

Stay At home 2301

Chapter 2301: Maiden, Why Don't You Just Come With Me?

Mag suddenly thought of one very important thing before he slept; he had promised Gina to go to Lantisde and check out the traces of the God of the Sea.

"What's wrong with my memory nowadays?" Mag slapped his forehead. The brain, which he was once very proud of, might have been eaten by the zombies that Irina had been rearing lately.

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Given the urgency of the situation, apart from taking part in Hope School's opening ceremony, he had to make a trip to Lantisde with Gina.

He was rather interested in the God of the Sea's traces.

Hope School.

The teachers' office was brightly lit now.

"Principal, the last student has completed her registration. The total number of students is 3216. They have all completed their registration today. It is exactly consistent with the previous statistics." Meli and Hera came into the office with a pile of documents, full of smiles.

Luna put the letter into the drawer before getting up and smilingly said to the two of them, "Thank you for your hard work."

"It's not hard work at all. It feels great to let so many children go to school. It didn't feel like hard work at all." Hera couldn't conceal the tiredness on her face, but her smile was still very infectious.

"Yes. We weren't very sure about their situation before, but after looking at the parents and children that came for registration today, we realized their situations were much worse than what we expected." Meli nodded too. She was very touched by today's experiences.

Luna looked at the two of them laughingly. They were both young ladies and their enthusiasm was exactly the same as hers when she first joined Chaos School. She nodded and said, "Leave the documents here. Go back and rest first. You still have to come back to prepare for the opening ceremony early tomorrow morning."

"Alright. Go back for an early rest too, Principal. You had a much tougher time than us." Hera put down the documents and left with Meli hand-in-hand. They were still discussing going to Mana Hot Pot Restaurant for supper as they left.

Luna put the documents into the cabinet. She sat down, pulled open the drawer and stared at the letter from Rodu quietly for a while, before tearing it into pieces and throwing it into the trash can.

Grandfather had taught her since she was young to put things back to where they belong. This was a good habit.

What did the betrothal made by others have to do with her?

Let the person who agreed be the one to marry. She had no time to care about the benefits from entanglements of those rich and influential families.

There were 3216 children here who chose Hope School because they trusted her. How could she let them down?

As for her family, as long as she didn't reply, she could pretend that she had never received the letter and had no idea about this matter.

Even though the Carrod Family was influential, their influence still couldn't reach Chaos City. She wasn't worried that they would come and catch her in Chaos City.

Luna leaned against the chair and murmured to herself, "However, I can't pretend that I don't know about this forever. Even if I can escape from the Carrod Family this time, what about the other families? What can I do to stay in Chaos City properly?"

Vivian suddenly appeared at the door with her hand against the door frame and looked at Luna smilingly. "It's very simple. Just marry a man in Chaos City. Won't the problem be solved then?"

Luna was slightly taken aback. She quickly got up and pulled Vivian in. She even took a quick peep at the corridor to make sure there was no one there before closing the door. She heaved a breath of relief.

"What are you doing? I didn't come here to rendezvous with you. Why did you make it so mysterious?" Vivian lifted Luna's slightly chubby chin and smilingly said, "Maiden, why don't you just come with me?"

"Scram!" Luna slapped Vivian's hand away and rolled her eyes.

Vivian sat down on a chair at the side, looked at the torn letter in the trash can and smilingly said, "What is it? Did your father pressure you to marry that wastrel from the Carrod Family again?"

"He always says that in the letters he sends me. Besides that, he talks about nothing else." Luna pursed her lips and said with exasperation, "He said it's time for the agreed marriage and he wants me to return to Rodu right away. Otherwise, he will come and get me personally."

"What kind of father is that?!" Vivian raised her eyebrows and glared. "What do you intend to do now?"

"Hope School has just opened. I can't leave now even if I am willing to marry that guy. Besides, I don't want to marry a man whom I have only met twice, have no interactions with and who has a very lousy reputation." Luna shook her head with a convicted gaze. "I'm not going back."

"I support you!" Vivian grabbed her hand and gravely said, "I'll go look for my father after I get home tonight. As long as you are in Chaos City, no one can bring you away if you are not willing. Not even your father."

Luna hugged Vivian tightly and smilingly said, "Good sister, I'll treat you to hot pot in two days."

“Why don’t we go now? Your work is almost completed, right? I’m hungry now. Let’s go have supper at Mana Hot Pot Restaurant now. You can sleep at my place tonight and come back to work tomorrow morning.” Vivian held Luna’s hand and started to walk out.

“Now...” Luna looked hesitant. “Isn’t it too late now?”

“It’s only nine p.m now. It’s still early. Mana Hot Pot Restaurant only closes at midnight. Going there now is just right.” Vivian took the coat from the side and put it on Luna as she opened the door and said, “Our Principal Luna has just accomplished one big goal in life. We should celebrate.”

Luna looked at Vivian with a gentle smile in her eyes. Only a true friend would know what she wanted.

“Oh yes. Are you really not going to consider my suggestion? I think Boss Mag is super nice. If you married him, we can go back to Mamy Restaurant right now and we will get to eat the hot pot and grilled fish prepared by Boss Mag personally. Isn’t that perfect?” Vivian suggested seriously.

Luna laughed at her suggestion. “Why don’t you marry him then?! He can even warm up the bed for you when you get home.”

“I want to, but as your buddy, how can I steal your love? It’s immoral.” Vivian shook her head matter-of-factly before whispering into Luna’s ear, “Are you really not tempted by the idea of Boss Mag warming up your bed?”

Luna’s ears turned bright red instantly. She let go of Vivian’s hand and turned her face away. “I’m not going with you if you keep talking like this.”

“Alright, alright. I won’t joke about you anymore, Principal. Let’s go now.” Vivian pulled Luna out with a smile and boarded the carriage that was waiting outside the school’s gate.

Mana Hot Pot Restaurant was still brightly lit late at night and the super-sized hall on the first floor was still filled with people. They were drinking, boasting and eating hot pot. It was very boisterous.

Vivian brought Luna to the second floor with familiarity and found a quiet room. They wanted to enjoy this rare supper time by themselves.

Chapter 2302: It’s Good To Be Young

The next morning, the ladies from Mamy Restaurant were woken up from their dreams by an alarm.

They got up from bed groggily and saw the greeting note from Mag: Good morning, employees!

The ladies stood in the living room and fell silent for a while with varying expressions.

However, after they washed up and braced the cold wind to arrive at Mamy Restaurant, they found a little blackboard hanging on the door that said: “Day Off Today”

Everyone: “...?”

“Wasn’t this... written by Boss yesterday? Did he forget to take it down?” Miya asked with a frown.

“But it must be an off day. Otherwise Boss would never hang a little blackboard.” Firis shook her head.

“But we just rested yesterday. Why are we resting again today?” Gina asked.

Before they could figure it out, the restaurant door opened. Mag stood at the door and said with a smile, “You’re all here. Come on in for breakfast. I forgot to notify you that Hope School is opening today. I am going to attend the opening ceremony, so the restaurant is closed for the day.”

Everyone finally understood. Mag had another identity right now: a teacher.

“Can we go over to watch?” Miya asked.

“I can bring you in later. There is an area for parents to watch the ceremony.” Mag nodded with a smile.

Amy came down in Hope School’s new uniform. She skipped over happily to Mag. “Father, what do you think of my school uniform?”

“Mm. It’s beautiful.” Mag nodded with a smile.

Gloria was the one who donated Hope School’s uniform. There were two types, the winter uniform and the summer uniform. The design was a simple blue and red set. It was made of very warm and thick cotton and the pants were very appropriate for children who were at an active age.

Mag did not participate in the school uniform’s design. He heard that Gloria did it on her own and he could tell that she had put in a lot of effort.

