

- Gemini(Two-faced) Saint
- Awakened Name (Baptized Name): (One Who Punishes)
- Punishes evil that escapes justice.

Effect: Deals critical blow or gives paralysis status to anyone with evil tendencies.

It was a description Lee Gun was already familiar with. The problem was that he had seen the same description on someone else.

Chun Sungjae

- Gemini(Two-faced) Saint
- Awakened Name (Baptized Name): [One Who Punishes]

– Punishes evil that escapes justice.

Effect: Deals critical blow or gives paralysis status to anyone with evil tendencies.

That was right! The awakened names and their abilities were the same, not even a single difference. The concerning part was the extra line in Heji's info.

[Former Name]

It was as if he were looking at an inheritance system. Of course, Lee Gun couldn't read further into that.

[The level of Piercing Eye is too low to read it.]

However, he had enough information. 'This is why she's making such a fuss.'

Heji yelled out loud. She had just one card left to use. "Sungjae, I'll have to expel you from the Gemini temple if you keep this up!"

Chun Sungjae's eyes turned round. "Ah! Yes, you can do that. It'll be great if Uncle takes me in. If not, I can join up with the Leo Saint."

"...?!" Heji was lost at this unexpected development.

[The owner of the Two-faces has grabbed the back of its neck]

[It is about to unleash its blade of anger.]

The god hadn't intervened even when the holy ground of the Gemini Saint was being razed to the ground. After all, there were enormous constraints when a god took direct action. Above all else, the move consumed a massive amount of EXP.

Until now, the Gemini god had stood back because it didn't want to lose its precious EXP, which its disciples had gathered. However, this situation was different.

Koo-goo-goo-goohng!

[The betrayal from a high-rank disciple has caused a crack in the Two-faced god's power.]

[The betrayal of a disciple is a blacklisted event.]

[Warning! Faced with the betrayal of a disciple, the Two-faced god is revealing its fierce power.]

Accompanying the god's anger, an incredible amount of magical energy descended on the house.

“Huh-uhk...!”

Hahn Jimin started to have trouble breathing and fainted soon. Cold sweat appeared all over Chun Yoocha, and she felt like she was about to lose consciousness. Chun Sungjae vomited blood; since he was contracted to the god, carrying out revenge was easy for the god.

“Kuhk...!”

“Sungjae!” Chun Yoocha wanted to look after her dongsaeng, but the power of the god was too strong. Even she fell to her knees.

“Koo-oohk...!”

She felt as if something was pressing down on her head! ‘As expected, it's impossible to fight a god...’

The god triumphantly laughed.

[The Two-faced God is willing to give another chance.]

[It is willing to forgive if the disciple kills Lee Gun.]

As if she had heard the condition, Heiji yelled, “Sungjae! Kill Lee Gun! You'll be forgiven if you do!”

Chun Sungjae gritted his teeth as he spat out blood. “I'd rather die than attack my uncle!”

“?!” Heiji was taken aback. “Lee Gun isn't someone you should be that loyal to—”

“Shut up!” Veins popped out on Chun Sungjae's neck. The gods only cared about profit. They didn't care about their people even if they died. “Don't belittle my hero!”

This caused a big disturbance in the Gemini's power.

[The faith of the high-rank Gemini disciple is headed toward the Serpent Bearer.]

[This is a critical hit to the Gemini.]

[The power of the Two-faced god has weakened.]

[There is unrest amongst the Constructs under the Gemini.]

[You have acquired Reputation.]

[Reputation helps toward the achievement and power of a god.]

The god felt humiliated, and the ground shook.

[The Two-faced god is raging as it asks how you could do this to it.]

Lee laughed at the foolishness while pulling up his magical energy. ‘You are a god that imprisons souls to use them as slaves. You have no right to complain.’

Lee Gun hated all the gods, but he thought the Gemini was especially cruel. Why? ‘The Gemini put forth his Saint and gleefully created slaves.’

Of course, the Gemini god claimed it didn’t touch humans in such a way. But... ‘How could Korea turn out this way without the gods directly influencing humans?’

The greedy politicians were understandable.

Hugo would never do such a thing.

During Sophie’s press conference, before the explosion in Cheongwadae, the presidential aide had detonated a bomb as if he were being controlled.

‘Unless he was an idiot, there was no way he would blow himself up.’ That wasn’t all. ‘The man in charge of managing my assets...’ Even though that man served the Gemini, he was a government employee of Cheongwadae. There was no way that man could speak up about Lee Gun’s assets belonging to the Japanese government in front of the heads of state. Basically, there had to be someone behind him.

‘That means even the president is on the Gemini’s side.’ However, Lee Gun was very familiar with the current president. The president would never hand over Lee Gun’s assets to Japan. Of course, the man could have changed in the past 20 years. But...

‘There’s a high probability that the president’s soul is enslaved.’ This would make it easy for the Gemini temple to manage everything. How else would the Gemini Saint act that way in Korea without repercussions?

With all that in mind, Lee Gun let out a cold smile as he activated his skill. ‘I’ll break your hateful mind first.’

The other half of the Fairy King, which had been in the sculpture, screamed as Lee Gun’s hand moved toward it. Heiji also felt fear. The problem was Lee Gun’s hand. Contained within it was an entirely different power.

Suddenly, Heiji felt the god's power become distant from her body. "Wait a moment... Lee Gun!"

She had never felt this ominous feeling before. It was as if she had become a normal person again.

[Your connection to the Gemini god has been severed.]

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[Your connection to the Gemini god has been severed.]