Amy had chosen to transfer to Hope School and Mag did the transfer application for her a couple of days ago.

Amy was not eligible for free admission to the school, so Mag had to pay 3000 copper coins as school fees. Amy would be going home for her meals, so Mag did not have to pay for school meals.

This was discussed between Mag and Luna before. Hope School was primarily set as a charity school but that did not stop their ambition of transforming it into the best school on the Norland Continent.

Therefore, children from poor families in Chaos City could be admitted for free but students from well-to-do families, who entered through Hope School’s admission test, had to pay school fees every semester.

It could not be a long-term plan for the school to depend solely on charity funds to operate. Moreover, the teachers from Hope School had benefits on par with those from Chaos School. The city lord’s castle would not be funding this high cost, so Mag and Luna had to find a source of income.

By improving the quality of the education to make Hope School reputable, more parents would want to send their children to Hope School and that would naturally bring in a source of funding.

“But I’ll still have to go back to Chaos School for classes after attending Hope School’s opening ceremony. Teacher Krassu said that the magic classroom can’t be moved over for the time being,” Amy said dispiritedly.

“It’s alright. I’ll send you over later.” Mag smiled and stroked Amy’s head. After that, he brought out breakfast for everyone.

The opening ceremony started at eight a.m. so Mag and the rest had to set off to Hope School after breakfast.

At the gate of Hope School, children wearing their new uniforms beamed brightly as they walked into the school with their parents with them.

These children were not of the same age. Some of them looked around four to five years old while some of them seemed to be almost 13 to 14 years old. However, all their eyes were glistening with hope.

Mag could not help but pause in his tracks. His eyes became moist as he watched these children.

Mag had done many things after coming to this world. However, what made him really feel that he had done something good was this scene of the children walking into campus with their school bags.

He saw the information of some children that were with Luna. Some of them had to dig coal at a very young age, some of them were forced to beg on the streets, and some of them had already learned how to steal from the pockets of others.

Luna and the teachers of Hope School went to look for them one by one and brought them to Hope School.

“Children are full of energy. School is indeed the most beautiful place. How envious.” Miya watched these children walk into the school with envy. “If I was born a few years later, I probably could go to school too.”

Elizabeth held her hand gently.

“You can listen to my class any time you want,” Mag said with a smile.

“Really?!” Yabemiya’s eyes lit up.

“Of course.” Mag nodded.

“Thank you, Boss!” Yabemiya jumped for joy. This could make amends for her regret of not going to school.

Mag and the rest walked towards the gate. Mag, Gina, Vivian, and Shirley had work passes so they could walk in by showing their passes.

“These are my family members. They would like to watch the opening ceremony. Can I bring them in to watch?” Mag asked the guards.

The guard recognized Mag and upon hearing that, he sized up the group of beautiful young ladies. He looked at Mag again with admiration and gave him a thumbs up as he said, “Impressive! Go on in.”

Mag was puzzled by what the guard said. However, he still led the ladies through the door and to the observance area on the left.

“Gina, I’ll go to check out the traces of the God of the Sea with you after the opening ceremony,” Mag found some time alone with Gina and told her.

Gina looked at Mag in surprise but nodded very quickly.

Everyone was having a whale of a time yesterday, so she did not mention it, thinking that Mag had forgotten about this. She did not expect him to say that he would go with her today.

Mag brought Gina and the others to the teachers' area. Today, the teachers were all dressed simply and were standing diagonally around one meter in front of the main stage. Even the retired teachers were standing tall to display the pride of being a teacher from Hope School.

The students reported in their classrooms first, before the homeroom teachers of each class brought their classes down to the field in a neat row.

Hope School's classes were split based on the learning phase, just like in Chaos School. The children's race was not one of the factors in the splitting of classes.

Therefore, all the classes would have students of various races. Although they were not all of the same height and size, which looked a little messy, the ambiance and environment were very harmonious.

"Amy's there," Babla told Mag.

Mag had already noticed Amy and Jessica who were holding hands. The two small children were right at the front of the line and they had attracted many looks.

"That little elf is really cute. So is the little girl beside her."

"Yeah, they are so small. They look about only four to five years old."

"It's good to be young."

Chapter 2303: Going Under the Sea

The Hope School's opening ceremony ended in a happy ambiance.

Looking at the energetic children made people feel great.

Mag watched the homeroom teachers bring the children away with a smile. He turned his gaze and saw a familiar figure in the audience: Byron Field.

This tall and lean old gentleman was looking at the stage with a gratified and proud smile.

Mag had already received his timetable. He didn't have any classes for the whole week. He would receive a list of names of the children who registered for his course on the following Monday. His first batch of students would register themselves voluntarily and he had a choice to choose them too.

The teachers left and Mag met Byron on his way to the audience seating area.

"Mr. Mag, long time no see." The old man came up to shake Mag's hand before teasing him, "Oh no. I should call you Teacher Mag now, am I right?"

"Oh please, don't." Mag waved his hands smilingly. "Did you come here specially for the Hope School's opening ceremony?"

"Yes. I naturally have to come to see such a great event for myself." Byron nodded. He looked at the children's backs and said with gratification, "They are the future pillars of Chaos City. Chaos City has a Chaos School and now, it has another Hope School. Chaos City's future is promising."

“Pillars sounds rather heavy. I just hope that these children could have an easier future,” Mag said smilingly.

Byron looked at Mag quietly for a while before suddenly saying with a chuckle, “Luna is right. You’re an interesting man.”

“Did Teacher Luna praise my talents?”

“Luna has praised your talents more than once, and you deserve great credit for the establishment of Hope School.” Byron looked at Mag with appreciation.

“This is all Luna and the teachers’ hard work. I only did a tiny bit within my ability.” Mag quickly waved his hands. Looking at Luna, who was walking over, Mag smilingly said, “Principal Luna should be very busy today, so I won’t disturb your short meeting. Would you like to come to the restaurant for a drink today?”

Byron’s eyes glowed as he nodded. “Of course.”

Mag nodded and greeted Luna with a smile before leaving with Gina.

“Grandfather, what brought you here?” Luna strode over and said to Byron with surprise.

“My granddaughter has become a principal. How can I not come to see such a moment for myself,” Byron smilingly said.

Luna looked around warily.

Byron seemed to know what she was thinking and said with a smile, “Don’t worry, I came alone. I didn’t let your father follow me.”

Luna heaved a breath of relief as she said to Byron, “Did you arrive yesterday or this morning?”

“I arrived this morning. I almost didn’t make it.”

“The weather is so cold. It must feel horrible to wake up so early.”

“This is nothing. Compared to what my granddaughter is going through, I’m having a good time.” Byron waved his hand smilingly. “I was chatting with Mr. Mag earlier. He’s still as humble and polite as ever.”

“Mr. Mag is a good man.” Luna praised Mag again.

“Yes. He even invited me for a drink tonight.” Byron nodded and continued on speaking, “Are you busy now?”

“No. The homeroom teachers have brought the children back to the classrooms for their first lessons now that the opening ceremony has ended.”

“Bring me for a tour in your school, then,” Byron said laughingly.

“Sure. Let me bring you around.” Luna nodded smilingly.

Sitting on the purple-striped griffin's back, Mag asked, "Gina, is that Magical Pearl of the Sea still having unusual movements?"

"Yes, and it's getting more obvious." Gina took out the Magical Pearl of the Sea. There was a blue light blinking within that crystal ball and it was moving slowly as though it was alive.

"Did your race record anything about such movements?" Mag looked at the crystal ball with a frown. He was perplexed.

"No." Gina shook her head. "But the High Priest once said that the Magical Pearl of the Sea was discovered in the traces of the God of the Sea and is connected to the God of the Sea. If there are unusual movements with the Magical Pearl, it must have something to do with the God of Sea."

Mag lamented for a moment before saying, "But all of Lantide has fallen into the Underground City. Hence, do the traces of the God of the Sea still exist?"

"The traces of the God of the Sea aren't in Lantide."

"Hm?"

"The traces of the God of the Sea were discovered by the Lantidean forebears by accident. They were located in a separated region from Lantide, which was also the only connected space when Lantide was sealed. It has an entrance within Lantide's territory." Gina explained.

Mag nodded thoughtfully. This was different from what he had imagined. "What is in there?"

"There are many spatial interstices in the traces of the God of Sea. It's very dangerous, so other than the High Priests, Priestesses, and a few powerhouses in the race, ordinary people are not allowed to go into it." Gina shook her head. "I have never been into the traces either, but the High Priest had once told me that the legacy of the God of the Sea might be in there. We might be able to establish a real connection with the God of the Sea."

Mag nodded. He didn't quite believe in such whimsical things.

However, according to Gina's descriptions, the traces of the God of the Sea might be a small space and one that was extremely unstable.

The spatial interstice was lethal to a normal person, but he should be able to protect Gina when they were investigating the traces.

Ah Zi flew at top speed and in less than two hours, the Boundless Sea Realm appeared in their sight again.

"Wait for me here, Ah Zi. We'll be back soon." Mag patted Ah Zi and took out the submarine. He dived towards the Lantide's old location with Gina.

Although Mag learned how to swim, this trench was tens of thousands of meters deep. Only an idiot would dive personally.

Although the submarine was descending rapidly and the surroundings got increasingly dark, they could still see the marine animals being spooked by the submarine and escaping occasionally.

Gina became quiet once they went into the sea.

This was Gina's first time back since Lantide sank.

Mag could empathize with her feelings of homesickness. After all, the old Lantide had disappeared completely and they didn't know what the hole that Underground City mended looked like. However, it was no longer Gina's home.

Soon after, the submarine reached the bottom of the sea.

It was a bare sea bottom. Underground City gave it a layer of disguise, making this region look no different from the other regions at the sea floor.

However, it was also because of this that the traces of Lantide's existence had been completely wiped out.

Gina left the submarine and looked around. She pursed her lips together in an attempt to restrain her emotions.

Mag watched her from the submarine quietly. She could only digest this kind of emotion by herself. Any words of consolation would only be pale and weak.

Chapter 2304: The Egg of the God of Sea?

Around 10 minutes later, Gina turned towards Mag and patted the submarine as she said, "Boss, the traces are over here. Let's go."

"Mmm. Lead the way please." Mag nodded and drove the submarine behind Gina, who had transformed back into her mermaid form.

Moving forward along the bottom of the sea, they finally stopped at the periphery of the Lantide's site.

Mag sized up the surroundings. The territorial waters were empty and there was nothing special on the ground. Was this the so-called entrance to the traces of the God of the Sea?

Coming out of the submarine, Mag had to briefly adjust to the sudden increase of pressure. His bones made some crisp cracking sounds as he forced himself to undertake the pressure.

"Other than certain special timings, only the Magical Pearl of the Sea can make the entrance to the traces appear, so the people from Underground City shouldn't have discovered it," Gina said as the Magical Pearl of the Sea appeared in her hands.

A blue beam lit up and there seemed to be a faint shadow of a mermaid dancing within the Magical Pearl of the Sea.

The bottom of the sea trembled and a shiny golden gate appeared in the waters in front of them.

It was a 10 meter tall quaint golden gate. Numerous mysterious words were carved on it and two golden merfolk guards with harpoons were standing on its left and right.

Mag finally understood why Rankster deemed the God of the Sea as a religion. After all at this gate, the merfolk looked like guards guarding over this gate to the traces.

Gina turned to Mag and said, "Boss, I have never been into the traces of the God of the Sea either. I don't know if it would reject your entry."

"Don't worry. It's just an old ruin. The older a thing is, the more powerful it is. This is a weird theory." Mag shook his head with a smile. He only believed a thing would only get more powerful as it aged, just like the Great Old Ones.

Even the Elder Things became increasingly powerful by depending on their technological advancements.

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Gina nodded and slowly pushed the Magical Pearl of the Sea in her hands outwards.

The pearl was giving out a glaring blue light and it landed in a small hole right in the center of that golden gate. Just like a key, it fitted perfectly.

The closed golden gates opened inwards gradually and revealed a dark mysterious entrance.

Mag did a quick scan but his consciousness was simply lost within it. He couldn't see what was behind that gate.

"Let's go in to check it out." Mag grabbed Gina's hand and stepped into that mysterious space.

The blue light beamed outwards and Mag grabbed Gina with one hand and grasped his Tian Du sword with the other.

After a brief discomfort, their vision returned and they discovered they were standing on an altar.

This wasn't the bottom of the sea. The sky was exceptionally pale with no clouds and sun. There was only the color white as though an evenly colored white drawing board was placed over the sky.

All they saw was a patch of ruins. The white marble buildings had all collapsed and shattered. White stone pillars, white stone towers, white walls, white floors... Other than the color white, there were no other colors in this world.

This place seemed to have gone through a terrible battle and everything was destroyed.

However, one could imagine what a magical place this was back then, just by looking at these ruins.

The surroundings were pitch silent, making this broken place look eerie.

"Be careful." Mag suddenly pulled Gina into his arms. A black spatial interstice suddenly appeared quietly at where she was standing.

The crack was about an arm's length and looked like an opened zip. It appeared silently and looked harmless.

Mag's leg moved slightly and he kicked a millstone-sized marble at the crack.

That marble seemed to hit on dozens of invisible razor sharp blades when it touched the black crack. It was turned into dust instantly and then sucked away by that interstice.

The whole process was completely silent and the interstice still looked as harmless as before.

Gina gulped and snuggled into Mag's arms. Master didn't lie to her. It was terrifying. Boss made her feel safer.

"Alright. I'll watch out for the spatial interstice, while you check on the magical pearl's unusual movements." Mag reminded Gina, who was hanging onto him with exasperation. This lass liked to wrap her legs around him when she had them.

"Oh." Gina stood up properly again and took out the Magical Pearl of the Sea that had returned to her.

The dot of blue light became even brighter after they entered the traces of the God of the Sea. A little arrowhead even appeared in that crystal ball, as though it was leading them.

"Since it's showing us a way, let's see what's over there first." Mag hugged Gina's waist with one hand as he followed the arrow.

The interior of the traces was huge. Mag and Gina left the altar that they first teleported onto and went through a huge area of ruins. They avoided countless spatial interstices that appeared suddenly and finally stopped at a place that looked at an arena.

The arena made of white marble was also filled with craters all over.

However, judging from the size of this arena, Mag could still sense the greatness of that being who had once controlled this arena.

Gina's mouth was also slightly agape as she stared at this huge arena with shock.

The blue light dot no longer moved and the indicating arrow disappeared too. This meant they should have arrived at the location that the Magical Pearl of the Sea wanted them to be at.

"What is that?" Mag raised his longsword and pointed at a blue egg on an elevated platform in the center of the arena.

It was an oval egg that was about 50 centimeters tall. It was emitting blue light all over and mysterious patterns were all over the eggshell. They looked like they were formed naturally.

Mag and Gina went forward to size up that giant egg. The unusual movements of the Magical Pearl of the Sea seemed to be triggered by this egg.

"It seems to be alive," Gina said softly, unable to conceal the shock on her face.

"It is alive." Mag nodded and agreed with her.

He could sense weak signs of life on this egg, which meant this egg was alive.

An egg with signs of life appeared in a ruin that nobody knew how old it was. This was, without a doubt, weird.

Gina's eyes lit up as she asked Mag, "Could... it be the God of the Sea?"