Accompanying the voice, Heiji screamed. 'No!'

She was sure of it now. Her power was dissipating! 'My contract with the Gemini god was severed!' Something shocking had occurred.

Shweek!

[The Gemini Saint's power is fading away.]

The first ones to realize the change were the Gemini's disciples.

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Japan, The Gemini Saint's Holy Ground!

The Japanese Gemini General, who had been about to head toward the battlefield, came to a stop. The other generals followed suit.

"General Ken! General Ryu! What are you doing!"

"We have to hurry up and carry out the plan!"

After the destruction of the Gemini Saint's holy ground, all the generals of the Gemini Temple had gathered to restore the holy ground. To do so, they had even stopped their conquest against the monsters.

Moreover, the disciples of the Gemini Saint were gathered at the mainland. With their holy ground destroyed, the protection preventing the monsters from entering their territory had disappeared. Naturally, monsters were starting to crawl out of the Pacific Ocean.

"Koo-roo-roohk!"

The monsters had crawled out of the ocean and moved toward the disciples. However, the disciples of the Gemini temple weren't even thinking about fighting the monsters. Why?

'We're not crazy enough to fight all of these monsters.'

Yes, the monsters from oceans were troublesome to deal with. Only the Pisces Saint, who was the strongest in the waters, had an easier time against them. These monsters pulled humans into the ocean to drown them; they also ate humans by luring them into the waters.

Therefore, most disciples generally chose to push the responsibility of dealing with ocean monsters to others.

'They must be nuts if they think I'll take that risk.'

'I don't want to waste our potions fighting them.'

Due to this, the other Gemini generals were secretly funneling the monsters in front of them toward the Korean Gemini general. They were sending the monsters to Korea's shores.

Alongside Soul Invocation, the teleportation spell was the patent spell of the Gemini Saint. These generals used the teleportation spell to send the monsters away from them. It was a harmless act, one that would be beneficial for the Gemini.

'If Korea feels threatened, I'm sure they'll ask surrounding countries for help. They'll depend on the Pisces Saint.'

It was a great plan. Of course, the monsters were high in number, but Korea wasn't too far from Japan.

However, things didn't work out as planned.

"The Gemini Saint's magical energy is fading away!"

"What? What do you mean!"

"We can't use our magic!"

"We can't send them away using teleport!"

"What!"

Inevitably, the Gemini's disciples started to panic. They had no idea at all whether magic had stopped working altogether or it was just the teleportation spell.

“S**t! Get ready for battle!”

The disciples and generals yelled in desperation.

“Where is Choi Sunghyuk!”

“What are you talking about! We kept the Korean branch out of the loop with this plan!”

Veins popped out on the generals’ necks.

“What about Chun Sungjae!”

Normally, they would’ve ignored Chun Sungjae. Who cared if he was good at killing monsters? His faith was low, so he was inferior to them, who had received blessings from their god.

Chun Sungjae was young. He wouldn’t dare to leave the Gemini temple so easily. With those thoughts, they had ignored and bullied the young man with glee. However, that didn’t change the fact that Chun Sungjae was their ace. He was one of their c**e fighters when it came to killing monsters. In the most famous battle the Gemini temple had conducted, Chun Sungjae had killed forty percent of the monsters by himself.

“That kid can kill those monsters! Hurry up and call him!”

“I called him earlier... He said he’s going to leave the Gemini temple. He told us to not contact him...”

“What? What kind of nonsense is that!”

The monsters from the Pacific Ocean were close to reaching them.

“Can anyone use their spells yet!”

“No, we can’t! Our connection to our god has been severed!”

The generals’ faces turned pale. What the hell had happened?

“Let’s try to hold out using rental skills!”

“S**t! We can’t use rental skills either!”

In the end, screams rang out within the Yin & Yang palace.

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At that moment, having lost her connection to her god, Heiji felt like she was losing her mind. The reason for this was Chun Sungjae.

The young man had said, “Uncle. It’s the Gemini’s disciples. Looks like they got fucked while they were secretly sending monsters to Korea. I’m not sure why, but they suddenly can’t use their magic.”

Heiji was no longer able to speak. Was this really the Chun Sungjae that she had come to know? ‘That cute child is now!’

The kid had been diligent, and he got along with his comrades. He even took on tasks that nobody wanted to do. His worth ethic and professionalism were beyond approach, so why...! ‘Why is he acting this way?’

Of course, Chun Sungjae had to take on those tasks because his superiors bullied him. But there was no way Heiji would have known that. However, that wasn’t important right now.

‘The Gemini’s disciples are unable to use their magic.’

Heiji was sure of it now. She had expected this, but it seemed like her god was dealing with some unknown problem. ‘The source of the disciples’ power are the gods.’

If she had to make a comparison, the gods were a power plant. The Saints were substations and power transmission stations, the conduits that distributed the power to the disciples. This situation meant a power failure had occurred. The disciples’ access to their power was severed. This meant either there was a problem with the god or the Saint.

Since the problem wasn’t with her... ‘There is a problem on the side of the god.’

This had happened as soon as Lee Gun had placed his hand on her.

‘It was an odd energy.’ As the Gemini Saint, Heiji’s perception ability was excellent. This was why she knew. The skill that Lee Gun had used just before wasn’t a normal skill. It wasn’t a rental skill either.

Heiji had no choice but to glare at Lee Gun. “Answer me, Lee Gun! What the hell did you do!”

Lee Gun grinned. As for what did he do...

[Act Forbidden by the Gods (F)] He had used his newly learned skill as an experiment. In truth, he was going to deal with the Gemini Saint using the Crab Saint's data.