"Compared to being the God of the Sea, it's more likely to be a Great Old One." Mag grasped his longsword tightly as he looked at that egg with a cautious expression.

Although he couldn't ascertain that the master of these traces was the God of the Sea that the Lantisdeans believed in, he was certain that this was once a great power and their controller might really have possessed the power of a 'god'.

However, it was still destroyed. The entire little world was destroyed.

And, only the Great Old Ones could do, and would endeavor to do this.

Countless years had passed and a thing with signs of life appeared in this ruin.

Compared to the God of the Sea, he was leaning more towards the Great Old Ones.

Crack.

A crack appeared on the eggshell.

Chapter 2305: A Father?

A thin crack appeared on the shell and quickly spread throughout the entire egg.

Before Mag and Gina could even react to it, pieces of shell started falling off the egg, leaving only a layer of translucent lining.

One could roughly make out a figure of a half human, half fish under the thin lining.

There was a sudden strong breath of life, as though it was going to break out from its shell.

Several spatial interstices appeared around the egg but none could go near the egg that was left with only the thin lining.

Mag held his sword and hesitated, not sure if he wanted to make the first move.

"I can feel kindness and kinship from it. Even if it isn't the God of the Sea, it should be something related to Lantisde. Please don't harm it," Gina told Mag sincerely as she took a step forward to stand between Mag and the egg.

Mag thought for a while before putting his sword down. He nodded and said, "If anything happens, I will bring you out of this place first."

"Sure." Gina nodded.

Just then, the crystal ball in Gina's hands emitted a bright glow and flew without stopping towards the egg.

Gina watched nervously. The Magical Pearl of the Sea had never behaved so strangely before. At least in Lantisde's recorded history, such a mysterious egg had not appeared before either.

What exactly was this mysterious giant egg that appeared at the traces of the God of the Sea? What relationship did it have with the God of the Sea and Lantisde? Why did it cause such a strange reaction in the Magical Pearl of the Sea?

The answer was in the thing that was about to break out from the shell.

Knock knock.

The Magical Pearl of the Sea stopped in front of the egg and knocked gently on the shell, making two knocking sounds.

The area of impact was suddenly broken by a little finger poking through.

It was a fair, tender, and plump finger. It poked around in the air and rotated once before slicing down.

Rip!

The thin shell was easily sliced open like a piece of paper. The shell split into two and fell down on both sides. A little mermaid dropped and rolled out from the shell.

Yes. It was a very mini mermaid.

She looked about two years old and had a beautiful blue tail. Her hair was blue and wavy and her features were exquisite and adorable. Her eyes were half closed and she staggered around, trying to use her fins to help her stay upright but she could not prevent her body from rolling over, just like a chick that just came out from its shell.

“Oh my, she is so cute!” Gina looked at that little mermaid in surprise. Why did it not cross her mind that a little mermaid would emerge from the shell and that she would be so cute?

Upon hearing the sound, the little mermaid opened her eyes and her gaze landed on Gina.

She had a big pair of clear blue eyes. It was like a beam of light shining through the deep blue ocean.

“Mother...”

The little mermaid made an incomprehensible sound as it stumbled toward Gina quickly.

Gina opened her arms wide subconsciously and went up to pick her up.

The little one raised her fair and tender little hands. She cupped her hands around Gina’s face and pouted her lips to give Gina a kiss on her cheek. After that, she let out a chuckle.

“System, what species is this? Do mermaids lay eggs?” Mag put away his Tian Du sword. He did not feel any evil aura or ill intentions from this little mermaid.

The System remained silent.

Bam!

Just then, the Magical Pearl of the Sea exploded and a blue beam shot towards Gina.

Mag frowned but still took a step back. He did not pull his sword out.

The blue beam enveloped Gina and materialized into a power that disappeared into her body.

Gina carried the little mermaid, her face full of question marks. She could feel the power within her increasing at a rapid speed and her understanding of water was also improving at an incredible rate.

Three minutes later, the blue beam disappeared.

A blue trident mark appeared on her glabella but faded away very quickly.

As the mark faded away, Gina's aura shot up to the peak of a 10th-tier.

"Huh?!" Gina was in disbelief. She broke through the 9th-tier only less than a year ago. How could she suddenly become a 10th-tier powerhouse?

Besides, there were even powerful spells surfacing in her mind. They weren't spells passed down in Lantisde. They were even more powerful spells.

"Is this a gift from the God of the Sea?" Mag looked at the little mermaid in Gina's arms thoughtfully. This was his conjecture.

"Mother! Mother! Mother!" the little mermaid called out joyfully and seemed to have become closer and fonder of Gina.

Gina looked at the child in her arms, feeling conflicted and explained, "I... I'm not your..."

Mag went up and patted her shoulder gently. He shook her head and said, "Let's bring this child with us."

Gina thought about what Mag said. Although this little one looked rather intelligent, it was still a newborn child. Leaving her here amidst the dangerous debris was definitely a bad idea.

If she were to bring her away and back to Chaos City, she would have to continue raising her. Without a legitimate identity, there would be trouble.

As she looked at the cute little one and how she tried to get closer to her, Gina could not help but waver.

There were only two mermaids now, the both of them, left on the Norland Continent.

"Mm. Good girl." Gina smiled and kissed the little one on her cheek. She thought for a while and said, "Shall I give you a name then? Should I call you... Kiddo?"

"Kiddo! Kiddo! Kiddo!" the little one chanted as she smiled happily.

"Kiddo? What a random name." Mag raised his brow. However, that little one seemed to like the name a lot.

Kiddo turned and looked at Mag. She raised her arms and said, "Father! Huggies!"

"No... No, I'm not your father..." It was Mag's turn to be stunned.

It was alright if he was a single youth. He could just take on the role of her father. However, he was a man with a family, and two daughters. He could not go around being someone else's father.

Kiddo pressed her lips together and said, upset, "No huggies, Kiddo is going to cry..."

Tears were starting to well up in the little one's large eyes. She looked like she was about to burst into tears as she waved her fair and plump arms in the air, asking for a hug. That made Mag give in.

He... really could not resist it.

“Alright, huggies, huggies.” Mag took the little one from Gina’s arms and helped her put on the custom-made skirt he ordered from the System just now.

Mag was not too surprised that the little one could speak after just hatching from the egg.

In comparison, it was more miraculous that a 9th-tier magic caster could suddenly become a 10th-tier great magic caster.

If this little one was the reincarnation of the God of the Sea, this would all make sense.

Chapter 2306: You Are the Mother of a God

Mag could feel Kiddo’s unconditional trust as he held onto her, just like a normal child who trusted you completely.

Gina looked at Kiddo ecstatically. After accepting her as her daughter, Gina could feel her mentality changed.

She always loved children, but she usually undertook the role of a playmate.

She had never once thought that one day, a little one would call her ‘mother’ and trust her so much.

This feeling was so special because there was now a little one who needed her to care for her and accompany her cautiously, who had suddenly appeared in her life .

It was amazing, and tempting.

However...

Boss had become this child’s father too?

Although it was Kiddo who deemed him to be her father after seeing him, this amazing connection still made Gina’s heart accelerate.

She felt grateful towards Mag, but she also couldn’t differentiate whether there was love in it.

However, she felt good hearing Kiddo call Mag father. There didn’t seem to be anyone more suitable than him.

“Let’s go. We should leave this place now. I’m afraid it’s going to collapse soon.” Mag carried Kiddo with one arm and held Gina’s waist with the other as he dashed towards the altar that they came from.

The space within the traces of the God of Sea had become very unstable. Spatial interstices appeared, criss-crossing and tearing everything in the traces apart. There was almost no place for them to land now.

Mag was extremely fast. He went through those interstices precisely. The altar already appeared in their vision, not too far away.

However, a spatial interstice suddenly appeared above the altar and the ancient altar was torn apart instantly. It turned into dust and was sucked into the interstice.

"The teleportation portal is destroyed." Gina was shocked.

Mag frowned as he brought Gina over to a broken pillar. He passed Kiddo to her and said, "Hold onto Kiddo. I'll see if I can hack open the space and go out."

"Alright." Gina quickly took Kiddo and set up a blue water shield around herself at the same time.

Mag pulled out the Tian Du sword from his back too. He grasped it with both his hands and stared in front. A black and red light beam slowly rose up over the sword. His aura began to rise too.

Kiddo remained in Gina's arms as she watched the scene of destruction around her. She wasn't afraid, instead she looked intrigued. Her gaze finally landed on that destroyed altar.

The little one waved her little hand at the altar as she murmured, "Come here."

Swoosh!

A loud bang sounded and dazzling golden light lit up underneath that altar. A golden trident that was hundreds of meters long burst out from the ground and stood vertically like a pillar.

The spatial interstices around the altar were destroyed instantly and its surroundings became a void.

Mag put away his longsword and stared at that trident with amazement and shock.

The trident hovered vertically in the air before turning around and flying towards them suddenly. It got smaller rapidly during flight and when it landed in Kiddo's hand, it was only about 50cm long and looked just like an exquisite toy.

"An extendable trident?" Mag actually didn't know what to call it at that moment.

However, this trident had proven his idea that Kiddo was indeed very likely to be the reincarnation of the God of the Sea.

"In this case, shouldn't her name be Poseidon?" Mag thought.

"Kiddo, can you bring us away from this place?" Gina asked.

"Huh?" Kiddo tilted her head with a pondering look before raising the trident and casually slashed across the void in front of them.

A bigger spatial interstice appeared and swallowed the three of them immediately.

"She's digging a hole for her dad!" Mag was in the midst of pulling his sword out when his surroundings lit up and he was almost choked by a mouthful of seawater.

Mag was holding onto Gina and when he turned around, he happened to see that golden gate break and shatter in the twisted space. It finally disappeared completely.

"Oh yes. Kiddo?!" Mag suddenly realized would Kiddo, who came out from the traces of the God of the Sea, be crushed by the intense pressure that had increased by tens of thousands of times suddenly?

Then, he saw the little one swim out from Gina's arms and swim happily in the sea, wiggling her little tail around. She was even wrestling with an anglerfish now.

Oh yes, she was the God of the Sea. Wouldn't it be ridiculous if she got crushed by the sea pressure?

Mag shrugged and felt amused by his unnecessary worry.

"Let's go, Kiddo. We'll be going up." Mag put away the submarine and swam upwards together with Kiddo.

After the little mermaid got used to the sea, she immediately began to swim around happily in the sea.

Then, Mag witnessed a magical scene. Countless marine animals began to follow after Kiddo. They were lining up after her, as though they were following their queen.

And countless marine animals seemed to be summoned and they were rushing over to pay their respect.

"I have never seen a scene like this. She's the god of this sea." Gina watched this scene with shock on her face.

"Then, you are the mother of a god now. Don't be too stressed. You have to educate her well." Mag patted Gina's shoulders with a smile.

Gina turned to look at him. "Aren't you the father of a god, not going to anything?"

Mag suddenly felt a headache. It wasn't easy being the father of a god. How was he going to explain to Irina when he got back?

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Moreover, he didn't know if Amy and Annie could accept this little sister who appeared out of nowhere.

However, things were easier since she was a little sister. Amy loved little sisters the most, especially cute little sisters.

After ascending for tens of thousands of meters, just as Mag worried if the little one would be able to leave the sea, Kiddo had already leaped out of the water on the back of a big whale.

"Wow—"

The little one let out a happy cheer.

Mag leaped out of the water and caught her.

"Fly, fly! Fun! Fun!" Kiddo clapped and shouted.

Mag saw that the little one was breathing smoothly and her face was rosy and bright. She seemed to have adapted perfectly, so Mag was relieved.

"So you like to fly? Father will fly higher with you." Mag whistled.

"Howl—"

A purple lightning came from afar, but it suddenly braked in mid air when it got close to Mag. It looked at Kiddo in Mag's arms alertly as though it was wary and afraid.

“Ah Zi, this is Kiddo. Don’t be afraid, come down.”

Mag waved his hand with a smile. The magic beasts’ instincts were far more acute.

After hearing Mag, Ah Zi went one round and hovered close to the sea’s surface.

Mag leaped onto the griffin’s back with Kiddo and Gina.

“Let’s go home.” Mag patted Ah Zi’s back gently.

Ah Zi flapped its wings and took to the sky.

On the surface of the sea, countless dolphins leaped out of the water, the whales spat out high waterspouts and all the various marine animals roared and hissed, as if they were sending their god away.

“Everything has a soul.” Mag felt deeply as he watched this scene.

As an atheist, Mag was defeated by a god that really existed today.

There were really gods in this world.

“However, Kiddo’s tail...” Mag looked at Kiddo’s pretty fishtail. It might be inconvenient for her to live on land.

“Furry... furry...” Kiddo reached out for Ah Zi’s head. Her fishtail became a pair of short and chubby legs in the midst of blue light.

The little one struggled out of Mag’s arms. She tumbled forward and pounced onto Ah Zi’s soft neck.

“It’s so warm~” the little one mumbled.

Chapter 2307: Who Does This Little Cutie Belong To?

On their way back, Mag carefully observed Kiddo who was plaiting Ah Zi’s fur.

The little one’s mentality was similar to a two-year-old child who just learned how to walk and talk. She was curious about everything and had an urge to express herself.

She was very smart and was a linguistic genius. She pointed and asked about everything on their way back. She soon obtained a great deal of vocabulary.

“Come over here, Kiddo.” Gina waved to her with a smile.

“W-wait a sec.” Kiddo tied a knot for the eighth plait and put it down gently. Looking at the four pairs of neat little plaits, Kiddo nodded with satisfaction before crawling over to Gina and pounced into her arms.

“Are you hungry?” Gina hugged her lightly.

“Hungry?” Kiddo stared at her curiously with widened eyes.

“You don’t want to eat?” Gina touched her tummy and smilingly said, “Is your stomach grumbling?”

“Growl~”

Kiddo’s stomach grumbled cooperatively. Gina nodded smilingly, “It’s grumbling. Kiddo wants to eat. Kiddo is hungry.”

“She’s a newborn. Does she want to drink milk?” Mag asked casually.

“Kiddo wants to drink milk milk. Kiddo wants to drink milk milk.” Kiddo immediately nodded and looked at Gina.

Gina flushed red instantly. S-she didn’t have milk either.

Mag realized he seemed to be seeking trouble. Although Kiddo deemed Gina as her mother, Gina didn’t actually give birth to her, so she wouldn’t have milk.

Furthermore... Didn’t she come from an egg? Why would she be drinking milk?

The system’s voice rang out in his mind, “Host, you’re being ignorant. Oviparous mammals do exist on Earth. The platypus is one of them. Hence, it shouldn’t be surprising that oviparous magic beasts exist on the Norland Continent.”

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Mag didn’t want to acknowledge the system’s random sharing of general knowledge. He said to Kiddo smilingly, “Kiddo, open your mouth and let me see.”

“Ah.”

Kiddo opened her mouth obediently and revealed two neat and shiny rows of little teeth. At one glance, there should be 20 of them.

Mag patted the little one’s head and said, “Mmm. Our Kiddo already has all your teeth, so you don’t need to drink milk anymore. You can eat meat once we reach home.”

“Meat meat?” Kiddo showed a curious expression again.

“Meat meat... is a delicious food. Just wait a while longer. We’ll be home soon and I’ll make it for you.”

Kiddo nodded and said, “Great. Kiddo wants to eat Father’s meat meat.”