[Cut of the Abyss (SS)] (Royal Skill)

– (1/1)

– Can cut anything.

He had thought a Royal skill would work against a god. There was another reason he had picked that skill.

'Cancer is a god that specializes in cutting.' This was why the Crab Saint could divide himself. It was a specialized ability of the Cancer to be able to cut anything. This included living beings and souls. In theory, the Cancer Saint should be able to segment memories and loyalty.

At one time, the treacherous Crab Saint had attempted to sever the relationship between Hugo and Lee Gun. 'That was why I beat him to an inch of his life.'

Of course, the Crab Saint's plan had ultimately failed. Still, that had made Lee Gun pick up this skill. Why?

'If I'm lucky, wouldn't I be able to sever the connection between the Gemini god and the Gemini Saint?'

If that skill could cut anything, why wouldn't it be able to cut their connection? 'Basically, it should destroy the contract between the god and the Saint.'

A Saint couldn't properly use their power without their god. This meant, a Saint could be killed, but this wouldn't paralyze the god.

'That's what happened in reality. I killed that asshole Yang Wei, but it didn't paralyze his god.' There must be a special clause in the contract.

Of course, a god couldn't properly use their power without the Saint either. So, what would happen if the contract was severed? 'I would effectively bind the god's feet.'

No one had attempted to experiment on this theory. The Crab Saint certainly hadn't. It was beyond the realm of humans. In the first place, the Crab Saint had failed to sever the connection between Hugo and Lee Gun. However...

'I could probably do it.' It was possible in theory. And thus, Lee Gun had decided to be bold. He had attempted to sever the connection between a god and the Saint.

However, at that moment...

[<Abyss Cut>! The repercussion from severing the connection between a god and its Saint is too severe.]

[Breaking the rule of the gods is dangerous.]

[Also, the quality of the skill is too degraded to carry out this task.]

[If you want to carry out this task, you need a more specialized skill]

Lee Gun hesitated. Those words meant accomplishing this task was possible, but the skill was too inferior for that. Lee Gun had been left with no choice. He had been about to give up on that, but something surprising had happened.

“Why would I?”

The change had occurred as soon as Chun Sungjae rejected the Gemini Saint.

[You have satisfied the condition.]

[You can now use ‘Act Forbidden by the Gods (F)’]

This was the last skill Lee Gun had learned, and it was finally released. As of now, he had acquired five new Divine skills.

[Serpent Bearer’s Divine skill]

- Super Regeneration (E)
- Hundred Poison Resistance (F)
- Get hit instead of me (F)
- Holy Ground Management (F)
- Act Forbidden by the Gods (F)

Lee Gun had never been able to use <Act Forbidden by the Gods> as it had never been released. The conditions required to release it were quite troublesome.

[Caution! <Act Forbidden by the Gods> is a dangerous skill that goes against the rules.]

[Conditions needed: Anger a god!]

Due to that condition, Lee Gun had gleefully experimented on Hugo. He had been trying to anger the Sagittarius. However, the condition was never satisfied no matter how he had tormented the Archer Saint. Lee Gun only accumulated provocation and attack stats. That had made him wonder what kind of anger was needed.

However, when Chun Sungjae betrayed his temple, the condition had been instantly satisfied.

[You stole a high-ranking disciple treasured by a god.]

[You have succeeded in angering a god]

[You can now use ‘Act Forbidden by the Gods(F)’ since the condition has been fulfilled.]

<Act Forbidden by the Gods (F)>

- Ability: Carry out forbidden acts as a god.
- You will develop a new ability after every rank upgrade.
- Cooldown time: 720 hours

After fulfilling the condition, Lee Gun immediately used the pertinent skill.

[You have activated ‘Act Forbidden by the Gods (F)’]

[Cut Connection]

- It is indiscriminate. This includes memories, connections, loyalty, etc. It severs all worldly connections.

When Lee Gun extended his hand toward Heiji, the result came out.

[You have severed the current connection between the Gemini god and the Gemini Saint.]

This had precipitated the current situation.

Back to the present!

After cutting the connection between the Gemini god and the Gemini Saint, Lee Gun let out a wicked laugh.

[All the masters are shocked, and they are starting to focus on you.]

[All the familiars are cheering.]

[The masters are starting to put on their guards against you.]

Heiji's first reaction was fear. It was to be expected. 'There is no way this ends like this.'

Lee Gun had provoked a god. Moreover, the Gemini was more violent than the other gods. And as she expected...

Boom!

A deafening roar rang out, and something hit the ground. The Chun siblings looked at their surroundings in surprise. A suffocating killing intent had started to encircle the heavens.

[The Two-faced god has lost its precious Saint.]

[The Two-faced God has lost control of itself. It is very angry.]

[The god is about to cross over to this world right now.]

Kwahng!

Another earthquake erupted at that moment.

[The Two-faced God is revealing its power.]

[It is aiming for the Serpent Bearer.]

In a flash, the sky darkened and the ground shook. It seemed as if the sky was about to fall.

“What the hell!”

Birds screamed as they flew into the sky; dogs barked.

Lee Gun was also on edge. When he had started to gun for the Zodiac Saints, he knew facing the gods was part of the package. The gods and the Saints were tied at the hips. Of course, it wasn't as if he planned on taking on a god without any preparation.

'It's an opportunity for me to test this.' Lee Gun took something out from his pocket.

[The Two-faced God has located your coordinates.]

[It has found a temporary body it could descend into.]