“It’s the meat that Father makes. Not Father’s meat.” Mag corrected her.

Half an hour later, Ah Zi landed at the exterior of Chaos City.

Mag brought Gina and Kiddo out of the mountains and slowly rode his bicycle into the city.

“Wow... what a big house.” Kiddo, who was sitting in the bicycle’s basket, looked up at the tall city walls with awe on her face.

Mag smilingly introduced, “Kiddo, this is Chaos City. We will be living here.”

Kiddo nodded and said, “Chaos City! Kiddo loves it here!”

After going through the city walls, Mag introduced whatever they saw on the way to Kiddo. He said plenty and Kiddo was listening to him attentively. She would ask him one or two funny questions occasionally.

Gina sat on the bicycle's backseat and wrapped her arms around Mag's waist. She was feeling rather amazed.

"Is this the feeling of home?" Gina thought with a blush, but her blush deepened further when she thought about how they were going to explain to everyone in the restaurant.

"We're home!" Mag stopped the bicycle with his long legs and pointed at the signboard above the door. "Look, Kiddo. This is our home, Mamy Restaurant."

"Ma-my... Restaurant!" Kiddo repeated after him before saying happily, "Our home is so pretty. It's much prettier than the other homes."

"You've got great taste. Let's return home." Mag got off the bicycle and carried Kiddo out from the basket.

"Let me carry her." Gina went forward to take the child.

Mag parked the bicycle at the door before opening it and going in.

Kiddo held onto Gina's shoulders with one arm as she sized up the restaurant curiously.

"Meow~"

Ugly Duckling, who was dozing on the counter, stretched out lazily and opened its eyes in a daze as it called out.

"Meow meow?" Kiddo's gaze landed on Ugly Duckling in one second.

Ugly Duckling seemed to be being stared at by something horrible. Its fur bristled and it stared at Kiddo in Gina's arms. It took two steps backward and fell from the counter with a plop.

"Hahaha. Stupid kitty, silly kitty~" Kiddo giggled.

Mag and Gina also couldn't help but laugh when they saw this.

Ugly Duckling poked half of its head out from the counter and secretly observed with one eye.

"Ugly Duckling is usually not afraid of anything. It will snooze in front of the 10th-tier powerhouses too. It has met its match this time." Mag chuckled.

"Mother, I want to go down. I want to play with kitty," Kiddo said.

"Go on. Be careful, don't spook it. It's Little Amy's pet." Gina put Kiddo down with a smile.

"Little kitty, come and play with me." Kiddo quickly stumbled towards the counter as soon as she touched the ground.

"Meow—"

Ugly Duckling ran out from the counter immediately. It dashed up the pillar and jumped across the walls. It reached the beam at the restaurant's upper right corner in one second and crouched there, watching Kiddo warily.

Mag was a little shocked. Ugly Duckling didn't look like its usual fat, lazy and sloppy self when it showed off its skills like this. Its speed was comparable to a 5th-tier or 6th-tier magic beast.

Kiddo looked around her and finally found Ugly Duckling, who was crouching on a beam. She placed her hands at her waist and said with a pout, "Come on here, little kitty. Be good."

Ugly Duckling retracted its head and hid right away. It didn't look like it was going to come down at all.

Mag flicked a glance at the clock on the wall. It was four p.m.

"Oh dear. I forgot to go pick up Amy!" Mag slapped his thigh and was about to go out.

"Father, I'm home!" Before Mag could leave, Amy already skipped in with her little school bag on her back.

Kiddo turned around and saw Amy, who had just skipped in. Her big blue eyes glowed.

Amy also noticed Kiddo who was standing in the center of the restaurant. Amy first looked shocked, then she looked surprised. Her equally blue eyes curved slightly as she looked at Mag and asked, "Father, who does this little cutie belong to?"

Mag smilingly said, "Our family. This is Kiddo."

"Our family's? Kiddo? Does this adorable little sister really belong to us?" Amy's mouth opened slightly with disbelief.

"This is really awesome! I have a younger sister too!" Amy tossed her school bag onto a table at the side and ran to Kiddo with wide open arms. She picked up Kiddo, who was waiting for Amy to pick her up with outstretched arms.

"Big... Sister..." Kiddo looked at Amy and called her softly.

Chapter 2308: His Daughter's Soul Searching Questions

"Yes. Good girl." Amy answered and kissed Kiddo's chubby cheek. She stroked Kiddo's soft blue hair, feeling even happier.

She had a little sister now. Her own little sister. Such an adorable and well-behaved little sister must be fun.

Mag felt gratified when he watched this scene. Two adorable little ones, what a loving scene.

"Meow~?" Ugly Duckling tilted its head with befuddlement. It looked at them in confusion. Why was his little mistress hugging that dangerous fellow?

"Stupid kitty," Kiddo looked up and said with pouty lips.

“Ugly Duckling, how did you end up there?” Amy looked up at Ugly Duckling who was crouching on the beam with surprise too.

The rotund Ugly Duckling even had trouble getting up to the counter normally, so how did it get to the highest beam in the restaurant?

“Kiddo spooked it,” Gina said with a smile.

Amy’s eyes lit up. “Oh I see. Then, let’s get Kiddo to supervise Ugly Duckling’s slimming progress. The effect will definitely be great.”

Ugly Duckling: “...?”

“Come down, Ugly Duckling.” Amy waved at it.

Ugly Duckling stared at Kiddo warily for a while before hugging the pillar and sliding down unwillingly. With its tail up high, it crawled over to Amy on its stomach and weakly called out, “Meow”.

“Kiddo, this is Ugly Duckling.” Amy put Kiddo down and picked up the roly-poly Ugly Duckling.

“Ugly Duckling? Ducky? Kitty?” Kiddo looked at Ugly Duckling curiously. She tiptoed and reached out with her chubby hand to pat Ugly Duckling’s head.

Ugly Duckling’s fur stood up on end immediately. It arched its body as though it was going to run amok at any time.

Smash!

Kiddo’s palm landed on Ugly Duckling’s head.

“Be good, or I’ll flatten your head.” Kiddo used the cutest tone of voice to say the harshest words.

This slap wasn’t hard. Together with that soft little hand. It could be described as a gentle touch.

However, Ugly Duckling, who was about to run amok, was calmed down by this slap.

The bristled fur became smooth instantly and it crouched down obediently. It looked very willing to be patted at any time.

“Mmm. Very good. This is how you should do it.” Amy looked at Kiddo with satisfaction, as though she had found a commonality in her.

“Ding! New mission: Kiddo the newcomer! Could Little Mistress help Kiddo to get used to her new home and surroundings and gain more than 90 points of favorability from Kiddo! The mission reward would be decided by the mission’s progress of completion!” Right at that moment, the system’s voice appeared in Amy’s mind.

“What a simple mission. Isn’t that what I’m going to do right now?” Amy put Ugly Duckling on the floor and took Kiddo’s hand. “Let’s go, Kiddo. Big Sister will show you our home.”

“Alright.” Kiddo nodded obediently and followed Amy around to get to know the restaurant.

“Gina, take a break first. I’ll go make some food for Kiddo.” Mag poured a glass of water for Gina and went upstairs to take a quick bath before changing into his chef’s suit and making dinner for Kiddo in the kitchen.

Kiddo already had all her teeth and he had heard her munch on the mint sweets on their way home, so her bite should be quite good. He didn’t have to specially make soft food for her.

Mag intended to let the little one have a light dish for her first meal, so he made her a helping of Yangzhou fried rice.

When Mag came out from the kitchen with two helpings of fried rice, Kiddo was riding on Amy’s little wooden horse and Amy was introducing the toys in her arms to her.

The ambiance of the sisters’ first meeting was not bad and they got along very harmoniously.