An incredible killing intent fell from the sky. It seemed as if lightning was descending from the ceiling. The Gemini god had chosen a temporary body to descend into. And this body was none other than Lee Gun's!

[Caution! The Two-faced God is trying to descend into your body!]

[It is trying to destroy your body!]

As if he had expected this, Lee Gun smiled.

Finally, lightning descended from the heavens, heading straight toward Lee Gun. When Chun Sungjae and Chun Yooha realized this, they screamed.

“Uncle! Look out”

Only a Saint could accept a god into themselves. If the god tried to borrow the body of an unbeliever, that person would immediately die!

“Uncle!”

Amidst all this, Lee Gun activated the item in his pocket.

Flash!

Something surprising happened.

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It seemed as if he could hear a scream. The god was in pain, the reason being the item Lee Gun had activated.

[The Two-faced god has received damage from the dreadful dark energy.]

Heiji, the Fairy Monarch, and the Chun siblings were all surprised. The Fairy Monarch was especially taken aback as it looked at Lee Gun.

“That item...”

Heiji's gaze headed toward the item in Lee Gun's hand.

Lee Gun laughed. In his hands was the c**e holding the soul of a god!

[Crab's C**e (Saint's Soul level 33%, God's Soul level 20%)]

Yes, this was the loot he had acquired during the press conference after taking care of the Crab Saint. 'It also contains the soul of a god.'

The energy of the two gods clashed. In the end, the Gemini god tried to leave the unexpected situation. This was to be expected. The Gemini hated sharing a space with another god. All the gods participated in fierce territorial disputes. Moreover, Cancer was the Dark Star, and every god avoided the Dark Star.

The Crab's c**e made a loud noise as if it was going into overdrive.

[The Two-faced god is surprised. It is momentarily trying to leave this place.]

However, Lee Gun wasn't someone who would let a god leave so easily.

[Death Instinct]

Light erupted from him. Then, he punched the lightning, which was trying to bounce.

Boom!

[You have directly damaged the Two-faced god.]

[You have acquired EXP]

The clash led to an incredible backlash that sent all the items within the house flying. All the glasses were broken.

Crash! Crash!

It suffered only a scratch, yet the god felt humiliated for being injured by a mere human.

Boom!!

[The Two-faced god is trying to descend with its army]

This power was on a different level compared to before. It pressed down on the house.

Pah-jee-jeek! Pah-jee-jeek!

Cracks appeared on the ceiling and walls. The enraged Gemini tried to send its familiars down on Lee Gun. However...

Boom!

The Gemini God's power greatly faltered. This was not unexpected.

[The other gods are on guard. They have blocked the Gemini's move.]

[They object to the rule being broken.]

[To protect their holy grounds, they are driving out the Two-faced god's power.]

[The Two-faced god cannot cross over.]

The energy of the Gemini god twitched. It jiggled as if it was glaring at Lee Gun. Then it went away as though it had no choice.

The sky cleared, looking like it had never been dark.

[The Two-faced god's power is gone.]

[Your Saint EXP has increased by a massive amount.]

This had all happened in an instant. Everyone, who had felt fear at that moment, sank to the ground.

'Crazy b*****d.' Heiji also trembled. She could surmise what Lee Gun had planned to do. 'I'm sure of it. He was trying to kill a god!'

That was right. The severing of the connection between the Gemini god and the Gemini Saint was collateral damage. Lee Gun had done all of this to test something else. He had wanted to check how well his power worked against a god, whether killing a god was possible or not!

This was the reason Heiji shook. 'He's crazy.'

Lee Gun hadn't returned just because he wanted his revenge on only the Zodiac Saints. This made him scarier. Although it was unbelievable, Heiji could feel his intention. 'Maybe, it's possible for him to kill a god.'

Lee Gun was weak, yet he was able to hurt her god. This made her realize something. 'Is this why the Sheep god was the first one to run away....'

The Sheep god had run away after Lee Gun's appearance. Everyone thought the Sheep god was a coward and whimsical. There was a lot of chatter about why the god had run away, but this confirmed it for her.

'It was because of Lee Gun.' Heiji fell into turmoil. 'What did he do inside the tower for the past twenty years? That is not the power of a human.'

Lee Gun didn't care what she thought. He just grinned while looking at the sky.

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[The Two-Faced god's self-esteem has been completely crushed.]

[Until now existed no being that could steal a contractor who had made a direct deal with a god.]

[Several beings are afraid of losing their Saints. They have run away.]

[Your EXP has risen by a lot.]

[The familiars of the other gods are cheering.]

[You have earned fame from those familiars.]

[Your Divine Influence has increased.]

[You have acquired Saint EXP]

[You have acquired Saint EXP]

[You have acquired a massive amount of EXP]

[Your level has increased by two.]

[Rookie God (Lv. 9)]

[All the EXP will be automatically converted into points]

[Total Points: 12]

Lee Gun was satisfied that he was able to injure the Gemini god. 'I've gained more than I expected.'

First, he was able to test his power against a god. That was huge. He didn't know about the other Divine skills, but at the very least, <Death Instinct> would allow him to exchange blows with a god. This exchange had provided proof for what he had thought.

'I can fight the gods.' This was something impossible twenty years ago. Of course, Lee Gun was still weak, but he was strong enough to get confirmation that his power worked. 'I just have to raise my level.'

If he could equip himself with a weapon, everything would be more perfect. In any case, this experience had allowed him to smoothly raise his level. ‘I was able to raise two levels by scratching a god.’

This was the benefit of hitting a god. When Lee Gun had bashed the Leo Saint at Drachma, he had only been at level five. The most interesting part of all this, however, was the next notification.