“Alright, Kiddo. Let’s wash your hands and have your dinner,” Mag said with a smile.

“Let’s go. I’ll bring you to wash your hands. We have to wash our hands before we eat our meals, so we won’t get diarrhea.” Amy took Kiddo’s hand and walked to the kitchen.

Gina smilingly said, “Little Amy seems to like Kiddo a lot.”

Mag also replied with a smile, “She always wanted to have a younger sister. Now that her dream has come true, of course she likes her.”

Gina continued to ask, “Where’s Annie? She’s not at home?”

“Hmm. She should have gone out to sketch. She’s not in her room.” Mag nodded. Annie had always gone out to sketch recently. Others’ picture books could no longer satisfy her learning needs. She always came back home with a stack of sketches.

Amy came out from the kitchen with Kiddo. Seeing the two helpings of fried rice on the table, Amy said to Mag with smiley eyes, “Father, do I have a helping too?”

“Yes, you can have a small bite first. We’ll have dinner together later.” Mag nodded with a smile.

“Mmm. Alrighty!” Amy climbed onto her designated seat with a smile.

Gina carried Kiddo to her little chair.

“It’s so pretty.” Kiddo looked at the colorful fried rice on the plate with glowing eyes.

Amy introduced it to her. “This is rainbow fried rice. Father made it. It’s a very, very delicious rainbow fried rice.”

“It’s a very, very delicious rainbow fried rice.” Kiddo repeated and confirmed again.

“Let’s start eating then.” Amy picked up her spoon and fed a spoonful of fried rice into her mouth. She chewed happily with her cheeks puffed out.

Kiddo watched Amy for a while and then picked up the small spoon in front of her. She scooped up some fried rice clumsily and tried very hard to put the spoon into her mouth.

Although she dropped half of the fried rice onto the table, she still experienced the taste of food for the first time.

Kiddo's big bright blue eyes lit up instantly, as though she had tasted something incredible.

The sweet rice that was wrapped by the eggs, was accompanied by all kinds of delicious ingredients. Together with the refreshing taste of the Spring of Life, it was a taste that she had never tried before.

"It's so scrumptious." Kiddo looked at Mag and nodded. "The super, super delicious rainbow fried rice that Father made."

"Have more since you like it." Mag wiped a grain of rice away from her face with a smile.

Kiddo pulled the plate towards her and leaned forward to get her mouth closer to the plate. She used the spoon to push a mouthful of rice into her mouth.

This time, not a single grain of rice was dropped onto the table.

"Kiddo is so smart." Amy praised. She never taught Kiddo to eat in this way.

Kiddo chewed quickly with her cheeks puffed out like a cute little squirrel. She looked a little like Amy when she was eating. That made Mag and Gina smile.

Amy put her spoon down onto a clean plate after she finished off the fried rice. She curiously asked Mag, "Father, is Kiddo Gina's and your child? Was she born today?"

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"Erm..." Mag actually didn't know how to answer his daughter's soul searching questions at that moment.

Gina was also blushing slightly. She turned her head to the side slightly and pursed her lips in silence.

Chapter 2309: Boss, This Animal!

Kiddo stopped chewing slowly and also looked at Mag curiously with the spoon in her hand.

Compared to his worry of Amy writing this down in her little notebook, Mag didn't want Kiddo's feelings to get hurt more. Hence, he could only nod his head and said, "Yes, I am Kiddo's father. Gina is her mother. Today is her hatch day."

Amy's eyes were wide open as she asked with shock, "Hatch? Did Kiddo hatch from an egg just like Ugly Duckling?"

"Yes." Mag nodded with a smile.

"Then, will Kiddo have wings when she grows up?"

"I... don't think so."

"It's fine. I'll teach Kiddo how to fly when she is older," Amy said with a smile.

Kiddo nodded and said, "Fly fly. I like to fly fly."

Amy patted her head and said, "Go on and eat, Kiddo. We can even have an ice cream when you're finished."

"Alright," Kiddo answered obediently and continued to chow down the fried rice.

"You're only allowed to eat one ice cream. I'm going to make dinner now. If there's anything you want to eat, tell me later." Mag got up and walked to the kitchen. He had to start making proper dinner now. He still had to entertain Luna's grandfather, Mr. Byron, later.

Right then, someone knocked on the door.

The restaurant's door was pushed open and Annie stood at the door with a sketchboard. Her gaze landed on Kiddo and her footsteps faltered. A hint of bewilderment appeared on her face. The drawings in her left hand scattered everywhere onto the floor. They were all sorts of quick sketches based on people and scenery.

Kiddo, who was eating happily, also turned around suddenly. She looked at Annie at the door in a daze and her spoon fell onto the table.

"Kiddo's scared!" Kiddo slid off her chair immediately and pounced into Gina's arms. She burrowed her face into Gina's soft bosoms and shivered.

"Don't be afraid. This is Big Sister Annie. She's not a bad guy." Gina hugged Kiddo and patted her back to console her, but she was perplexed. Why was Kiddo afraid of Annie?

The little one had been curious about everything she saw on her way. She didn't know what fear was.

Mag looked at Annie, who was in a daze at the door, and Kiddo, who was hiding in Gina's arms. Apart from being taken aback, he already had some speculation.

Annie was born from Cthulhu. Even though she was already an independent individual, she still had the mark of the Great Old One.

And, Kiddo was the reincarnation of the God of the Sea. She should be a mortal enemy of the Great Old Ones.

Such an enmity had been imprinted in their souls, which was why little Kiddo would have this sensation and rejection instinctively after she saw Annie.

However, because she was very young and weak now, this feeling became fear, which was a kind of protection for her.

Meanwhile, Annie didn't have a big reaction. After being stunned for a short moment, she became normal again. Looking at Kiddo in Gina's arms, Annie was perplexed and didn't know what to do.

Taking in a god and a Great Old One as daughters and raising them under one roof, Mag thought that it was a little too bold.

"You're home." Mag went up to pick up the drawings on the floor. He closed the door and smilingly introduced Kiddo to Annie. "This is Kiddo, the new member of our family."

Amy jumped off her seat and said with a smile, "Big Sister Annie. Kiddo is super cute, but she seems to be a little shy."

Annie also smiled as she looked at Kiddo, who had her head buried in Gina's bosoms, curiously. However, she didn't go forward as she could sense that Kiddo didn't like her.

Amy walked over to Gina. She shook Kiddo gently and said in a soft tone, "Kiddo, this is Big Sister Annie. Finish your fried rice quickly and I'll go get the ice cream for you. Then, we will look at the drawings that Big Sister Annie drew today."

Kiddo looked up slowly and poked her head out to look at Annie cautiously. The dark shadow had disappeared and she was a pretty big sister.

Annie gave her a warm smile.

Kiddo smiled too. She sweetly called out, "Big Sister... Annie."

Although Kiddo greeted Annie, she had no intention of leaving Gina's arms. She took the plate, finished the fried rice and then remained in Gina's arms.

Even though Mag didn't say anything, he could see that Kiddo was still a little afraid of Annie.

This was a kind of instinct. Mag knew it was impossible to eradicate it immediately. It could only be resolved by a long interaction between the two.

"Rest for a while first. Dinner will be served soon." Mag took Annie's drawing board and patted her head before going into the kitchen. He also said to Amy, "Little Amy, go bring the big sisters here for dinner and introduce Kiddo to them."

"Alright!" Amy answered and skipped out of the door.

Annie sat across from Gina and stared at Kiddo for a while before asking Gina in sign language, "Big Sister Gina, is this your child?"

"Yes. Kiddo is my child," Gina nodded and answered very firmly.

"Is she Father's child too?" Annie pointed at Mag in the kitchen.

"Erm..." Gina looked at the kitchen and blushed furiously. After holding back a while, she nodded too.