[When you reach level 10, you will go through a special trial.]

[According to the disposition you have established up to this point, the trial will be used as a base to activate a special quest.]

[Serpent Bearer’s Awakening (SSS rank)]

Special trial: it was called a trial but was similar to a job quest. Lee Gun found this development interesting.

‘Also, my penalty will end in a fortnight.’ Everything was turning out according to his plan. Lee Gun laughed.

“Lee Gun!”

Lee Gun turned his head when he heard Heiji’s voice. However, he wasn’t looking at the sculpture.

“Lee Gun! Take me out of here right now!”

Yes, Heiji was screaming from one of Sungjae’s figurines. Lee Gun had directly put her soul into the figurine. It was the figurine of his idol. The problem was the figurine’s stance. The figurine’s head was being squeezed by a Lee Gun figurine.

Even if that was just a figurine, being placed in a headlock by a figurine made in the image of Lee Gun was humiliating for Heiji.

“Hurry up and change my position!”

Lee Gun sneered as if he found her request to be foolish. “What about it? You must be loving it because you look younger now.”

‘This b*****d!’

“Anyway, be thankful that Sungjae doesn’t own one of your figurines.”

“...!” Heiji felt humiliated, but she could only ground her teeth. She knew better than anyone that she was in a very bad spot. Why?

‘S**t! He left me in here and just took Raeriqueen’s soul.’ Heiji was sure of it. Lee Gun was probably going to dispose of her soul and use the Fairy Monarch’s soul.

‘Of course, Raeriqueen will submit to that b*****d.’ Just the sight of Lee Gun had the Fairy Monarch clutching at its head in fear.

In the end, the scenario that Heiji was most worried about unfolded in front of her.

“I will make the Souls swear loyalty to you!

“Oh, great Lee Gun-nim! Please show me mercy!”

The Fairy Monarch trembled as it gave its loyalty to Lee Gun.

Heiji despaired, while someone else was laughing like a madman.

“Hahaha! You deserve it!” The ghost of Yang Wei didn’t hold back. “I knew you would get captured! Hahaha!”

Hugo, who had brought Yang Wei with him, looked at this scene with his mouth open. “Oh my god! Oh lord!”

The Archer Saint had come running here when Lee Gun had called for him. However, the sight baffled him. He had known it would be a possibility, but he never expected to see the Gemini Saint in such a state.

‘She’s the woman who went toe-to-toe with Gun.’ She was a woman who had sent a meteor toward the heart of a city just because Lee Gun was there. Heiji wasn’t a Saint to be trifled with.

‘What? He severed the contract between a god and a Saint?’ Hugo was so baffled that he couldn’t speak. His heart had already been in his mouth before he arrived at the house when he had seen the sky suddenly darken.

‘It’s the descent of a god.’ He had been basically watching the gods fight an all-out war. What had alarmed Hugo the most was that his lazy god had his hackles up too. This drove home the fact that the situation was very dangerous.

Therefore, Hugo had rushed toward his son’s house, but what actually happened?

‘He punched a god?’ Hugo had never even thought that was possible. This made him scared for a moment.

However, Yang Wei had already guessed what had happened. 'I would have never put it past him.' He had also suffered under Lee Gun's hands because his god had run away, and he remembered the words his god had left behind before that.

[He's capable of feeding on a god.]

'Of course, I had no duty to tell the others about it.' The other Zodiac Saints considered Yang Wei's disappearance a boon. They only cared about the advantages it created.

On the other hand, Heiji was in the dark about all of this, so she felt cheated. However, she quickly got over such emotions. 'Alright. Do what you want.'

It seemed like Lee Gun wanted to put Raeriqueen to use by putting the Fairy Monarch in her body.

'It's useless. You'll never be able to find my body.' Heiji let out a contented smile. Her confidence wasn't unfounded.

Just a while ago, Sungjae had received a call/

The elders of the Gemini temple, one of the two large factions propping up the temple, had contacted him. They were a group that moved separately to the generals; they were the watchers who monitored the disciples. So, of course, they would step forward at the news that Chun Sungjae wanted to leave the temple.

Chun Sungjae received a notice from them.

– Chun Sungjae. As a high-rank disciple, your act of betraying a god is heavy.

– You will receive judgment from God.

The young man's face had frozen for a brief moment.

This had made Lee Gun take up the phone. He then said, 'Shut up! If you want your Saint back, bring your Saint's body to me. I'll give you one day to accomplish this.'

The elders might be put in danger, but it didn't matter.

'The elders can transfer my soul.' This was a special skill of the Gemini Saint. 'I'm sure I'll be able to find a way to return to my body with their help.'

The Gemini temple's disciples could use magic even with the absence of the Gemini god. It wasn't a fluke that Chun Sungjae was able to use magic with zero percent faith.

‘If one understands the theory of magic itself, one can use several spells without the power of the gods.’

Of course, not everyone could do it. The [Genius Attribute] was needed. Moreover, Heiji had placed numerous spells on her body as a contingency. If the elders could bring her body here...

At that moment, Lee Gun suddenly started laughing. “Do you really think I’ll let your peons bring your body here?”

“!” Heiji was surprised.

Lee Gun let out a wicked laugh. “I’m sorry, but the earlier conversation was a feint!”

“What?”

Lee Gun snorted as he pointed at Hugo. “Do you think I called him here to eat lunch?”

Heiji felt her heart sink.

“Hey, take it out.”

At Lee Gun’s words, Hugo sighed and took out a piece of paper.

[Book Containing Anything – Copy] S rank

Lee Gun had ripped out a page from the holy item he used as an inventory. When he let his magical energy flow into the paper, Heiji was finally alarmed.

[The Saint’s body has been summoned.]

A statuesque body of a beautiful woman had appeared.

It was her body. Heiji was baffled. Her body was supposed to be in her holy ground, so why was it here? She asked, “How did you...”

Lee Gun let out an evil laugh. “What do you mean how? I told Taeksoo to rob your house. I called your peons to bring your body here because I wanted to see if Taeksoo had brought the real one or not.”

“...?!”

This was what Lee Gun had told Hugo to do in the earlier call.

– Hey! Go to the crazy b***h’s house and find her body for me.

– Crazy b***h’s house? Japan?

– Yes. If I’m correct, she should be holding the Soul Register.

As instructed by Lee Gun, Hugo had gone to the Gemini Saint’s holy ground. Of course, the holy ground had spells that prevented intruders from entering it. However, they didn’t matter.

‘I have the badge of a Gemini general. I can use this to enter this place.’ This was how Hugo had stolen all the goods from the Gemini Saint’s holy ground

“Take this! You were looking for this alongside her body, right?” Hugo tossed an old notebook.

[Soul Register], Heiji was shocked when she confirmed it was her item. “That makes no sense! My body is protected by dozens of Constructs. You don’t even have a bow, so how...!”

Suddenly, Heiji had an epiphany. ‘Lee Gun made him a weapon.’

This was to be expected. As a Maker, there was no way Lee Gun would allow his friend to run around without any weapon. Lee Gun had indeed made a weapon for Hugo. Of course, it wasn’t a Royal holy item(SS rank). It was a temporary weapon Hugo would use until Lee Gun made him a better weapon. However, that temporary weapon was powerful enough for Hugo to rob an empty house.

Heiji became desperate as she realized everything was turning against her. She could already see what would happen soon. “Please! Please don’t put Raeriqueen in my body! I’ll follow all your demands! Please!”

Lee Gun didn’t pay attention to her as he laughed. “Well, I don’t have to do that. I can kill you both”

“What?”

Lee Gun instantly pressed his foot down on Heiji’s head.

Kwah-jeek!

It was as if he wanted to make her head explode with his foot. Since Heiji body no longer had a contract with a god, it was very weak. Lee Gun had only applied slight pressure, yet her body was showing a reaction.

Heiji was shaking. ‘He’s really planning on killing me.’

As if to prove that point, Lee Gun took out a short sword. It was the one that had pierced his back twenty years ago. Then, he asked, “From what I heard, a weapon with a similar symbol made an appearance at Cheongwade.”

“!”

The corners of Lee Gun’s mouth lifted. “Did you stab me?”

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“Did you stab me?” The deep, lingering voice sounded torn up. It was to be expected.

Lee Gun understood the others didn’t like him for hunting alone. So, he was satisfied with cutting off their arms and legs. However, it was a completely different story for the b*****d who had stabbed him in the back.

As if to prove this sentiment, the light in Lee Gun’s eyes changed. The tone of his voice became completely different, filled with murderous intent, rage, and coldness. Moreover, he became terrifying.

The Chun siblings and Hahn Jimin froze when they heard the voice. There was a hint of a smile in Lee Gun’s voice; it couldn’t be mistaken. Yet, they felt as if a knife was cutting through their ears, and chills ran up their spines. Lee Gun still sounded familiar to them, yet he was also like a stranger.

However, the Saints were different. Yang Wei’s soul hid within the bag. Hugo stiffened with his arms crossed. All the Zodiac Saints were familiar with this version of Lee Gun.

Hugo was Lee Gun’s best friend, but even he became antsy as he looked at the front door. In truth, he just wanted to run away. When Lee Gun’s voice changed like that, even he had a hard time handling his friend. He would be lucky not to get stabbed from standing too close to Lee Gun. And that wasn’t all.

‘Somehow, his temper has gotten much much worse than before.’

No, it would have been weirder if Lee Gun remained unchanged after being trapped within the tower. Lee Gun was hiding a world of pain in his heart.

Heiji was especially uncomfortable. She bit her lips. As his nemesis, she knew this version of Lee Gun better than anyone else. She knew he was tough to handle when he got like this. “Stab you? What nonsense— Kuh-huhk!”

Heiji's mind turned faint. She could see blood from a short distance away. Lee Gun was stabbing her body with the blade. With the severing of her connection to her god, her defense blessing had disappeared.

Lee Gun extracted the blade and flicked the blood.

“Kuhk!”

The empty body convulsed. It was still alive, still taking damage. Heiji's soul felt the impact of this.

“Hoo-oohk...!”

What she experienced wasn't physical pain, but more like a nauseous feeling. She was about to tell him to stop, but Lee Gun had already swung his arm.

Poohk!

“Kuh-huhk!”

Lee Gun let out a savage laugh toward Heiji. “I'm not a patient man. If I drag this blade across the throat, it's game over.”

Lee Gun was about to extract the blade once again when Heiji screamed. “W-Wait a moment!”

At this rate, her body would really die from blood loss. It was already close to a state of no return. She asked again, “Stab you? What do you mean— Kuhk!”

Lee Gun laughed. “Don't act ignorant. After I killed Red Eye, I had to take this out of my back. Why do you think I fell into the trap?”

“...!”

The memory of that moment made Lee Gun grind his teeth. Of course, the pain didn't come from betrayal. He didn't have a close relationship with the others in the first place, so he didn't feel such emotions. Lee Gun was just pissed off that he had been trapped within an infinite-reset tower as a test subject. It made him feel violated.