This... was simply too embarrassing!

She wanted to escape with Kiddo when she thought about how she had to answer the same question to everyone later.

The boss and her had nothing going on, but now they had Kiddo together. It would be hard to explain things now.

Annie nodded thoughtfully. She noticed that Kiddo was staring at her drawings, so she pushed the entire stack to Kiddo.

Gina flipped through those drawings for Kiddo. Annie had drawn all kinds of plants, birds and animals, and many interesting scenes. Gina smilingly said, "Annie has gone to the Bird and Flower Market at the west of the city today."

Annie nodded.

"It's so pretty." Kiddo looked at the drawings and praised softly before pointing at a rooster, "What is this?"

"This is a rooster," Gina replied.

"Is it delicious?" Kiddo asked again.

Gina flicked a glance at her. Kiddo had only played with Amy for a short while and she was already on the path of becoming a chowhound?

"Mm-hm. It's delicious. It can be made into beggar's chicken and spicy diced chicken." Gina nodded with a smile.

"I want to eat it." Kiddo looked at that impressive rooster and gulped.

"Then, I'll add a beggar's chicken for Kiddo tonight." Mag's voice came from the kitchen.

Little chowhounds were the easiest to satisfy. Mag had never worried about little chowhounds before.

Kiddo happily answered, "Yeah!"

"What! Gina has a child?"

"And it's with Boss?!"

"W-when did this happen? Why didn't we know anything?!"

"Boss, this animal!"

"I worked here first..."

Shocked voices could already be heard in the restaurant before the ladies entered.

Chapter 2310: Princess, Gina Has a Child With Boss

Amy brought the big sisters over. All of them were very enthusiastic when it came to eating.

However, Amy only talked about Kiddo when they reached the restaurant.

Gina had a child! And, it was with Boss!

This shocking news caused the ladies to go into an uproar.

"Something isn't right. Gina has only been at the restaurant for six months. How did she have a child?" Yabemiya said with befuddlement.

“Could it be that the merfolk have a shorter gestation period and that they give birth within a few months?” Angela guessed. “After all, we succubi only need six months to give birth to a child.”

“But... Gina stays with us daily and she never seems to be very intimate with Boss, right?”

“Have you guys forgotten that Gina stayed on the restaurant’s second floor for some time when she first came? Perhaps, it was during that time...”

“Boss is an animal!”

The ladies’ curiosity for gossip was fired up. They pushed open the door and came into the restaurant. They wanted to interrogate Gina and Mag to find out when they had got together.

Then, they saw the adorable little girl who was sitting on Gina’s lap and flipping through the drawings, engrossed by them.

The little girl was very tiny and she sat in a very well-behaved manner. She had a head full of long and wavy blue hair. She had a small and delicate face, sparkly bright blue eyes, long eyelashes, a cute little nose and little mouth.

“Oh my heavens! She’s so pretty!” Firis covered her mouth and said with amazement.

“Yes. She’s just like Amy. She’s simply too cute!” Jane nodded too.

“Is Boss’ genes that powerful? She’s so pretty. I want to have one myself after seeing her.” Yabemiya’s gaze seemed to be melting as she smiled lovingly.

“No way.” Elizabeth shook her head.

Kiddo turned to look at the door when she heard the voices. Then, she saw a group of beautiful big sisters pouncing towards her.

“Come, Kiddo. Let Auntie carry you. Auntie will give you sweets.”

“Kiddo, let Big Sister carry you. Big Sister has a lot of toys.”

“Let me carry her. I want to carry her too.”

All of them crowded around Kiddo, cooing at her. They had all but forgotten about the gossip.

Gina looked at Kiddo, who was already holding all kinds of toys and gifts, smilingly. The little one was so blessed. So many people doted on her.

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At first, she was worried that she couldn’t take care of Kiddo alone. Looking at the situation now, she no longer had to worry about it. Everyone loved Kiddo.

Angela got closer to Gina and smilingly asked, “Gina, you have kept this secret from us for so long. Pray tell, when did you have this child? When did you get together with Boss? When do you want to hold the wedding? When are you going to be officially introduced as Mamy Restaurant’s lady boss?”

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The restaurant became quiet instantly after Angela's questions. Everyone's gaze turned onto Gina.

They already had a child and Mag also acknowledged that Kiddo was his child, so he would definitely be responsible for them.

"This..." Gina blushed. She couldn't answer any of those questions.

Yabemiya put her arms around her shoulders and laughingly said, "You're still feeling shy. Don't fret. We'll help you beat Boss up if he dares to bully you."

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"Yes. We won't let him bully you." All the ladies chimed in.

Gina blushed so furiously until her ears turned red. Her gaze turned to the kitchen, seeking for help.

"Yo. It's pretty lively today." Just then, a cold voice spoke up from the side and a golden beam flashed. Irina stepped out of it.

The restaurant became quiet instantaneously.

"Princess, Gina has a child, and it's the Boss'." Firis stepped forward and pointed to Kiddo in Rena's arms. "That's Kiddo. She's so adorable."

"The boss' child?" Irina's gaze swept onto Kiddo like a knife. The surrounding temperature seemed to drop a few degrees as well.

Kiddo, who was holding onto a big pile of gifts happily, was suddenly taken aback. Her smile disappeared and she lowered her eyes, not daring to look at Irina. It was as though she was being targeted by her stepmother.

"This child?" Irina looked at Kiddo with shock in her eyes. Although she couldn't see her true identity clearly, she could sense that this child was unusual.

Then, she looked at Gina and her shock intensified. Gina was still a 9th-tier magic caster in the morning, but now she was a 10th-tier great magic caster.

"Why are you all standing around? Go wash your hands and then we can eat." Mag carried a few dishes out from the kitchen and smilingly said to Amy, "Little Amy, bring Kiddo upstairs to put down her gifts. Anna, help Annie carry her drawings upstairs too please."

"Yes," Amy answered and took half of the stuff from Kiddo. She brought Kiddo upstairs.

Anna also helped gather all the drawings on the table and then carried them upstairs with Annie.

"You're good, Boss. You gave the restaurant another little boss quietly," Angela said whilst a funny expression was on her face at the same time.

All of them had tons of questions and they were prepared to interrogate Mag.

Mag put down the dishes and threw a glance at Irina sheepishly before saying to all of them, "Actually, this child isn't Gina's and mine. The little one happened to see us when she was born, so she took us to be her parents. She's a little mermaid. She's from the same race as Gina."

The restaurant became silent instantly and everyone's mouth formed an 'O'.

"Kiddo is my daughter and she always will be," Gina said to all of them with a serious expression, "Hence, I would like all of you to help keep this secret for me and don't ever let the child know about it. Thank you, everyone."

Everyone didn't know how to react at that moment. They were embarrassed to be told that they were wrong about the child.

Irina was thoughtful and her body relaxed immediately.

"I'll also continue to be Kiddo's father and provide a happy childhood for the little one," Mag said smilingly.

"But..." Yabemiya said hesitantly.

"Hurry up, Kiddo. It's time for dinner!" Amy's voice came from the staircase, accompanied by the sounds of footsteps running down the stairs.

Yabemiya changed the topic and smilingly said, "Let's celebrate Kiddo's arrival tonight. We won't stop till we're drunk!"

"Yes. Let's celebrate Gina gaining a daughter. It's worth a feast."

The children came down and all of them changed the topic with a tacit understanding.

After they knew the truth, everyone no longer talked about the topic of Gina being the lady boss.

Mag heaved a sigh of relief. He felt he had passed by danger narrowly again.

Irina picked up her red wine glass and smilingly said to Mag with a weird smile, "Congratulations, Mr. Mag. For gaining a new daughter."

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"Thank you." Mag clinked his glass with her. He could sense the 10,000 knives within her smile.