Of course, he had also gained a massive amount of EXP for clearing the tower. He had acquired the abilities of the Serpent Bearer.

He said, “Once you put someone in such a trap, you should be ready to pay the piper. Right?”

“...!” Heiji felt as if her heart was shriveling. Her reaction was understandable. The item that had appeared at Cheongwadae was the Gemini Saint’s item. Heiji immediately picked up on what Lee Gun was referring to. “It wasn’t me! I had no idea a blade was the reason you fell into the trap in the first place— Kuh-huhk!”

Lee Gun laughed as if to say she should keep talking.

Heiji felt aggrieved. “Yes! Kuhk... I... I gave the order to the chief presidential secretary. I’m the one who caused the explosion in Cheongwadae! I placed the explosion spell on the blade! However, I really didn’t stab you!”

“What about the symbol on the blade held by the chief presidential secretary? Why did it have the same symbol as the blade that stabbed me?”

Even Hugo’s god didn’t recognize the symbol. Moreover, the Saggitarius had reared back in disgust as soon as Hugo had shown it the symbol.

[Put that dirty thing away.]

Basically, this was a symbol that put a god on its guard.

“Your puppet possessed that symbol. There is no way you’ll say you know nothing about it, right?” Lee Gun asked.

“I swear! I don’t know about that symbol. In fact, the explosion at Cheongwadae occurred way too early. I think someone else interfered.”

Lee Gun laughed in derision. “In the end, you’re admitting to your incompetence? Aren’t you embarrassed?”

Lee Gun kept provoking her, but Heiji couldn’t raise her head from the humiliation she felt. However, she had to be patient. She had to endure any humiliation he could dish out. She had to negotiate well so that she could return to her body.

Suddenly, she said, “I have a hunch regarding that symbol.”

“Oh.”

When Lee Gun looked interested, Heiji knew she had him. ‘Lee Gun wants information.’ If she leveraged this well she could get out of this situation.

She continued, “Yes. I have a lot of information you’re unaware of. That is why— Kuh-huhk!” Heiji felt her mind shake once again. Lee Gun had stabbed her leg.

Hugo flinched as he tried to move his kids away from the scene. However, his two children didn't listen to him.

Heiji heard Lee Gun's laughter as she felt her mind get close to breaking. The man said, "It seems you're under a great misunderstanding."

"...!"

Lee Gun's eyes flashed as he pushed the blade further into the leg. "You aren't in a position to barter with me."

"...!"

"Don't be mistaken. It isn't that I'm unable to kill you. I'm just choosing to spare your life for now."

Heiji's consciousness was starting to fade. Lee Gun extracted the blade again.

Poo-ahk!

With a twisted smile on his lips, he shook the blood off the blade. "Now that you know who is on the top, I'll ask you for the last time."

"...!"

"Did you stab me?"

She had no chance of winning. Heiji decided to be truthful. "I didn't—"

Poohk!

"Kuh-huhk!"

"Did you stab me?"

"Kuh-huhk— I didn't—."

Poohk!

"Huh-uhk!"

"It really wasn't you?" Lee Gun asked again.

"I really didn't—"

Poohk!

“That’s odd! I’m pretty sure you were the one who stabbed me.”

“Kyahkkk!”

At this point, Hugo was sweating. He had forgotten about it. This was normal for the two of them.

After being stabbed all over her body, Heiji couldn’t stand it anymore. She yelled, “You just want it to be me!”

“Of course!”

‘This b*****d!’

In the end, Hugo couldn’t stand it anymore. He spoke up. “Gun! What if it wasn’t just one person who stabbed you? Everyone could have been accomplices.”

“!”

Hugo looked at Heiji in disapproval. Of course, his suspicion was logical.

Hugo had been aggrieved by the fact that he had been unable to witness his friend’s death. Moreover, for the past twenty years, he had been treated as an outsider because he hadn’t been inside the tower.

The Archer Saint had also tried to correct factual errors, but everyone said he was siding with his friend. Everyone buried him by saying he was trying to take his friend’s assets for himself.

“How could they not be all accomplices? How could they all steal your achievements without being in on it?”

These words only made Lee Gun laugh. “There’s only one person that stabbed me.” Yes, there was a chance that all of them had dropped him into the trap, but that probability was low.

Moreover, Lee Gun knew he was correct. He remembered the reactions of the Zodiac Saints when he had fallen into the trap. Everyone had looked truly shocked. Even his nemesis Heiji was shocked to the c**e at the unexpected development. It was to be expected.

They hated Lee Gun, but they treasured their lives more. Although they hated to admit it, even escaping the tower would be difficult without Lee Gun. So why would they kill Lee Gun in such a situation?

‘It makes no sense.’

In reality, the Zodiac Saints had almost died escaping the tower. They hadn’t even thought about saving Lee Gun. In fact, they had also bickered with each other, blaming them for not being able to grab the falling Lee Gun.

Of course, they only found stability when they exited the tower.

‘Hurray! The twelve Zodiacs killed Red Eye!’

It was also true that they had been giddy when the reporters had shouted those words.

Lee Gun laughed. “Even if only one person stabbed me, they are all the same.”

So, he planned on putting the screws on all the Saints. He just had a special service for the one who had trapped him.

‘I think the culprit has a connection to the unknown civilization.’

How could that person know about the trap in the tower? How did this person know how to trigger the trap? Moreover, the tower was home to one of the leaders of the unknown civilization; it was the den of Red Eye. There was no way a human could have such intimate knowledge about the tower.

‘Then there was the last guard I killed in the tower.’ That monster had kept resetting the tower, treating Lee Gun like a lab rat.

It had been an officer of a high rank in the unknown civilization, yet it had spoken these words in the trap, “You are amazing. I was told someone useful will be sent here. Your colleague sent a human that’s beyond imagination.”

At the time, Lee Gun had been in too much pain to pay attention to those words, but when he looked back on it, the choice of words was odd. It was as if someone amongst the Zodiac Saints had a secret meeting with the unknown civilization.

‘The one who pushed me into the trap might have betrayed humanity.’ This was why Lee Gun couldn’t simply kill everyone. It wasn’t enough. He had to find the culprit and confirm his conjecture.

Therefore, Lee Gun raised his blade once again in front of Heiji.

“The symbol...!”

He heard a desperate shout. Lee Gun turned. ‘It seems she has finally learned her lesson.’

Heiji trembled. "I'll tell you everything I know. Please stop stabbing me!" Unlike her usual calculating self, she admitted her defeat.

Lee Gun laughed in a domineering fashion. "You said it wrong."

"What?"

"Respected Lee Gun-nim. I beg this of you! I'll even lick your shoes!"

Heiji's insides were boiling. She really wished he hadn't come back out from the tower. Suppressing her emotions, she said, "If the symbol has an owner, the most likely suspects are the Saints in the west."

"West?" Lee Gun asked.

"I'm talking about the Zodiac Saints who set up bases to the west."

To make everything simple, the Saints had divided the world into the four cardinal directions. Heiji was talking about the Zodiac Saints who were in full control of the West.

The Zodiac Saints of the East had been crushed by Lee Gun. Lee Gun had defeated the Sheep Saint, the Archer Saint, and the Gemini Saint.

"The West is occupied by the Aquarius Saint and the Virgo Saint. However, the Virgo Saint is the dominant force. In recent days, the Pisces Saint and the Cancer Saint have moved into the west too."

Hugo's face slightly stiffened when a particular name was mentioned. His gaze headed toward his daughter's arms.

Heiji continued, "It has to be either the Pisces Saint or the Virgo Saint. They are fighting a really brutal battle to determine who is number one or two amongst us."

Lee Gun asked, "Why would you think they are related to the symbol?"

"I saw the battle between the Western Saints," she answered.

"Oh."

"I personally believe that the culprit is the Virgo Saint. The probability is high."

"Why?"

"The Virgo Saint possesses <Heaven's Punishment>!"

Heiji's words left everyone surprised.

“Are you sure?!”

“Heaven's Punishment?”

It was Lee Gun's weapon, his constant companion and the weapon that had killed Red Eye.

‘I was wondering why I couldn't find it no matter how much I searched.’ Lee Gun's weapon had disappeared at the time of his death, and as per those words, the Virgo Saint had it.

‘It really is suspicious.’ This was a good development for Lee Gun. The SS rank Appraiser who was a huge fan of his was affiliated with the Virgo temple. ‘I left that sword with him so that he can appraise it. I wonder what he'll say.’

Of course, the Appraiser's words wouldn't matter since Lee Gun was going to beat up all the Zodiac Saints.

When Heiji saw Lee Gun's satisfied expression, she desperately yelled, “I told you all the information I know, so get me out of here! No, please stop the bleeding first!”

Lee Gun let out a bright smile. “Why would I?”

“Lee Gun!”

“You're the perpetrator, so don't act as if you're the victim. Information is information. My desire to kill you is an entirely different topic.”

“...!”

Suddenly, Lee Gun's laughing face changed. It was a rare expression, an expression of vigilance. That wasn't all.

“!”

Hugo was also on guard. Only one person was laughing.

‘They are here!’ It was Heiji.

[A brutal energy is coming toward you.]

[The Constructs of the Two-faced god are approaching with stupendous force.]

Lee Gun straightened. ‘Familiars of the Gemini god.’ They were on a different rank than his Piggy Bank. ‘Attack type.’

It was unclear whether the Gemini god had sent them or Heiji had called for them. The only certainty was that they were enemies.

‘They are coming from the Gemini Saint’s holy ground’

The Constructs were familiars loyal to the Gemini. They wouldn’t forgive their god being hurt. Neither would they forgive their Saint being treated so poorly.

Heiji sounded happy as she yelled toward her unexpected rescuers, “The eighty-eight transcendent beings that protect the Gemini and the Yin & Yang palace! Please help me!”

Along with the voice, a light descended in front of Heiji.

Paht!

Yang Wei’s soul screamed as he hid when he felt the energy of the powerful Constructs. He was a Saint of a different god, but he could recognize their energy.

“Crazy! They are high-rank battle gods! This is nuts!”

The tense Chun Yooha called forth her weapon. Chun Sungjae turned pale when he realized their identity. The young man shouted, “Uncle! Hurry up and run away! Those gods are—”

Light exploded.

Three Constructs appeared and approached Lee Gun. This sight left Heiji ecstatic.

Lee Gun immediately held up his blade.

Boom!

The Constructs that looked like they were heading toward Lee Gun suddenly hid behind Hugo. It was as if they had followed after Hugo. They knelt behind the Archer Saint, clutching their heads.

Everyone’s eyes turned round. The Constructs’ next words were a spectacle to behold.

[Ah ah! We do not dare look at him!]

[Servant of the Archer! What are you doing! Hurry up and ask for Lee Gun-nim's audience!]

‘What?’

